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ISHMAP PRIZE

FOR A PRESENTATION DELIVERED AT THE ISHMAP SYMPOSIUM



The ISHMap Prizes for the best presentation delivered at the ISHMap Symposium, offered in alternate years, are awarded by the International Society for the History of the Map (ISHMap) beginning in 2020. The Society may award up to two prizes: one for a Symposium participant with a terminal degree, and one without a terminal degree. The prize seeks to encourage engaging, creative, and thought-provoking presentations contributed by members of the Society and participants in the symposium

THE AWARD

The winner of the ISHMap Prize shall receive the following:

- £150 cash award
- a one-year membership in ISHMap
- announcement by ISHMap of the award on ISHMap social media and advertisements (i.e. website, social media, e-mail, Imago Mundi advertisement), to include name of recipient, title of paper, and related images

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Individuals or groups who applied for and were accepted to participate in the ISHMap Symposium who deliver a live research- or practice-based presentation at the Symposium during the regularly scheduled sessions are eligible for consideration for the ISHMap Prizes. Keynote presentations, interviews, and other invited presentations are not eligible for consideration for the prize.

Presentations may be to plenary or panel sessions. One prize will be awarded to an individual or group with a terminal degree (PhD, MLA, MFA or equivalent). A second prize is open to individuals or groups without a terminal degree, including (but not limited to) practitioners and full or part-time undergraduate and graduate students attending accredited colleges and universities anywhere in the world.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

Presentations must draw on original research and be related to the study of maps and mapping, with attention to how the work fits in the field of the history of cartography. Using maps to illustrate an argument is insufficient. Rather, maps (whether old or new) must serve as generators of ideas or methods that allow the presenter to advance the study of an activity or event, and/or the study of maps and mapping. Ideally, case studies will not only indicate the value of the project for the author and the case at hand, but the relevance and import for the field. In other words, the presenter will articulate *how* and *why* the individual project, through its content or process, may be of interest to scholars, curators, collectors, or others.

The presentation must be in English and must draw on primary sources (historical maps, documents) and/or secondary sources to build a novel argument. To be eligible, presentations must be original, unpublished work. Eligible presentations may not be selected for publication, or in contention for publication, at the time of delivery at ISHMap.

Presenters may have delivered earlier versions of the ISHMap Symposium presentation at colloquia, workshops or regional conferences.¹ Please note, these criteria are not circumvented by a change of title and/or wording to what is essentially the same material and argument that appeared in another major national or international conference, symposium, or workshop or in a national or international publication, in any language. Should the evaluation committee find that these criteria have been ignored, it will void the selection of that presentation as the winning entry.

JUDGING PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Nomination of presentations will be made by a committee of no less than five and no more than seven persons, at least three of whom must be ISHMap Trustees and two of whom must be members of the Symposium Planning Committee. Members of the Committee may be both Trustees and part of the Planning Committee. No more than three committee members may teach in the same country of origin. **The identity of the judges is not made public.**

Three broad criteria will be used to select ISHMap Prize nominees:

- importance of research (e.g., originality, sources used)
- quality of research (e.g., accuracy, source reliability)
- presentation quality (e.g., clarity, organization, and command of cartographic terms)

At least two judges will be assigned to each Symposium session. At the end of the symposium, judges will nominate up to two presentations in each category for the full committee to review. If the Symposium takes place virtually, committee members will view recorded presentations of all nominees, submit their recommendations, and then meet to reach a recommendation to the

¹ The intent is to exclude from consideration papers whose evidence and arguments have reached an international audience and specifically those that have been presented in similar form at conferences which issued Calls for Papers. The Society considers as eligible papers that may have been workshopped or received feedback in seminars or small events designed largely for a local or regional audience.

ISHMap Board of Trustees, which will award the prizes. Participants who choose not to allow the Prize Selection committee to review recorded presentations may reduce their chances of being selected for the Prize.

Committee members will recuse themselves in the case of nomination and/or voting for advisees and/or advisors, and in cases in which they do not believe they are able to make an impartial recommendation.

Nominations will be submitted within one week of the Symposium (e.g. June 20, 2020). The Committee will review nominations and make its recommendations to the ISHMap Trustees by the middle of the month following the symposium (e.g. July 15, 2020). The ISHMap Trustees will announce prize winner(s) by September 1 following the symposium.

In the event either that the Committee recommends that no award be issued, the Trustees reserve the right not to award a prize. In the event that the ISHMap Treasurer indicates that insufficient funds are available to offer a monetary prize, the Trustees reserve the right to offer a prize with no monetary award.

Prize funds will be paid to awardees by the end of the calendar year in which the symposium is held. If a group presentation is awarded a prize, ISHmap will divide the prize evenly among presenters, unless instructed otherwise.