At the Spring 2002 meeting of BRICMICS 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 purpose of the list is to alert members to projects which might be of particular interest. However it is not meant to replicate information available on the History of Cartography website at: http://www.maphistory.info/projects.html or at http://www.maphistory.info/webimages.html

The following information was received from BRICMICS members during and soon after the meeting of 13 November 2003.

**BRITISH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

(Jenny Hurst)

Scanning of all 6-inch geological maps and field notes is being undertaken. The project is funded by NERC and is due for completion in March 2004.

**BRITISH LIBRARY**

New Opportunities Fund (NOF) project

(Peter Barber)

The project is continuing:

- 'Unveiling of Britain 800-1620'. All MS and printed maps and views will now be included.
- The Crace collection and OSDs are online.
- A selection of drawings and aquatints (but no maps) from The King’s Topographical collection are to be included.

See http://www.collectbritain.co.uk/

**Goad Plans**

- A commercial company plans to digitise the historic Goad fire insurance plans.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND**

(Diana Webster & Chris Fleet)

Digitisation & Website

In September 2003 an additional 500 maps were added to the National Library of Scotland maps website www.nls.uk/maps. This is the third phase of high resolution map images to be added to the website from the Resources for Learning in Scotland project, a NOF–funded programme, and brings the total number of Scottish map images available on the site to around 3700.

The new additions include:

- Scotland's first road atlas by George Taylor and Andrew Skinner (1776)
- The earliest Admiralty charts of Scottish coasts from 1795-1904,
- Two editions of Ordnance Survey maps at the one-inch to the mile scale covering Scotland in the 1890s and 1920s. The new Ordnance Survey mapping also includes indexes to the larger scale county-series maps (1843-1943), and detailed maps showing parish and county boundaries before and after the 1894 local government changes.
- J G Bartholomew's Survey Atlas of Scotland (1912) is included in its entirety
- Geological, naturalist, and tourist maps in the 19th century.
Future website developments

- English translations of the Latin text of the Scottish material in volume 5 of Blaeu’s *Atlas Novus* (1654) will be mounted on the website in January 2004, 350 years after the original publication of the atlas.
- Work is underway to complete the scanning of the Bathymetric charts of Scottish Freshwater Lochs (c.1896-1908), some of which were scanned in earlier projects, which will be mounted on the website later in 2004

Permission to purchase an A0 colour scanner has just been received. This will complement the A0 colour printer which was purchased 18 months ago, and will allow further scanning of high-resolution images in colour.

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

Collections Online
Catalogue records for NMM’s charts and maps are gradually being entered onto the online catalogue and those for which there are digital images are also accessible through NMM’s Collections Online website (http://www.nmm.ac.uk/collections/). The read-across from one database to the other presented some technical problems and further delays have been caused by exploring different options for geographic searching but Charts Online is expected to go live before Christmas 2003. This so far includes digital images for approximately 600 unbound charts and maps from 1493 to 1944. A further 650 images of items bound in manuscript atlases have been captured and are being catalogued. Portulan charts are scheduled for Spring 2004 and items from the Grenville collection will follow. The project is NOF funded.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND (PRONI)

PRONI has had a meeting with OSNI about digitising the older OS maps. Also discussed were links with the project already underway by OSI who appear to be digitising the maps for the 32 counties i.e. including present day Northern Ireland.

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

a. Ordnance Survey Ireland
Ordnance Survey Ireland has scanned all the first edition six-inch maps of Ireland (1833-1846) and is working on the second edition. The project is about to move on to the larger scales. ‘Vintage maps’ will be marketed by OSI and their agents from Spring 2004.

b. Sitescope
The Sitescope scanning of large-scale OSGB mapping also continues, though its future is uncertain following the take-over by Landmark.

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