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Welcome to the Spring 2016 edition of *Map Matters*, the newsletter of the Australia on the Map Division of the Australasian Hydrographic Society.



Dear Readers,

This is the second issue for 2016. We've skipped a Winter edition because your editor was moving. A very big move from ACT to Queensland, and lots had to be moved.

We still have some software gremlins, but now that we are back in business, they should be resolved by next issue.

This issue we have reports about Dirk Hartog commemorations, mostly from my hand as I travelled to quite a few of the events. Robert King went to a conference in Portugal.

New contributor, Shibu Dutta, is back with another article and illustrations. And our regular contributors, Robert King, Trevor Lipscombe and Peter Reynders are also presenting articles.

Enjoy reading.

Please email contributions or suggestions for *Map Matters* to me at the address at the bottom of this newsletter, or post them to me at:
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Editor

News

AOTM at the Heritage Festival



The Heritage Day fair in April was quite successful for AOTM, as there was plenty of interest for our organisation and the publications and maps we had on display. We attracted two new members, which is good news. Thanks go to Peter Reynders who organised our participation, getting the stall, setting it up, and brought all the books, maps and everything else that was needed.

Universum Infinitum at the Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal



The interdisciplinary workshop, 'Universum Infinitum, From the German Philosopher Nicolaus Cusanus (1401–1464) to the Iberian Discoveries in the

15th Century: Ocean World in European Exploration', was held at the National Library of Portugal, Lisbon, on 17-18 June 2016. The German cardinal Nikolaus von Kues (Nicholas of Cusa, 1401-1464) is known for his philosophical works. A key figure in Renaissance humanism, his interests and contributions extended to astronomy, mapmaking and cosmography, which were the focus of the international conference. The event was organized by Dr Thomas Horst, Interuniversity Centre for the History of Science and Technology (CIUHCT), University of Lisbon, in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Harald Schwaetzer and Dr. Matthias Vollet, Kueser Akademie für Europäische Geistesgeschichte and Cusanus-Hochschule, Bernkastel-Kues, Germany. AOTM member Robert King presented a paper, 'Magnus Sinus, Java and Locach from Martellus to Mercator, 1489-1569'. The workshop was followed by a day tour to Sintra, Mafra and Ericeira, under the guidance of Prof. Dr. João Carlos Garcia. The full program and abstracts of papers, together with photos, can be found at:

http://www.ciuhct.org/pt/workshop_universum_infinitum

A selection of papers will be published by the Kueser Akademie in *Texte und Studien zur europäischen Geistesgeschichte*, Münster Aschendorff Verlag, Reihe B, Num.14, 2017.

Photography Corner

Denham, WA, beachfront and harbour at night, October 2016. c. M Pietersen



AOTM Monthly Meetings - Members welcome



Meetings of the Australia on the Map Council are held on the first Thursday of the month, at 2.00pm in a meeting room on the 4th floor of the National Library of Australia in Canberra. All AOTM members and interested parties who would like to attend are encouraged to do so.

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