The Brazilian Society of Cartography, Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing - SBC is a non-profit, technical and scientific institution founded on October 28, 1958, whose purpose is the development of Cartography in Brazil. The social body of SBC is integrated by the professionals and the main national organizations, public and private, producers and users of Cartography, as well as educational institutions that have human resources training courses in the area of Earth Sciences. To fulfill this purpose, SBC organizes meetings, lectures, courses, symposia, seminars; the main one is the Brazilian Congress of Cartography, held every two years, in different locations of the country. The purpose of these meetings is to exchange experiences between professionals and national and foreign institutions, associated or not, who are interested in cartographic and related sciences, in order to disseminate the state of the art of Cartography as a whole.

SBC organised the XXVII BRAZILIAN CONGRESS OF CARTOGRAPHY and the XXVI EXPOSICARTA with the theme "Cartography and National Sovereignty: Consolidation of Borders and Boundaries", from 06 to 09 November 2017, at the Marine Military School in the city of Rio de Janeiro - RJ. 400 participants, mostly undergraduate and graduate students, attended the congress. There were 3 days of oral presentations, technical expositions and mini-courses on laser scanning, SAR, photogrammetry, and ocean tides.

During the event, one of the stages of the Brazilian Map Drawing Competition for Children took place, promoted by ICA. All participants at the congress were pleased to vote on the designs they liked best. During two days, 250 participants were able to visit a hydrographic ship of the Brazilian Navy as part of the Congress activities. On the last day of the Congress, the Scientific Technical Commissions awarded the best papers of each commission among the oral presentations.

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