

ד' כסלו תשפ"ה, 8 December 2024

To:

ICA President, Prof. Georg Gartner;

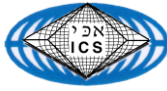
ICA Secretary General & Treasurer, Dr. Thomas Schulz;

ICA Past President, Tim Trainer;

ICA Executive Committee (Vice Presidents): Alex Kent, Amy Griffin, Dariusz Dukaczewski, Dušan Petrovič, Haosheng Huang, Jiping Liu, Serena Coetzee.

ICC 2027 Report to the ICA– Q4 2024

1. This is the 3rd report to the ICA and the 1st since the physical meeting that took place in Vienna, between the EC and representatives of the LOC.
2. In the time since our last report (Q1-Q3 2024), the LOC for ICC 2027 has taken a few steps further to ensure a continuous flow in the preparations, but on the other hand, to adjust the preparations to the events, regarding both the talks with the EC and the developments in the state of emergency in Israel.
3. State of emergency in Israel – The Middle East is changing as this report is being written. Much has changed since EuroCarto. As of this date, it seems that the war in Israel has taken direction of calming down – a ceasefire was declared with Lebanon, and the fighting in Gaza has also diminished, although there are still no official longstanding treaties signed. Rocket firing on Israel has seized. The events in Syria don't seem to have an effect on Israeli routine. The implications in Israel are that the everyday routine has returned. People are returning home, and in some hotels in the Northern Golan Heights all rooms are already booked until March. Regarding the Gaza Strip, it is the general feeling that the issues are in deliberations and that hopefully the war will end soon.
4. The turn of events here gives us hope for an upcoming long period of peace and quiet.



Meetings

5. On Nov 10th a Zoom meeting was conducted between Oren Raz (ICC Coordinator) and Prof. Georg Gartner (ICA President). This meeting was initiated by the Israeli side, for an unofficial update between reports on events in Israel and preparations:
 - 5.1. A reminder on the summary from Vienna, especially the timeline for decision making:
 - 5.1.1. At the request of the LOC, any notice of a General Assembly will be issued in coordination with the LOC and with at least one week's notice.
 - 5.1.2. At the request of the LOC, the final decision will be postponed to the latest possible date in terms of the ICA - 31.01.2025.
 - 5.1.3. The president of the ICA will issue an interim statement that will consist of three components:
 - 5.1.3.1. The LOC organizes for the conference, the EC is in direct and continuous contact with it.
 - 5.1.3.2. It is understood by all parties that in the current security situation there will be no conference in Israel.
 - 5.1.3.3. There will be a decision that will be published by the conference in Canada.
 - 5.2. Notification of the date of the next LOC meeting;
 - 5.3. A proposal for a President's visit to Israel soon.
6. On November 11th 2024 the LOC conducted its 2nd physical business meeting at the offices of the Survey of Israel in Tel Aviv. Items discussed:
 - 6.1. Report on the meeting in Vienna with the EC. A full written 4-page report was submitted to the LOC.
 - 6.2. Report on the PCO selection process.
 - 6.3. Assessment of the present conditions and their implications on holding the ICC in 2027.
 - 6.4. Repercussions of postponing to 2029.
 - 6.5. Open discussion.
 - 6.6. Decision to conduct a meeting between ICA President and CEO of the Survey of Israel, to set a date for decision making.



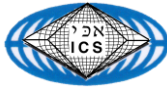
7. On Nov 13th a Zoom meeting was conducted between Oren Raz (LOC) and Prof. Georg Gartner (ICA):
 - 7.1. Update on the LOC meeting.
 - 7.2. Regarding the President's report on concerns that arose over the last months – it is the feeling of the LOC that these reports are very vague, and hold little concrete information.
 - 7.3. Coordinate a meeting with the CEO of the SOI.
8. On November 14th, The ICA conducted its first drop-in meeting for ICA Officers (EC, Commission Leaders). Oren Raz is Vice-Chair for the Atlas Commission. Only one general question was asked about ICC 2027.
9. On November 18th a zoom meeting was conducted between Georg Gartner (ICA President) and Hagi Ronen (CEO of the Survey of Israel).
 - 9.1. The end of February 2025 was set as a date for decision making on the ICC in Tel Aviv.
 - 9.2. ICA President suggested again a joint effort with regional partners.

Marketing

10. In accordance with the understandings from the July 1st 2023 Zoom meeting between Oren Raz (LOC) and Georg Gartner (ICA), It was decided that there will be no marketing at EuroCarto 2024, in order to keep a low profile for the time being and in order not to interfere with possible marketing by ICC 2025.
11. Same decision was made in regard with AsiaCarto in December 2024.

As some processes were postponed, the LOC is still obliged to the possibility that ICC 2027 will materialize. To that extent, we have taken a few steps to ensure that if it does materialize for 2027, certain events have to occur in 2025, mainly at the ICC in Canada. To that extent, we took a few steps to ensure a smooth flow of the preparations. The following steps were taken:

12. We have contacted the organizers of ICC 2025, to secure a complementary booth for ICC 2027 at the venue, and have already received confirmation from the ICC 2025 Logistics Team with initial information about the setup.



13. A date for a reception for National Delegates at ICC 2025 has been tentatively set for Tuesday, Aug 19th 2025. We have made preliminary contact with the LOC 2025 to secure this timeslot.
14. Potential delegates from Israel have begun preparations for travel approval to ICC 2025 in Canada.
15. The SOI has begun process to secure funds for the activity at ICC 2025.

Organization

16. In our previous report we indicated that Q4 2024 was set as a benchmark to align our task-to-schedule timeline. However, some of the processes were put on hold:
 - 16.1.1. September 2024 - The preparation of a call to organize an ICC, legal counsel proofing and sending it to relevant PCO's. The call included a suggested ICC organizational structure and an empty budget template. **Completed.**
 - 16.1.2. 30.09.2024: The call to organize an ICC was sent out to 9 companies. **Completed.**
 - 16.1.3. 3. Until 05.09.2024: Answer on willingness to submit an offer by PCO's. **Completed.**
 - 16.1.4. 4. Until 15.09.2024: Transfer of questions to the conference office. **Completed.**
 - 16.1.5. 5. Until 01.10.2024: Receiving proposals for organizing the conference. **Completed.** We have received 4 bids from some of the top PCO's in Israel.
 - 16.1.6. 6. Until 01.11.2024: Meetings with the companies that passed the initial screening. **Postponed.**
 - 16.1.7. 7. Until 31.12.2024: Selection of a PCO by the LOC. **Postponed.**
17. All bidders were notified that our decision for the date of the ICC has been postponed, thus putting the PCO selection on hold as well, until the timeline is clear.
18. **As soon as we decide on the year of the ICC, we are ready to move ahead with the selection of a PCO on a short notice.**



Scientific program

19. Approach to keynote speakers - **Postponed**.
20. Initial approaches were made for the National Exhibitions:
 - 20.1.1. The Map Collection of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem has sent initial materials for a joint exhibition.
 - 20.1.2. A similar offer will be discussed with the map library at the University of Haifa on Dec 29th 2024.
 - 20.1.3. On 14.11.2024 – 2nd Zoom meeting with the German LDBV – on the subject of a joint exhibition with the ICC and the "Leibling House".

With regards,

LOC - ICC 2027