At the Spring meeting in 2002 I was actioned to look into the following:

'It was suggested that BRICMICS should maintain a list of digital projects, such as announcements of upcoming projects, those in progress or completed, and new maps on websites'

The following information was received from members of the committee for inclusion this, the second list.

The present intention of the list is to alert members to projects which might be of particular interest. It is not meant to replicate information available on the History of Cartography website at:
http://ihr.sas.ac.uk/maps/projects.html or at http://ihr.sas.ac.uk/maps/webimages.html#europe

Comments welcome on the format, contents and usefulness of the list.

1. INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS

BRITISH LIBRARY

In Place, New Opportunities Fund (NOF) project.
• The Unveiling of Britain project will now start at 800 not 1000AD
• The Crace and OSDs will be going on-line in May 2003. The Unveiling of Britain is likely to go live in early or mid-2004, and the K Top probably late 2003.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

a. Ordnance Survey large-scale town plans of Scotland, 1847-1895.
Funded by NOF through the Resources for Learning in Scotland project, 1,912 maps have been scanned during March-April 2003 using a loaned full-colour, 400 dpi scanner. These maps cover some 60 Scottish towns which were surveyed by Ordnance Survey at scales between 1:500 and 1:1056, 14 towns with second or third editions, during the latter half of the 19th century. These A0-sized maps show a wealth of detail, collectively amounting to a comprehensive snapshot of Scottish urban geography at this time. We plan to make all the maps available (as zoomable, high-resolution MrSID images) on our website at http://www.nls.uk/maps by the end of June 2003.

b. Pont texts website.
Using images scanned by the RSLP Charting the Nation project, this addition to the Pont maps website will display 100 pages of zoomable images of text, with searchable transcriptions and commentary from the Topographical Notices of Scotland (Adv.MS.34.2.8). Although in the hand of Robert Gordon of Straloch, the majority of these texts are commonly supposed to derive from Timothy Pont, Scotland’s pioneer map-maker and chorographer. The texts are a useful complement to his manuscript maps, combining survey and topographic information relating to late 16th century Scotland. We hope to add the pages to the Pont maps website http://www.nls.uk/pont by June 2003.

c. Blaeu atlas of Scotland translations.
Based partly on RSLP Charting the Nation images and in-house scanning, this new website will provide an electronic facsimile of J. Blaeu’s Atlas Novus, vol.V (1654), with English translations of all the texts. This is the first time the text of the first atlas of Scotland, with regional descriptions of all of Scotland, has been translated into English. The site will allow a number of searchable access methods to these texts, along with supporting information, complementing the Blaeu maps already on our website. We hope to have these available at http://www.nls.uk/maps by late Summer 2003.
**TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN**

**a. Ordnance Survey Ireland**

Ordnance Survey Ireland are now in the process of scanning the 1st ed. OS 6 inch maps of Ireland. There have been some technical problems of capturing the colour (on the TCD set) and the smaller names. However, early results have been very good. This is the first phase of an ongoing project.

**b. Sitescope**

The Sitescope project is due to commence shortly. Sitescope will be given access to the large scale Ordnance Survey mapping of Great Britain from the 1840s to the 1990s held by TCD.

2. **OTHER NEWS**

**1746 Rocque map of London**

Following on from their *Stanford's 1862 Map of London* project, Motco ([www.motco.com](http://www.motco.com)) is planning to publish a CD-Rom of the 1746 Rocque map of London (with index). Expected late 2003.

3. **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY - DSpace@Cambridge**

This project is not specifically designed for maps but will be able to incorporate them.

The DSpace@Cambridge project's primary purpose is to develop a digital repository for the University of Cambridge. It utilises DSpace™, an open source digital repository system developed jointly by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Libraries and Hewlett-Packard Laboratories.

DSpace@Cambridge will:

- provide a home for digitised material from the University Library's printed and manuscript collections.
- have the ability to capture, index, store, disseminate, and preserve digital materials created in any part of the University.
- contribute to the development of the open source DSpace system, working with other members of the DSpace Federation of academic research institutions.
- act as an exemplar site for UK higher and further education institutions.

The project is a collaboration between Cambridge University Library, Cambridge University Computing Service, and the MIT Libraries, and is funded by a grant from the Cambridge-MIT Institute.

See: [http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/dspace/](http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/dspace/) for more information and also attached article.

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(NLS date changed after meeting)