UCSMLG meeting, 8/27/99 - brief minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:35am.
After introductions, Mary presented a one-page handout summarizing metadata and data loaded into ADL Catalog'99. [I fear I forgot the following!! so am doing a congressional-record bit here] The ADL Catalog is gradually being phased out; currently all large collections are in ADL Catalog'99. At some point (Mary hopes fairly soon), ADL Catalog will be killed, and Catalog '99 will be renamed to ADL Catalog.
Linda Hill gave an overview of the ADL Gazetteer. She noted that:

- a. still grappling with problem of how to update; currently it contains BGN foreign names and some GNIS names for U.S. (in process of being loaded);
- b. a base map with more features would be helpful, but speed of delivery over the Web of more detailed maps is a problem; also, the need is for a consistent level of detail across all countries - DCW is being "cooked" and we hope that will do the trick;
- c. to get to Gazetteer, either use the URL given on the draft "help" sheet, or (more easily) go to:
  http://www.alexandria.ucsb.edu and select Gazetteer.

Please notify Linda about any gazetteer web sites that you find. Her email is: lhill@alexandria.ucsb.edu Linda (and Larry Carver and Mary!) request that you try the Gazetteer out at your reference desks and see how it works for your users and you.
Suggestions for improvement - if you send to calmap, then we can all read what you come up with, and Mary would be happy to send on to Linda. Larry Carver gave a brief presentation on the ADL interfaces:

- a. existing JIGI (Java Interface for Geographic Information) does not work with XML - which is what the Catalog'99 reports are written in. Estimated time for upgraded JIGI: early year 2000.
- b. Web interface ("ADL Quick Search" help sheet): to be completed by early November, 1999, so we can all work with it through the end of the year before ADL's availability through CDL is announced in January of 2000 (1/7/2000, according to Mary's notes).

Take a look at: http://siolib-155.ucsd.edu/adl/ and send suggestions for improvement to calmap; Mary can send out to the ADL Implementation Team. Please also send suggestions for improvement to the draft help handouts to Mary. [note: I've asked Richard Becker to send you the URLs when he's got them on the Web.] The main problem that was noted is that users are going to think that the map reflects Gazetteer searches, and it does not.
Suggestions:

- a. interchange results pane with map pane and make background colors for "search georeferenced info" same as those for map, so there will be a visual tie.
- b. instead of "quick placename search", "Placefinder"
- c. important to correspond to CDL's general "look" and search patterns, to make life easier for users.

Larry Carver gave a presentation on a proposed security system for ADL, which would use "Smart Cards" - they look like a credit card with a computer chip in them. Equipment required would be a card reader (costs about $60); software is being developed on UCSB so shouldn't be any cost there.
John Ober noted that the certification/ authentication system being worked on by UC is not done like this, but that this is one of the options. Larry Carver gave a brief presentation on "BuddyHelp" software, which is being developed on campus; it would be handy for helping users with reference questions, since it would allow the librarian to view the user's screen and to make changes to it/issue commands.
Lunch
John Ober gave a presentation on CDL.
Main points:

- a. CDL will steer reference queries on ADL to us;
- b. comment from Beverly French - ADL is the beginnings of what a digital geospatial library would be;
- c. noted importance of collaboration (e.g., collection development; cataloging); CDL is a partner in INTERLIB, with CDL as the testbed location (go to: http://www.alexandria.ucsb.edu/adept/10.html for ADEPT proposal; Mary has asked Larry to make INTERLIB basic document available to calmap);
- d. GeoRef Web interface is up
- e. content licenses for full-text ejournals (Elsevier, Kluwer)
- f. Online ARchive of California: finding aids to special and archival collections; have established digital image standards (at /libstaff/, under tech-arch.). OAC concentrates on arts and ethnic communities in California.

John suggested exploring how OAC work can inform or contribute to working on UCSMLG map-scanning needs. Noted by map librarians that CA historic topos are very high use, and UCSMLG needs to work with OAC and get them scanned and online. Another collection priority within CDL is government information; action plan is being developed by Andrea Sevetson; Jim Jacobs is working on the California Data Warehouse. Fortunately, CA topos are government-produced items, so that may be another approach UCSMLG can take. John noted that Bev French is taking on OAC, which has an advisory board (mainly special-collection librarians).

**ACTION ITEM:** John will see what he can do about having the OAC advisory board talk with us. John Creaser gave a brief presentation on the CA-topo scanning project that UCB is working on.

At 1:45pm, the UC GIS group came by, and Larry and Mary gave brief presentations on MIL. We then adjourned to the UCEN's Harbor Room for a co-meeting with UCGIS. Each of the UCSMLG group introduced self and gave brief overview of collection concentrations in their map collection.

John Ober gave a brief presentation on CDL.

After some questions and answers, Mike Goodchild and other persons in attendance mentioned the following points:

- a. is there value to systems built at UC-wide level? e.g., UC-wide site licenses for software and for data
- b. problems of access to research data (e.g., archaeological sites are protected data - only other researchers may view)
- c. distributed data access: data is scattered all over - can we add value by providing mediated access to e.g. geospatial data of California
- d. GIS Day is November 19, 1999
- e. field technologies: systemwide infrastructure to train and coordinate would be useful
- f. GPS infrastructure for CA (distributed access) g. curricula: degree to which teaching materials and approaches can be shared
- h. alternatives to ESRI, e.g., open-source software (e.g., Geographic Mapping Tools)
- i. research collaboration:
- j. museum collections (distributed access)
- k. name for the group? might at some point want to extend to CSUs

At 3:10pm, UCSMLG went back to the library.

Wendie took over the meeting at this point.

- Collection management using session logs from ADL: presentation by Mary, Catherine Masi, and Larry Carver; research being done by Phillip Sallis; URL for Catherine's presentation is on the agenda. At some point, maybe soon, SB may be requesting a letter of support from UCSMLG. Larry Cruse already
keeps session logs for SD and would be very interested in participating. John noted very similar research being done on CDL by Michael Cooper from UCB, and gave contact information to Catherine.

- Next, Larry Cruse gave a presentation on the transborder project; sounds as if these are colorIR DOQQs, at least the US side (being done by USGS). 1 quad per CD, and each CD costs $30; Larry is inviting USGS rep to WAML at end of October, and would like to get right to reproduce the CDs - suggest we take on "managing" the social area of this project, using it as a device to pull together UNM, UAZ, UTEP, and state libraries. Mexico has begun its part of this but hasn't made the data publically available.

**ACTION ITEM:** Larry will resend email with name of USGS contact. CRL: Larry Cruse is in process of setting up an email reflector, maybe to be called "NARL" (North American Research Libraries"). The idea here is for those of us whose libraries are members of CRL to request purchase of map materials (note: CRL is NOT interested in doing the map-case trip, so these would need to be microform, cds, etc.). Larry noted some problems - e.g., Sanborn files and Windsor battlemap archives have been purchased by CDL but never cataloged, even at collection level, nor are these collections listed on the website - you have to look in the print index.

- **Query:** aren't CRL records supposed to go into melvyl catalog? Katie Frohmberg noted that CRL says they are trying to get all its materials cataloged. Possible for UC to get member on CRL Board?

**ACTION ITEM:** Katie will check.

**ACTION ITEM:** Yvonne will check on CRL cataloging situation.

- Next was a discussion on using Ariel to transmit maps. Larry Cruse noted problems of: - won't handle color - format too small - Ariel machine is in many cases only in ILL - dot density not good enough [Looks to me as if we went back to necessity for having CA quads scanned, and Larry Carver saying that we need hard numbers to prove need] We need to build a hit list of items to be scanned. [another congressional-record note from mary]

The CDL Collections Map and Geography plan is due for another update in January of 2000; send information to Mary, and she'll add in/move up the queue as appropriate.

**ACTION ITEM:** For the next few months or so, Barbara will record use of Los Angeles quads in her library.

- When and where is next meeting, and who's in charge? When: in about 6 months Where: how about Riverside? because Wendie's in charge through 6/30/2000. (we go in alpha order from campus to campus, with each having the chairship role for one year).

- Larry Cruse made a motion to hold 2 meetings a year, separate from WAML; the WAML executive board meetings at the same time as UCSMLG has, and that means persons who are members of both have to develop a split personality. Seconded and passed by silent acclamation.

**ACTION ITEM:** Mary will send email to Goodchild, letting him know we found the joint meeting with UC GIS to be very useful, and would like to meet with them again. DONE.

Closing comment: We need to build a model of data storage at various institutions - might be good topic for co-meeting with UC GIS.

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