



י"ב ניסן תשפ"ה, April 10, 2025

To:

ICA President, Prof. Georg Gartner;

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ICC 2027 Report to the ICA– Q1 2025

1. This is the 4th report to the ICA.
2. The LOC continues to monitor the events in the region and their potential effect on the ICC.
3. The LOC continues its preparations, as will be described in this report:

Meetings

3.1. January 20th – zoom meeting between Georg Gartner and Oren Raz (main points):

Oren Raz

- 3.1.1. LOC is waiting to hear the outcome of EC meeting in Hong Kong.
- 3.1.2. Ceasefire on the Gaza and Lebanon fronts.
- 3.1.3. Invitation for the EC to come for an inspection.
- 3.1.4. ICA has taken risks with events in the past – Italy with Covid-19, South Africa with personal security issues, USA with discriminative visa restrictions, Vienna adjacent to a high terror risk.
- 3.1.5. There is much frustration on the LOC's part from the lack of information on complaints and concerns to the ICA about ICC 2027. There is a request for information from the President on this matter.



- 3.1.6. There has been no communication from the EC to the ICA, so naturally there are concerns.
- 3.1.7. The main risk the LOC sees at this point is a General Assembly.
- 3.1.8. LOC expects wider communications with the EC. We expect the EC to refrain from a GA.

Georg Gartner

- 3.1.9. EC concerns in Hong Kong: 1. Security concerns and context issues. Also concerns about attendance at a general assembly. Recommending to postpone to 2029.
- 3.1.10. There is no documentation about concerns directed to the ICA.

3.2. February 2nd – zoom between the EC and LOC rep. Oren Raz and Hagar Saad

Minutes attached as PDF file. This is the conclusion of the meeting:

- 3.2.1. The ICA is not ignoring the problem and is dealing with it.
- 3.2.2. Optimistic about the process.
- 3.2.3. We have raised questions and the situation is clear.
- 3.2.4. There are positive signs but nothing can be predicted.
- 3.2.5. There is flexibility on the issue of postponement and the Israelis will give warning if there is a problem, as much as they can, and this is very important information.
- 3.2.6. The issue of ethics – LOC cannot deal with the issue alone, this is a holistic issue. Suggests dealing with the issue proactively.
- 3.2.7. Schedule - We are at a significant milestone. Everyone needs to support 2027, as partners, with all the limitations. Everything is on the table.
- 3.2.8. The President is responsible for updating the ICA.
- 3.2.9. The LOC's decision is not to return the mandate.

3.2.10. The EC will discuss the results of the meeting and decide whether they received good answers. The EC's position will be conveyed to the LOC by the end of the February 2025.

3.2.11. Summary by ICA President - **The EC expects Israel to organize ICC2027.**

Please note that since this meeting, we haven't received any communications regarding articles 3.2.8, 3.2.10 and 3.2.11, which were not verified by the EC as agreed at the meeting.

Marketing

4.1. The LOC is planning a **National Mapping Agencies Summit** at ICC 2027. We are planning a package of booth space, lectures, events and delegates that will attract Mapping Agencies to attend. An initial invitation to this event was made by the CEO of the Survey of Israel at the FIG working week in Brisbane, Australia, April 2025 to CEOs of National Mapping Agencies. This was Received with enthusiasm by the participants, who received custom made bookmarks with a QR code that leads to more information.





- 4.2. As part of a **joint exhibition** planned with the LDVB (the Bavarian State Office for Digitizing, Broadband and Survey), SOI and the Liebling House in Tel Aviv (which will be offered as one of many technical tours), representatives of the LDVB will be coming to Israel for a visit in November 2025, which will include an exhibition site inspection and further planning. We anticipate that this initiative will help attract other mapping organizations and professionals to attend.
- 4.3. **Website** and **logo** are planned for launch during the ICC 2025.
- 4.4. It is our intention to invite Israel's **President to the inauguration ceremony** of the International Cartographic Exhibition. At this stage, we are preparing a preliminary, organized letter of application, to be submitted to the secretariat of the President's Office right after Passover.

Organization

5. These are the activities that were reported as "**postponed**" in our last report, and their status now:
- 5.1. Meetings with the PCOs that passed the initial screening. On March 5th representatives of the LOC interviewed 4 PCOs. The interviews included presentations by the PCOs and a session of questions and answers by both sides.
- 5.2. Selection of a PCO - The Loc has decided to continue the screening process with 2 PCOs (Ortra and Paragon Global). Currently, we are in legal deliberations on specific articles in the agreements, and the resolution will allow the final decision in April 2025.



Scientific program

6. Initial approaches were made for the National Exhibitions:
 - 6.1. Framework set for the National Statistical Exhibition at the Statistical Bureau.
 - 6.2. On 30.01.2025 – 3rd zoom meeting with the German LDBV – on the subject of a joint exhibition with the ICC and the "Liebling House".
 - 6.3. Tasks and time line for the scientific team – mapped out.

With regards,

LOC - ICC 2027