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WORKSHOP: Workshop on AGILE/EuroSDR/OGC Persistent Testbed for Research and Teaching

Venue: Hannover, Germany

Dates: 2nd June 2009

A workshop of the AGILE/EuroSDR/OGC group on a Persistent Testbed (PTB) for Research and Teaching in Europe took place as a pre-conference workshop WS6 of the AGILE 2009 conference on Tuesday 2nd of June 2009 in Hannover, Germany.

The objectives proposed originally for the PTB initiative were:

- To provide a research platform for collaborative European research in geospatial interoperability,
- To aid the assessment of the current standards for geospatial interoperability in terms of research compatibility, completeness, consistency, ease of use and extensibility,
- To provide an environment for teaching standards and techniques for geospatial interoperability,
- To provide a resource to AGILE/EuroSDR/OGC for the coordination of research requirements as well as definition, testing, validation and development of open standards.

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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, organised by EuroSDR and the Swiss Federal Office of Topography swisstopo, dealt 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 were shown. Experiences and expectations as well as current limitations and challenges were discussed.

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WORKSHOP: National 3D Geoportals and Virtual Globes

Venue: FHNW University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland

Dates: 21st September 2009

The first EuroSDR Workshop on National 3D Geoportals and Virtual Globes was held on the 21st of September 2009 at FHNW University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, Muttenz / Basel (Switzerland). This workshop, organised by EuroSDR and the FHNW, dealt with Virtual 3D Globes, emerging 3D National Geospatial Data Infrastructures (3D NGDIs) and existing and future National 3D Geoportals.

The workshop brought together experts and interested members from organisations planning to establish 3D Geoportals, from industry and universities developing and researching today's and tomorrow's Virtual 3D Globe technologies and from existing and potential users of 3D Geoportals.

The event was organised by the local hosts Prof. Dr. Stephan Nebiker and Susanne Bleisch together with their team. It attracted 59 participants from 11 different nations and with 46% of the participants from academia, 28% of the participants from NMCAs and about 26% from industry it was a well distributed group according to the communicated goals.

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ANNOUNCEMENT: EuroSDR paper at 52nd Photogrammetric Week

A paper, entitled 'EuroSDR – a research organisation serving Europe's geospatial information needs' by Christian Heipke (Vice-President) and Kevin Mooney (Secretary-General) has been published as part of the proceedings of the 52nd Photogrammetric Week from 7th to 11th September 2009, Stuttgart, Germany.

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WORKSHOP: INSPIRE Atlas of Implementation Methods

Venue: Belgium - venue to be announced

Dates: Provisional dates to be confirmed: 14th to 15th January 2010

A first workshop 'INSPIRE Atlas of Implementation Methods' was held in Brussels from 29th to 30th April 2009 as part of a EuroSDR project of the same name.

The project aims to provide 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.

A second workshops is provisionally organised from 14th to 15th January 2010 in Belgium. Further updates may be found at the project website.

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WORKSHOP: EuroCOW 2010: the Calibration and Orientation Workshop

Venue: Castelldefels, Spain

Dates: 10th to 12th February 2010

EuroCOW 2010 will be held from 10th to 12th February 2010 at the Institute of Geomatics, located in the Mediterranean Technology Park (PMT), Castelldefels (20 Km South of downtown Barcelona).

The EuroCOW is a biennial event organized by the Institute of Geomatics on behalf of EuroSDR Commission I and, for the 2010 edition, also on behalf of the ISPRS (International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing) Working Group 1.5: 'Integrated Systems for Sensor Georeferencing and Navigation'.

EuroSDR is very pleased that Eija Honkavaara (Finnish Geodetic Institute, Finland) and Roman Arbiol (Institut Cartografic de Catalunya, Spain) will hold a special session on the EuroSDR project: 'Radiometric Aspects of Digital Photogrammetric Images'

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ANNOUNCEMENT: Eighth series of distance e-learning courses - EduServ8

EduServ8, the eighth instalment of EuroSDR's distance short courses (by e-learning) will be launched in March 2010 and will provisionally include courses on the following topics:

Laserscanning for tree extraction

Schema matching, mapping and transformation for INSPIRE

Spatial Data Infrastructures and INSPIRE

Assessment of the quality of Digital Terrain Models

A two-day pre-course seminar will be organised by Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (K.U.Leuven) under the direction of Prof. Danny Vandenbroucke with the provisional dates of 25th to 26th March 2010.

Please visit the EuroSDR website where more details will follow shortly.

Details of completed 2009 courses are available [HERE](#).

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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 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.

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