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ANNOUNCEMENT: EuroSDR elects a new Vice-President

We are delighted to announce that, at the 114th EuroSDR meetings in Paris in May 2009, Prof. Dieter Fritsch was elected, by the delegates, as the new vice-President of EuroSDR for an initial term of two years beginning in October 2009. He will succeed Prof. Christian Heipke, Head of the Institute of Photogrammetry and GeoInformation at the Leibniz University of Hannover, who comes to the end of his second term in office.

Prof. Fritsch is Head of the Institute for Photogrammetry at the University of Stuttgart, Germany and has served six years as Rector of the University. He has been the research delegate to EuroSDR from Germany for many years.

Prof. Fritsch brings considerable experience to the post of Vice-President, as he has served on several steering committees in both academia and industry throughout his career. He is well known as the host of the biennial Photogrammetric Week series of conferences held at his university in Stuttgart.

As Vice-President, Prof. Fritsch will chair the scientific part of EuroSDR meetings and co-ordinate the activities of the five scientific commissions. He will be responsible for the preparation of EuroSDR's Research Plan for approval of the delegates and the evaluation of the results of the work of the commissions against the approved Research Plan.

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SEMINAR REPORT: Spatial Data Research and Production in France

Venue: Novotel Atria Paris Charenton Hotel, Charenton, Paris, France

Dates: 13th May 2009

The 114th EuroSDR meetings were hosted in Charenton, Paris by IGN France from 13th to 15th May 2009. The very productive meetings began with a seminar on 13th May showcasing some of the key developments in spatial data production and research in France. The lively discussions among delegates following each presentation reflected the considerable interest among our European members in the enormous contribution to research and development continuing to be made by France.



The photos from left to right show a section of the EuroSDR delegates attending the seminar; François Brun, Deputy Director General of IGN-France and Antonio Arozarena, President of EuroSDR; Mr. Brun delivering his presentation. Topics presented at the seminar were:

[Earth \(optical\) Observation at CNES](#)

Philippe Lier, CNES, France

[From SIGMA to MAGIS: a Step Further](#)

Michel Mainguenaud, MAGIS, the French GI research network

[Current Activities and Initiatives at IGN-France](#)

François Brun, Deputy Director General of IGN-France

[INSPIRE developments in France](#)

François Chirié, European and International Affairs, IGN-France

[MATIS & LOEMI laboratories](#)

Didier Boldo, MATIS Research laboratory, IGN-France

[Research at COGIT laboratory](#)

Bénédicte Bucher, COGIT Research laboratory, IGN-France

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WORKSHOP: Crowd sourcing for updating national databases

Venue: Federal Office of Topography, swisstopo, Wabern, Switzerland

Dates: 20th to 21st August 2009

This workshop, organized by EuroSDR and the Swiss Federal Office of Topography swisstopo, deals with the use of Web 2.0 technologies and communities for the mutual use of user generated content in the framework of national databases. Current applications and data management processes will be shown.

Experiences and expectations as well as current limitations and challenges will be discussed.

A call for participation was issued in June 2009 and the workshop is open for registration.

Workshop topics will include:

- Web 2.0 technologies and communities
- User acceptance
- Data management
- Quality issues
- Legal tasks
- Advantages and Challenges for NMCAs

At the first workshop afternoon participants from the private sector, universities and government will give some presentations and further presentations are welcome. At a second workshop the common topics and future research aspects will be worked out.

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WORKSHOP: Sixth International Symposium on Location Based Services and TeleCartography

Venue: Centre for Geospatial Science, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

Dates: 2nd to 4th September 2009

The Sixth International Symposium on Location Based Services and TeleCartography will bring together experts from around the world to present the latest research results and developments with focus on Location Based Services in the fields of Cartography, Geoinformation, Computer Sciences, Telecommunication, Geodesy, and Geomedia Techniques.

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WORKSHOP: National 3D Geoportals - Research Issues, Potential Applications, Quality and Legal Issues

Venue: FHNW, University of Applied Sciences, MuttENZ, Basel, Switzerland

Dates: 21st September 2009

This is a preliminary announcement for a EuroSDR Workshop on 'National 3D Geoportals - Research Issues, Potential Applications, Quality and Legal Issues'. A detailed announcement and workshop website will follow shortly

Further Information to follow soon

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WORKSHOP: INSPIRE Atlas of Implementation Methods - a Second Workshop (Provisional)

Venue: Brussels, Belgium

Dates: To be announced

Well-performing Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDIs) are not straightforward to implement due to many interdependent aspects (such as legal, economic, technological, organisational, and public administrative). In order to meet the INSPIRE directive, it is important for EU member states to know the key elements that lead to successful SDI implementation. In addition, the key areas for further research should be identified as soon as possible, to give the scientific community the possibility to carry out research supportive of the INSPIRE implementation.

The 'INSPIRE atlas of implementation methods' aims to meet these issues, by providing firstly a structured overview of INSPIRE implementation methods across the member states with references to the key documents in every state. Studying the experiences of the INSPIRE implementations is an important part of this inventory. Secondly, the atlas will define a research agenda for INSPIRE related topics.

To accomplish this, two workshops are organised: The first was held in Brussels in spring 2009 and a second is planned for Autumn 2009. Follow the link below for updated information.

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ANNOUNCEMENT: Distance E-Learning Courses are up and running

EduServ7, the current series of distance e-learning courses from EuroSDR, commenced in May 2009 and is hosted by the Norwegian University of Life Sciences in Aas, Norway.

Four courses are under way as follows:

Geometric performance of digital airborne cameras

Hosted by the University of Stuttgart with course leaders Dr. Michael Cramer and Dirk Stallmann

Laserscanning for tree extraction

Hosted by the Finnish Geodetic Institute with course leader Prof. Dr. Juha Hyypä

Schema matching, mapping and transformation for INSPIRE

Hosted by University of Gävle with course leader Prof. Dr. Anders Östman and Dr Imad Abugessaisa

CityGML

Co-hosted by Technical University Berlin and University of Gävle with course leaders Prof. Dr. Thomas Kölbe and Prof. Dr. Anders Östman

Participation in EduServ courses is open to all but is principally intended as a mechanism for transferring the outcomes of EuroSDR research activities into production. As such, the courses are particularly suited to staff of GI production organisations.

Participants follow the courses online from their place of work (or home) and should expect to commit about thirty hours to online activities over the two-week period in which the course is running. During this period, extensive contact is maintained between student and course experts to ensure effective feedback and response to the particular needs of the participants.

The photos show course participants attending the two-day pre-course seminar, which took place from 18th to 19th May 2009 at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences in Aas, Norway.



Further information on the details and dates for all courses are available [HERE](#).

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WORKSHOP: 100th anniversary of the first Photogrammetric Week

Venue: Stuttgart, Germany

Dates: 7th to 11th September 2009

It is with great pleasure that we again pass on the invitation, from our colleague Dieter Fritsch, to participate in the 100th anniversary of the first Photogrammetric Week to be held in Stuttgart, from 7th to 11th September 2009. A first-class program has been compiled which is very much worth a visit or a re-visit to the beautiful city of Stuttgart.

No other conference in the world has the charm and the spirit of the Photogrammetric Week. In the past 100 years the Photogrammetric Week Series has always dealt with the most recent developments in photogrammetric methodology, hardware and software.

Photogrammetric Week 2009 topics are Sensor Fusion, Digital Airborne and Spaceborne Imaging, LiDAR Mapping (Airborne, Terrestrial and Mobile), Photogrammetry 2.0, Collaborative (Community) Mapping and much more.

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WORKSHOP: ISPRS Centenary Celebrations 2010

Venue: Vienna, Austria

Dates: 4th July 2010

On 4th July 1910 the International Society of Photogrammetry, now the International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) was founded in Vienna on the initiative of Prof. Eduard Doležal.

The Society's centenary will be celebrated on 4th July 4 2010 at its origin, the University of Technology, Vienna. The festivities include an extraordinary General Assembly, an Afternoon Celebration, and a Gala Dinner. The centenary celebrations will be framed by the ISPRS Commission VII Symposium following the celebrations and before by the German-Austrian-Swiss conference for photogrammetry, remote sensing, and spatial information science.

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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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