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WORKSHOP: Joint ICA, EuroSDR, RGI workshop on Generalisation and Multi-representation

Venue: Montpellier, France

Dates: 20th to 21st June 2008

This annual workshop is organised jointly by the [International Cartographic Association](#), [EuroSDR](#) and the [Dutch program RGI](#). It is an international research forum in the field of multi scale mapping and associated technologies and theories.

The two-day workshop will take place from 20th to 21st June 2008 immediately preceding the International Symposium on Spatial Data Handling (SDH) in Montpellier, France.

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WORKSHOP: EuroSDR at ISPRS-2008 Beijing

Venue: Beijing, China

Dates: 3rd to 11th July 2008

You are invited to attend the EuroSDR Special Session entitled 'From national mapping to an European Spatial Data Infrastructure' at ISPRS 2008 in Beijing, China. EuroSDR will be present at ISPRS 2008 at exhibition booth No. 278 and, in addition to our Special Session, will also chair one of the three User Forums at the Congress.

The Special Session entitled '**From national mapping to an European Spatial Data Infrastructure**' (SS-8) will be realised in two sessions.

Session 1, TS-51, will take place in Conference Room 307 from 16:00-17:30 on Monday 7th July and consist of the following presentations:

- From Local to European SDI – INSPIRING The Next Generation Of Spatial Information in Great Britain; Keith Murray, Ordnance Survey Great Britain

- **IGN-NGI Belgium: quality and INSPIRE;** Jean Theatre, National Geographic Institute, BELGIUM.
- **TLM – the Swiss 3D Topographic Landscape Model;** Liam O'Sullivan, Swiss Federal Office of Topography, SWITZERLAND.
- **BKG's Contribution to the German and the European Geospatial Data Infrastructures;** Dietmar Grünreich, German Federal Office of Cartography and Geodesy, GERMANY
- **The Danish Way to a National Spatial Data Infrastructure;** Poul Frederiksen, National Survey and Cadastre, DENMARK.

Session 2, TS-99, will take place in Convention Hall No.2C from 10:30-12:00 on Thursday 10th July and consist of the following presentations:

- **Spanish Territory Observation: Sustainable And Collaborative Plan;** Antonio Arozarena, IGN, SPAIN.
- **Integrated and Value-added Geo-spatial Information Services in NGCC;** Jie Jiang, National Geomatics Center of China, CHINA, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF.
- **Israeli Digital Photographic System Certification Program;** Yuri Raizman, Survey of Israel, ISRAEL.
- **HUMBOLDT Project for Data Harmonisation in the Framework of GMES and ESDI: Introduction and Early Achievements;** Paolo Villa, IREA-National Research Council of Italy, ITALY.
- **SDI in Two Diverse Contexts - Aceh and Australia: Differences and Similarities;** Paul Harris, NGIS Australia, AUSTRALIA.

EuroSDR will also chair the third User Forum entitled '**On-demand geo-spatial data updating, integration and web-based geo-spatial information services**' from 14:00-16:00 on Wednesday 9th July.

The forum will comprise short presentations from selected speakers and a discussion on users' experiences.

EuroSDR will be present in the main technical exhibition hall at Booth No. 278. Visitors can receive detailed information on EuroSDR research projects and workshops, publications, e-learning courses, initiatives in standards and interoperability, collaboration on multiple representation and more. Countries not represented in EuroSDR can learn of our flexible membership options. For further information on EuroSDR's activities at ISPRS-2008, please contact [Kevin Mooney](#), EuroSDR Secretary-General.

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WORKSHOP: GeoSensor Networks

Venue: Hannover, Germany

Dates: 20th to 22nd February 2008

The EuroSDR and ISPRS Workshop on Geosensor Networks was held in Hannover at the end of February 2008. Recent months have seen accelerating growth in interest by the spatial information community in exploring the problems and opportunities connected with new sensor technology. So it was perhaps no surprise that this timely and topical workshop managed to capture and fuel the enthusiasm of attendees from across the entire spectrum of the community.

The workshop attracted more than seventy participants from government, industry, and academia, and at every stage of career, from graduate students to senior researchers and professionals. Reflecting the broad mix of participants, the talks covered a wide range of topics and expertise, from measurement science and geodesy, computer science and ICT, through to environmental applications and human user issues.

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WORKSHOP REPORT: Production Partnership Management

Venue: Southampton, UK

Dates: 7th to 9th November 2007

The report of the International Workshop on Production Partnership Management held at Ordnance Survey, Southampton, England on 7-9 November 2007 is now available from [HERE](#).

Thirtytwo delegates from nine countries attended the workshop.

Participants came from a variety of organisations. These included mapping agencies as well as private surveying companies. There was a good spread from across Europe with others attending from as far as India. The published first draft of the PPM guide defines PPM as a 'Method of customer and supplier working together to ensure the customer requirements are met by the supplier's processes in a relationship that fosters continual improvement for mutual benefit.' The workshop created discussion and debate on applicability and scope of Production Partnership Management (PPM).

The workshop agreed that although parties involved in the production of GI have different perspectives they all seek mutually beneficial outcomes. It was accepted that the benefits of Production Programme Management, illustrated by Ordnance Survey and her supplier's experiences, can facilitate these outcomes.

Using the feedback and support gathered at the workshop the PPM document will be redrafted as a document suitable for consideration by TC 211 for inclusion into the body of ISO documents supporting Geographic Information

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Announcement: EduServ6 - Distance e-learning courses

EduServ6, the sixth round of the annual EuroSDR short distance e-learning courses, began in March 2008 with a two-day seminar, hosted by The University of Applied Sciences in Stuttgart under the direction of Prof. Dr. Eberhard Gülch.

The first course on The Geometric performance of digital airborne cameras has been completed and the second, Laserscanning for 3D City Models, is due to finish on 11th April. The four courses offered are:

- Geometric performance of digital airborne cameras (March 10 – March 20, 2008) Hosted by University Stuttgart with course leaders Dr. Michael Cramer and Dr. Dirk Stallmann
- Laserscanning for 3D City Models (March 31 – April 11, 2008) Hosted by the Finnish Geodetic Institute with course leader Prof. Dr. Juha Hyyppä
- Mapping from SAR (April 14 – April 25, 2008) Hosted by TU Berlin with course leader Prof. Dr. Olaf Hellwich
- CityGML (May 19 – May 30, 2008) Co-hosted by Technical University Berlin and University of Gävle with course leaders Prof. Dr. Thomas Kölbe and Prof. Dr. Anders Östman

Forty students from seventeen countries attended the pre-course two-day seminar from 6th to 7th March 2008 in Stuttgart, where they received course material and guidance-background in the topic necessary to commence the courses.

The picture shows students listening to a pre-course seminar presentation.



EduServ7, will be announced shortly and will commence in Spring 2009. For details, please see the [EuroSDR](#) web pages.

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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.

Eighteen 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 e-learning courses.

Suitable GI organisations from European countries (members of the Council of Europe) may become Members of EuroSDR. Applications for membership should be addressed to the [Secretariat](#).

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