In article <Pine.LNX.4.64.0912042153470.14107@lxserv0.kfki.hu>,
 FOLDY Lajos <foldy@rmki.kfki.hu> wrote:

> On Fri, 4 Dec 2009, Ed Hyer wrote:
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>> Not wishing to cause an international diplomatic incident, does anyone
>> have a substitute for the MAP_CONTINENTS,/COUNTRIES procedure? The
>> country boundaries that IDL draws have significant gaps in Central
>> Asia, that really damage the aesthetic appeal of the maps.
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>> --Edward H.
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> I think IDL uses the CIA world data bank, which was created in the 80s.
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> It is highly outdated, for example Hungary has five neighbors in this
> data: Austria, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet-union, Romania and Yugoslavia.
> Three of them do not exist today. (The current list is: Austria, Slovakia,
> Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia.)
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> regards,
> Lajos

I would think that some of the annual renewal fees that we pay
every year could be spend on updating resources like the political
map database, although that is not as much fun as adding new
features.

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