

# **LIBER Group des Cartothécaires - National Progress Report, Greger Bergvall, map librarian, Kungl. biblioteket – National library of Sweden, 2010-2012**

## **Map catalogue**

During these years, the National Library of Sweden has brought to conclusion a project with the specific aim of cataloguing all of its approximately 1000 hand drawn maps. Details on these maps and other cartographic materials are now available in the Libris catalogue.

<http://libris.kb.se/>

## **Development**

Since the beginning of 2009, the National Archive for Audio and Visual Heritage is under the aegis of the library. This development will have significant ramifications for our efforts in upgrading solutions for how we shall store not only digital legal deposit, but even other digital formats.

We have also been in the process of relocating a significant map collections to new stack areas, rendering parts of our map collections unavailable during the autumn of 2012 and winter and spring of 2013.

## **Legal deposit and acquisitions**

### **The legal deposit during 2010 - 2012**

#### **2010**

Legal deposit: 683 maps & atlases

Acquisitions: 485 loose sheet maps, 106 atlases. We received a donation of printed maps, globes and hand drawn maps from the archives of the Swedish map supplier Liber.

#### **2011**

Legal deposit: 877 maps & atlases

Acquisitions: 336 loose sheet maps (283 of these maps are part of the Swedish national military map series), 7 atlases.

## **Digital legal deposit**

As a result of the new directives in conjunction with the INSPIRE program, discussions on the handling procedures of legal deposit have been raised. The National Library of Sweden has stressed the importance of securing safe storage for the data which will be delivered electronically, as well as of appending metatags with dates, thus enabling future scholars to see exactly what types of geodata were being produced at certain junctures.

In Sweden, INSPIRE has also lead to a new Geodata portal, [www.Geodata.se](http://www.Geodata.se), which allows one to access Swedish materials in accordance with the standards outlined by OUTLINE.

Discussions on digital legal deposit and how to handle them will continue in 2012. A test period for digital legal deposit will commence in July 2012, but its first phase will not include maps. The focus will be on other types of digital material such as newspapers. The solution for digital legal deposit of maps will be regulated by agreements between the suppliers and the National Library.

## Security

In 2004, the National Library of Sweden discovered that the head for one of the library's divisions had been engaged in theft of older, valuable books from the collections. Among the works stolen was Cornelius van Wytfliet's *Descriptionis Ptolemaicae augmentum, sive Occidentis notitia brevi commentario illustrate* from 1597. This atlas was included in the 2010 catalogue of a renowned map dealer in New York.

Due to this and previous thefts, we are constantly working to improve security routines at the library, in general, and the map division, in particular.

## The De la Gardie map collection at Lunds university library

The De la Gardie archive consists of 2654 volumes of unique manuscript material from 1500 - 1850 and is one of the most valuable collections in the Lund University Library.

This archive includes significant map holdings, with more than 1,200 loose sheet maps from 1565 - 1839. Many of these maps are unique. Their geographical spread is impressive and includes Asian, African and American and European territories. There are also military maps depicting fortifications, as well as manuscript maps of individual towns, castles and gardens.

There is a hand-written catalogue, but it is not widely available for researchers. This means that the collection has been virtually untouched for scholarly purposes since the mid 1800's.

The entire map collection will now be made available to the public via the web. All maps will be digitized in high resolution and include catalogue details.

The project is expected to start in the autumn of 2012.

## Uppsala university library

In 2010, Uppsala acquired a copy of Johan Gustav Renat's map of the Central Asian Dsungarian Basin as a deposit. For more information about the map, see:

<http://www.ub.uu.se/sv/Samlingar/Kartor/Kart--och-bildenheten/Kartor-over-Dzungariet/>

(unfortunately only in Swedish, at the moment)

# Map catalogue of the Uppsala university library holdings

All historical maps are catalogued in Image Search. At this moment, the database contains around 600 items. For further information, see Image Search

<http://www.uu.se/sv/Sok/Bilder/Bilddatabasen/>

Image search is also available in Europeana.