

**RESOLUTION OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL
SEMINAR « PRESERVATION OF MAPS AND OTHER
SPATIAL INFORMATION »
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On the initiative of IFLA's Section of Geography and Map Libraries, and with the help of the Preservation and Conservation Core Program, a scientific and practical Seminar « Preservation of Maps and other spatial information »' was held in the Russian State Library in Moscow, from 26 September to 1 October 1993.

Specialists from Russia, France, Germany, Latvia, Czech Republic, and other countries took part in the work of the Seminar.

The organizers of the Seminar were the Russian State Library, the State Archive Service of Russia, Production Association « Kartografia », State Geodetic Service of Russia, several libraries and research institutes.

The Seminar's work showed that, in Russia, the depositories are not properly equipped for the long lasting storage and use of valuable unique documents. There is a shortage of room for arranging the storage of collections. Special equipment for copying the large-scale and multicolored materials and making a close stock and a stock for users is urgently needed.

As a result, the opportunities of storage of cartographic documents in Russian libraries are not map and other spatial information equipment, so functional and appropriate furniture and equipment is required.

The system of training and education for document restorators does not exist in the country, so the creation of a special training course for map restorators is an urgent goal to reach.

At present, the storage of spatial information shows the necessity of making the long-term program for its preservation. It is the main goal that should be the creation of the non traditional information media stock, school of restorators and the system of interaction in the field of restoration and usage of spatial documents.

The Seminar thanks IFLA, the Section of Geography and Map Libraries and the PAC Core Program for their expertise and hopes for a further collaboration.