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On behalf of EuroSDR may we wish all our readers a

Happy and Peaceful Holiday and a Prosperous New Year

WORKSHOP: Quality Assurance in Geographic Data Production

Venue: Marne-La-Vallee, Paris, France

Dates: 13 th to 14 th February 2006

Organised by the Eurogeographics Expert Group on Quality, EuroSDR and AGILE, this workshop has the following goals:

To specify short-term research tasks

Further elaborate the quality strategies of EuroSpec (policy and implementation plan)

To strengthen the links between research organisations and data producing organisations

The envisaged target audience will comprise

Production managers at the National Mapping and Cadastral Agencies (NMCA's) and other data production organisations

Quality managers at the NMCA's and other data production organisations

Researchers on spatial data quality and usability

Further details may be found at the [workshop website](#).

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WORKSHOP: International Calibration and Orientation Workshop - EuroCOW 2006

Venue: Castelldefels, Spain

Dates: 25th to 27th January 2006

This meeting intends to bring together the world experts, both from public and private sectors, to present and discuss the recent findings and developments on Sensor Calibration and Orientation.

EuroCOW 2006 will be a highly specialized small forum to facilitate the circulation of useful and

new information. The organizers, aware of the current high competitiveness in the area, are trying to set the conditions for a useful, informative and informal three-day meeting in a relaxed atmosphere, and expect to attract the real experts with hands-on experience on the subject. The workshop is organized by the Institute of Geomatics, on behalf of EuroSDR Commission I and ISPRS (International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing) Working Group 3 of Commission I.

Deadlines:

Abstracts submission: October 17th, 2005

Notification of acceptance: October 31st, 2005

Submission of papers: January 3rd, 2006

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From our Members: GI Activities in Cyprus

The following presentations (pdf) were delivered, among others, to the 107th EuroSDR science committee meeting in Nicosia, Cyprus in October 2005 and give an insight into spatial data production in Cyprus.

The presentations were delivered by members of staff of the Department of Lands and Surveys of Cyprus

[The Cyprus Department of Lands and Surveys - New Challenges and Trends](#)

by Mr. Christos Zenonos, Senior Land Officer, Department of Lands and Surveys of Cyprus

[Photogrammetric Activities in the Department of Lands and Surveys](#)

by Mr. Michael Savvides, Lands Officer (Survey/Cartography), Department of Lands and Surveys of Cyprus

[GIS Activities in the Department of Lands and Surveys](#)

by Mr. Andreas Hadjiraftis, Manager of Digital Cartography and GIS Section, Department of Lands and Surveys of Cyprus

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EuroSDR Short Courses: Four eLearning courses to run again in 2006 (EduServ4)

EduServ4, the fourth module of EduServ – the Educational Service of EuroSDR – will take place in March and April 2006 and consists of the following four two-week Distance eLearning courses:

- [An Inquiry on the Quality of Geospatial Data and on Related Statistical Concepts](#)
- [Co-ordinate systems and transformations for spatial position](#)
- [Positional Accuracy Improvement in GI databases](#)
- [Quality control of DTM'S](#)

The courses which follow the 'learning by doing' principle, are based on the experience and outcomes of EuroSDR projects and workshops either ongoing or recently completed. They are intended for those working, studying or generally participating in the spatial information sciences or users of Geographical Information. They cover material not normally covered in university programmes and are delivered in a manner that enables participants to follow the courses from their workplace or home at a time and place that suits them.

The courses will be preceded by a two-day pre-course workshop from 30th to 31st March 2006 in Enschede, The Netherlands at which participants will receive course material, hear background presentations about the subjects and become familiarised with the structure and expectations of the courses including the necessary instructions for using the course conferencing systems.

More information from the [EduServ4 Website](#).

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About EuroSDR:

EuroSDR is a pan-European organisation established, as OEEPE, in 1953 in Paris, in accordance with a recommendation passed by the Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

Nineteen countries comprise the current membership of EuroSDR. Delegates from national mapping organisations, research institutes and the private sector from the member countries devise together a rolling research plan every three years. The plan aims to address the research needs of core spatial data provision, management and delivery. It is realised through timely applied international collaborative research projects, focussed workshops and specialist taskforces.

Research results are reported widely through technical papers and a high quality 'Official Publications' series. Knowledge gained is further transferred to the user community through the EuroSDR education service based on short concentrated distance eLearning courses.

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