

The National Mapping Organisations Network



Cambridge Conference

NEWSLETTER NO 2

Best wishes to all our readers – Welcome to the second edition of the Cambridge Conference 2007 newsletter, which includes exciting details about the forthcoming event.

Conference programme

The Conference programme is starting to take shape and, rather than print the current programme here, which may be out of date by the time you read this, we instead suggest you have a look at the Cambridge Conference website, 2007 Conference Programme page http://www.cambridgeconference.com/2007_conference_information/conference_programme

Social programme

The social programme is always an important part of the Cambridge Conference, as it allows for networking and a more informal setting to exchange ideas. Social events take place on every night of the conference and all are included as part of the conference registration fee. Activities planned so far are:

Sunday: An English garden party with traditional cream teas and a welcome dinner in the evening (*Dress code smart casual*)

Monday: Exhibition opening reception (*Dress code business attire*)

Tuesday: Hotine Lecture and reception (*Dress code smart casual*)

(The Hotine Lecture is named after Martin Hotine who was a prominent figure in the international mapping community in the mid 20th century. Martin Hotine was an outstanding surveyor and the founder of the directorate of overseas surveys at Ordnance Survey).

Wednesday: Punting on the River Cam and Jazz evening (*Dress code informal*)

(A punt is a flat bottomed boat with a square-cut bow; it is designed for use in small rivers or other shallow water. Punting refers to boating in a punt. The punter propels the punt by pushing against the river bed with a pole. Their use is almost exclusively confined to pleasure trips on the rivers in the University towns of Oxford and Cambridge.)

Thursday: Drinks reception and Gala Dinner (*Dress code formal or National dress*)

Friday: Information visits and closing dinner (*Dress code smart casual*)

Conference registration

Registration goes live on **19 March** and an official invitation letter accompanies this newsletter mailing.

Registration is via an on-line process or by downloading an application form, which can be faxed or posted back to The Conference Office. The cost of attendance is only **£399** per person, which includes all conference sessions, workshops, the full social programme and refreshments throughout each day including lunch and dinner. As a delegate at the Cambridge Conference you will have the unique opportunity to stay at St John's College. Prices for accommodation at the historic college are shown on the Conference website and on the registration form. Bookings should be made at the same time as you register for the event.

Bring a young person with you

This is a new idea we are trialling, following a suggestion made in the National Mapping Agencies Round Table meeting at the GSDI 9 conference in Chile. It is a scheme to help maintain the sustainability of the Cambridge Conference and to bring in fresh ideas for its continuous development.

Delegate places are being reserved for budding Future Leaders, who must be accompanied by their NMCO head. Only 25 places will be available, therefore you are invited to nominate up to two of your staff who you think may fall into this category. Please email Sallie White sallie.white@ordnancesurvey.co.uk with your nominations.



Conference sponsorship

We have good news in that every day of the conference now has a sponsor. Without the kind support of our sponsors and exhibitors we would not be able offer assisted places to certain delegates. We are particularly grateful to our five main sponsors who have each sponsored one of the days at the conference:

Sunday – Trimble

Monday – ESRI

Tuesday – Oracle

Wednesday – Intergraph and Rolta

Thursday – Topcon

CC:The Exchange – resolution update

In the National Mapping Agencies Round Table meeting held at the GSDI 9 conference in Chile, in November 2006, the resolution of CC:The Exchange conference that the more developed national mapping organisations should support those in less developed nations, was discussed further and the following resolution was passed.

To provide support for the development of SDIs across the world, an exchange of knowledge between countries is vital. The creation of a global 'GSDI GI Knowledge Portal' will facilitate the creation of an information exchange network, benefiting countries in the developing and developed world, both in the short term and in the creation of their long term sustainable future.

The GSDI Board has passed this resolution and agreed to scope the work required for setting up the portal. The Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JBGIS) met at the World Map Forum held at Hyderabad, and agreed that they also support the development of a portal and will assist GSDI as appropriate to ensure its delivery.

A workshop will be held at the Cambridge Conference to aid with the scoping and development of the portal and your input will be invaluable, to ensure it meets your needs and requirements.

Assisted places scheme

As before, there is a scheme for providing financial assistance for the attendance of NMCO heads who would not otherwise be able to attend the conference. The scheme is being administered by Lynne Sims (lynne.sims@ordnancesurvey.co.uk) to whom applications should be sent.

Cambridge Conference Advisory Board

We are very pleased to welcome Colonel Rodrigo Barriga of the Instituto Geográfico Militar de Chile to the Advisory Board. With effect from the middle of December, Colonel Barriga has replaced his colleague Mr Luis Alegria whose help and contribution up to this date is warmly acknowledged.

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:

- Vanessa Lawrence** - vanessa.lawrence@ordnancesurvey.co.uk
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- 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;
- Lynne Sims** - lynne.sims@ordnancesurvey.co.uk
– who will be looking after administration and supported delegate arrangements; and
- Julie Wright** - julie@theconferenceoffice.co.uk
– who will be looking after registration, the exhibition and venue management.

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