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

BRITISH LIBRARY

• Using the BL Georeferencer (http://www.bl.uk/maps/) online tool, locational data for over 3,100 maps within the pages of 17th, 18th, and 19th century books were gathered via crowdsourcing. The digital maps were released in July and georeferenced by the public in just 28 days. The map images, in the public domain, are being added to Wikimedia Commons in their own British Library Georeferencer subset. The next release of maps in BL Georeferencer is expected for Nov and will exceed 15k.

• The Qatar Digital Library (http://www.qdl.qa/en), the online portal to ca 500,000 digital objects from the BL collections and funded by British Library Qatar Foundation Partnership, was launched on 22 October. Made up of primarily archival materials from the India Office Records Archive, there are presently approx 100 records with high-resolution digital scans of maps, plans and sections. 400 more will be added later this year. Limited to the Persian Gulf region, these date from the mid-18th to mid-20th century.


• The entirety of first ed 25” maps of Gloucestershire County have been scanned and georeferenced as part of the HLF-funded first round bid Know Your Place West of England that BL is partner on. This will make available historic mapping (OS 25” map series plus tithe mapping from local and county archives and historic associations) online. NLS assisted with the georeferencing. If the full bid is funded, all out-of-copyright 25-inch OS mapping will be added, along with that for the counties of Wiltshire and Somerset.

• The Library continues to submit metadata for inclusion in Old Maps Online, (http://www.oldmapsonline.org) the portal for historic scanned mapping from map collections worldwide.

• Over 400 medieval European itineraries, maps, and mappaemundi have been selected and imaged to represent the Early Christian Tradition content workpackage for the Mellon-funded Pelagios 3: Early Geospatial Documents. Using the Recogito platform, the manuscripts will be annotated and open linked data produced using external online gazetteers, ultimately allowing analysis and visualisation of toponyms over a large number of sources and span of time.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

Recent website additions:

• OS 25 inch County Series Scotland – georeferenced layer, 1892-1906. An initial project focusing just on the Scottish Borders and Edinburgh for the 2nd edition 25 inch maps, but hopefully extending to all of Scotland during 2015. http://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#layers=168 (this link does not seem to work with Internet Explorer but does in other browsers!)

• Trench maps of France / Belgium, 1915-18. 307 trench maps including all NLS holdings of 1:20,000 (GSGS 2742) and 1:10,000 (GSGS 3062) trench maps. http://maps.nls.uk/ww1/trenches/index.html
● **OS six-inch England and Wales mapping, 1888-1913 – georeferenced layer.** 11,740 sheets, just focusing on a 2nd edition. To complement the release of the original sheets in March 2014 [http://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#layers=171](http://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#layers=171) (this link does not seem to work with Internet Explorer but does in other browsers!)

● **Early maps of Scotland and Edinburgh, 1639-1936.** 120 early maps, including all the NLS Marischal Collection holdings. [http://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#29](http://maps.nls.uk/additions.html#29) (this link does not seem to work with Internet Explorer but does in other browsers!)

● **OS National Grid 1:1,250 / 1:2,500, 1944-1963.** 5,042 sheets. Following an initial georeferenced out-of-copyright layer covering Edinburgh environs, work is ongoing on the TQ 100 Km National Grid square. [http://maps.nls.uk/os/national-grid/index.html](http://maps.nls.uk/os/national-grid/index.html)

● **Georeferenced Admiralty Charts of Scottish waters, 1795-1904.** 120 charts, part of an ongoing project. [http://maps.nls.uk/coasts/admiralty_charts_list.html](http://maps.nls.uk/coasts/admiralty_charts_list.html)

Planned website additions

● **OS 25 inch County Series, 1892-1906 georeferencing.** Continuing the start made above.

● **OS National Grid 1:1,250 / 1:2,500 Great Britain, 1944-.** A large project, which we hope to tackle in stages over the coming years.

● **Admiralty charts.** Focusing initially on Scottish waters, but hopefully extending geographically.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES**

*(Huw Thomas)*

1. **The Cynefin project** is continuing. On the 7th of November the project will officially launch the Georeferencing and transcribing interface provided by Klokan Technologies. See [http://cynefinblog.archiveswales.org.uk/](http://cynefinblog.archiveswales.org.uk/) for further information.

2. **The World War I** maps project is also continuing and scanning of the first batches of maps has begun. More cataloguing work is needed before the project can be completed, hopefully this will be done by the end of March 2015.

**WILLIAM SMITH’S GEOLOGICAL MAP**

Perhaps not entirely within our remit but worth mentioning:-

● A copy of William Smith’s *A delineation of the strata of England and Wales, with part of Scotland* published in 1815 has been digitized by Stanford University, California. The map can be accessed at: [http://purl.stanford.edu/sy238bb9255](http://purl.stanford.edu/sy238bb9255)

   There is a blog post at: [http://library.stanford.edu/blogs/digital-library-blog/2014/03/how-big-big-map-digitizing-william-smiths-stratified-map-england](http://library.stanford.edu/blogs/digital-library-blog/2014/03/how-big-big-map-digitizing-william-smiths-stratified-map-england)

● The University of New Hampshire has the map and documents available at: [www.unh.edu/esci/WilliamSmiths-StrataIdentified/index.html](http://www.unh.edu/esci/WilliamSmiths-StrataIdentified/index.html)

**JISC DIGITAL MEDIA**

Jisc Digital Media are in the process of creating a network for digitisation projects being undertaken within FE and HE. This network will be used as a platform to provide skills sharing opportunities as well as generating case studies that will benefit future projects. They are currently trying to make contact with as many digitisation projects, currently being planned or carried out within university and college libraries and archives, as possible to hopefully provide advice and share experiences from other projects, where needed.

See [http://www.jiscdigitalmedia.ac.uk/](http://www.jiscdigitalmedia.ac.uk/) which has lots of help sheets etc. on the website

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