

The National Mapping Organisations Network



Cambridge Conference

NEWSLETTER NO 1

Cambridge Conference 2007

It may seem early to be making arrangements for next July, but organisation of the 2007 Cambridge Conference is in full swing.

As before, the conference will be at the beautiful venue of St John's College, Cambridge. The dates to put in your diary are 15–20 July 2007. Delegate accommodation will be at the college and reservation will be made as part of your booking for the conference. The booking system will be up and running soon.

The Cambridge Conference website has been renewed as www.cambridgeconference.com and is being progressively populated with information about the 2007 event and archive material from past conferences.

New Cambridge Conference Advisory Board

Arrangements for the Cambridge Conference are overseen and guided by the Cambridge Conference Advisory Board, which, for this conference, comprises:

Dr Vanessa Lawrence of Ordnance Survey, Great Britain – Chair
Colonel Rodrigo Barriga* of Instituto Geografico Militar de Chile
Mr Jean Dotse of Geo Engineering Services, Ghana
Dr R Siva Kumar of the Department of Science and Technology, India
Mr Brendan Boyle of Land Information New Zealand
Dato' Dr Abdul Kadir bin Taib of the Department of Survey and Mapping, Malaysia
Prof Dr Željko Bačić of the State Geodetic Administration, Croatia
Mr Magnús Gudmundsson of the National Land Survey of Iceland
Mr Trevor Shaw of the National Land Agency, Jamaica
Ms Karen Siderelis of the United States Geological Survey
Eng. Dr Mohammed Al Zaffin of the Dubai GIS Centre, United Arab Emirates

*From mid December 2006. The help and contribution of Mr Luis Alegría up to this date is warmly acknowledged.

Cambridge Conference – call for contributions

All delegates to the Cambridge Conference are invited to offer contributions to the plenary sessions and workshops.

Plenary sessions: The plenary sessions will mostly follow the format of three presentations followed by discussion, but this is subject to variation by those members of the Advisory Board organising the various sessions. For potential contributions to the plenary sessions we require a short abstract of no more than 300 words. A full written paper will not be required, although if you wish to provide one, we will publish it on the website. However, we will require PowerPoint® presentations in advance of the conference. See the conference website for the plenary session topics – www.cambridgeconference.com.

Workshops: The workshops will follow a variety of formats, including short presentations, interactive hands-on opportunities and tutorials. As contributions to these sessions can take a variety of formats, for this we require a short paragraph indicating what contribution you could make. See the conference website for the workshop titles and the types of contributions required – www.cambridgeconference.com.

The deadline for contributions is Friday 17 November 2006. They should be emailed to the Conference Programme Manager, Clare Hadley (clare.hadley@ordnancesurvey.co.uk), indicating clearly which sessions or workshops they are for. Delegates will be notified soon after that if we wish to take up the offer of the contributions.



Cambridge Conference exhibitors and sponsors

NMO Network members are asked if they can help to identify potential sponsors and exhibitors for the Cambridge Conference. As you know, these are vital to help pay for the assisted delegate places, and we are searching for sponsors and exhibitors from around the world. Do you have any contacts that you could approach? We would be delighted to hear from you if any of your contacts could provide sponsorship.

Cambridge Conference – delegate assistance

We wish the Cambridge Conference to be as inclusive as possible. Support from our sponsors helps to reduce the costs. We appreciate that financial support may be welcomed by some delegates who would not otherwise be able to attend. If you would like further information about a supported place, please contact Lynne Sims, Cambridge Conference Administration, (lynne.sims@ordnancesurvey.co.uk).

CC:The Exchange – resolution update

Following a question from Luis Alegria (Chile), the final plenary session of the 2005 conference concentrated on how developed countries could help developing countries in mapping matters.

This question has been taken up by the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JBGIS) and was discussed at length during their meeting in Vienna in July and again at Intergeo in October 2006.

As a separate activity, the issue has been raised with the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure (GSDI) Board and the next step is to have a round-table discussion at the next GSDI conference in Chile in November 2006.

The intention is to use the outcomes from the JBGIS and GSDI discussions as input to the 2007 Cambridge Conference.

Cambridge Conference 2007 – the team

The 2007 Cambridge Conference will be chaired by Vanessa Lawrence, the Director General and Chief Executive of Ordnance Survey. The organising team comprises:

- Sallie White** – sallie.white@ordnancesurvey.co.uk
– who is managing the whole project;
- Clare Hadley** – clare.hadley@ordnancesurvey.co.uk
– who is managing the conference and workshop programme;
- Peter Standen** – peter.standen@ordnancesurvey.co.uk
– who is looking after marketing and promotion; and
- Lynne Sims** – lynne.sims@ordnancesurvey.co.uk
– who will be looking after administration and supported delegate arrangements.
- Julie Wright** – julie@the.conferenceoffice.co.uk
– who will be looking after registration, the exhibition and venue management.

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