



10th Jubilee Conference and the Workshop “Digital Approaches to Cartographic Heritage”, Corfu, 27-29 May 2015.

Madam Rector of the Ionian University,
Mr. General Secretary of the International Cartography Association,
Mr. Chair of the Commission on Digital Technologies in Cartographic Heritage,
Dear Colleagues,
Ladies and gentlemen,

As Dean of the School of History, Translation and Interpreting of the Ionian University and as a Professor of the Department of History, which is a new Supporting Institution of the International Cartographic Association and also co-organizer of the 10th Jubilee Conference and Workshop concerning Digital Approaches to Cartographic Heritage, I would like to welcome all of you to our meeting held in Corfu under the auspices of the Ionian University.

I would like to emphasize that the presence of distinguished participants, both from Greece and abroad, guarantees the success of our conference.

It would be trite to repeat that, for us historians, and particularly for historian geographers, the map has always been, among other things, the evidence of how the societies that designed it perceived and recorded space. The evolution of the techniques of its design, during the historical time, proves the progress of civilization in both imaging and intellectual fields. After the various and different stages of mapping of the surrounding space our societies have gone through until today, the recent, more accurate techniques, as are digital approaches used by contemporary cartographers, will be the cartographic heritage of today for the historian of the future and will open a new field of discussion on the study of cartography.

Welcoming, therefore, all of you, I would like to add that we are looking forward with impatience and great interest the conclusions of our conference. Having in mind the diverse specialized subjects that will be treated by the participants, the conference will contribute to the further enrichment of the concerned scientific areas.

Finally, I would like to thank the Rector of the Ionian University Professor Anastassia Sali - Papassali, who contributed to the realization of our 10th Jubilee meeting, as well as all those who worked for this purpose. I also thank the Professors and the students of the Music Department of the Ionian University, who will offer their own art, music, to the opening ceremony of this conference.

Thank you very much and I wish you a pleasant stay on this beautiful island.

Dean of the School of History, Translation and Interpreting of the Ionian University

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