

SLIS Events News

The Power of Maps - Exhibit at the National Science Library of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing



- "This exhibit is really magic. Everybody who touches it benefits." [Katy Börner]
- "Maps of abstract spaces, like ideas, aim to serve today's explorers who are navigating the world of science." [exhibit **Learning Objective**]
- "Maps have enabled the discovery of new worlds..." [exhibit Learning Objective]

In collaboration with Chinese researchers at the Research Center for Grid and Service Computing (VEGA Center) at the Institute of Computing Technology (ICT) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) in Beijing, and with support from a grant by the National Science Foundation - the **Places & Spaces: Mapping Science exhibit will have an opening event on May 17, 2008 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Weixia (Bonnie) Huang**, senior system architect from the Cyberinfrastructure for Network Science Center at SLIS, will travel to the opening and will work with colleagues to introduce the maps. **Katy Börner**, SLIS faculty member and director of the Center, is proud of this accomplishment. She noted that this is the first major showing of the exhibit outside of the U.S., and that the maps have been translated into Chinese to aid in the sharing of information.

This will be the debut for the 4th iteration of this 10-year exhibit entitled "Science Maps for Economic Decision Makers".

English Web page: <http://scimaps.org/nslc/>

Chinese Web page: <http://scimaps.org/china/>

Starting July 2008, the exhibit will travel to other branch libraries of the Chinese Academy of Sciences including Lanzhou, Wuhan, and Chendu.

Excerpts from the Exhibit Website:

Are you interested in seeing science from above? Curious to see what impact one single person or invention can have? Keen to find pockets of innovation? Desperate for better tools to manage the information flood? Or are you simply fascinated by maps? Then visit the Places & Spaces: Mapping Science exhibit at on display at the National Science Library of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, May 17-June 30, 2008.

The exhibit aims to demonstrate the power of maps to navigate and make sense of physical places and abstract topic spaces. The display at The National Science Library of the Chinese Academy of Sciences features the first four of ten iterations of the Places & Spaces exhibit entitled 'The Power of Maps', 'The Power of Reference Systems', and 'The Power of Forecasts'. This will be the debut of the fourth iteration. Also shown are Illuminated Diagram displays by W. Bradford Paley, Kevin Boyack, John Burgoon, Peter Kennard, and Richard Klavans and Worldprocessor globes by Ingo GŠnther, and hands-on science maps for kids with paintings by Fileve Palmer.

Scientists will be stimulated, students and teachers encouraged, and the general public fascinated by this multi-layered accessible approach to the worlds of modern scientific thought.

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Other Venues

NSF, Washington D.C. There is a permanent display of the first two iterations on the 10th floor of the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

NRC, Ottawa, Canada. The first three iterations can be seen at National Research Council - Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, April 3 - June 27, 2008.

See also: <http://scimaps.org/schedule.php>

IU Press Release:

Places & Spaces: Mapping Science opens at the Chinese Academy of Sciences

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