REVISED FOLLOWING THE MEETING

At the Spring 2002 BRICMICS meeting it was suggested that BRICMICS should maintain a list of British and Irish digital projects, to include announcements of upcoming projects, details of those in progress or completed, and information about new maps on the Internet.

The intention of the list is to alert colleagues to projects which might be of interest. It is also hoped that it will help to prevent duplication of effort.

It is not meant, however, to replicate information already available on the History of Cartography website at: http://www.maphistory.info/projects.html and http://www.maphistory.info/webimages.html

All lists compiled so far are available at: http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/deptserv/maps/digital.html

PROJECTS REPORTED BY BRICMICS MEMBERS

BODLEIAN LIBRARY  (Nick Millea)

Project previously listed:

Large Scale Ordnance Survey Holdings
Digitisation and geo-rectification of the Bodleian’s large-scale Ordnance Survey holdings by DigiData Technologies has been underway since early 2005 and is still ongoing.

BRITISH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1:63,360 Geological Survey Maps of Ireland, 1845-1890

A project to scan these maps has been completed. The maps are available for internal use; public access has yet to be discussed.

BRITISH LIBRARY  (Kimberly Kowal & Peter Barber)

Ordnance Survey Mosaics: 1:1,250 aerial photo maps for UK urban areas, based on 1945-48 RAF-flown aerial photography

In a partner project with Landmark completed at the start of 2008, collection scanned and georeferenced. Files viewable in BL Maps Reading Room only for non-commercial, personal research and private study. To be made available by Landmark commercially this year.

King George III’s Geographical Collections
A proposal to digitise all of the King George III’s geographical collections (including maritime, military and topographical) in the British Library, British Museum and Royal Library Windsor has been approved by the Executive Team and a fund-raising campaign is to be launched.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND  (Diana Webster & Chris Fleet)

New website additions:

1. William Roy’s Military Antiquities of the Romans in North Britain (1793)

This is a complete electronic facsimile of the original, a classic work on the military conquest of Scotland by the Romans, with 51 attractive and detailed illustrations and maps, complemented by 205 pages of supporting text. Its author, William Roy, is of course, better known for his work on the Military Survey of Scotland (1747-55), and in founding what became the Ordnance Survey, but he was also a keen antiquarian and man of science, and this splendid volume is also a lasting monument to these interests.

http://www.nls.uk/maps/early/roy-military-antiquities/index.html
2. John Kirk’s Survey of farms in Golspie and Loth parishes, Sutherland (ca. 1772)

John Kirk’s attractive and detailed volumes of manuscript estate plans, are our earliest detailed maps of these two east coast parishes in Sutherland. They cover the arable coastal strip from Golspie in the south, through Brora, to what became the fishing village of Helmsdale in the north. For the Sutherland Estate owners, this included some of their richest arable land, as well as the home farm and policies around Dunrobin Castle.

http://www.nls.uk/maps/early/golspie-loth/index.html

3. John Slezer’s engraved views from his Theatrum Scotiae (1693 and later editions)

A new website devoted to John Slezer’s seventy views of Scottish towns, castles, palaces, abbeys and cathedrals. Slezer was Chief Engineer for Scotland and Surveyor of His Majesties Stores and Magazines, and his Theatrum Scotiae volume was published with accompanying text by Sir Robert Sibbald, Geographer Royal for Scotland. The Slezer views have also been added to the existing browsable list of town plans of Scotland at: http://www.nls.uk/maps/early/towns.html

http://www.nls.uk/slezer/index.html

Scotlandsimages.com:

About 1,000 images of NLS maps of Scotland have been added to a new collaborative picture library website, Scotlandsimages.com. This commercial website is a pilot project with the National Archives of Scotland, the National Museums of Scotland, the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland and the National Trust. There are also links from each of the Scotlandsimages.com maps to those on the NLS maps website where these exist.

Projected NLS websites:

- Ordnance Survey, Scotland, six-inch to the mile, 1840s-1880s. “In progress” for several years, but hopefully finalised soon!
- The Ordnance Survey large scale town plans for Scotland (1847-95) have been seamed and geo-referenced, and hopefully will be added to our website by the autumn.

http://www.scotlandsimages.com/

Scanning

In February-March 2008, 7,000 more Ordnance Survey, Scotland, 25” to the mile, 1840s-1880s maps were scanned. With the 3,000 maps scanned in March 2007, three-quarters of the series are now scanned, with the remainder due to be scanned in October 2008. It is hoped to mount these on our website later this year.