

Call for Contributions

8th European GIS education Seminar

GIS education: Where are the boundaries?

6-9 September, 2012

Leuven, Belgium

A specialist seminar on GIS education

This will be the 8th *European GIS in Education Seminar - EUGISES*. After very successful meetings in the Netherlands (1998), Hungary (2000), Spain (2002), Austria (2004), Poland (2006), UK (2006) and Greece (2010), it will come to Leuven in Belgium in 2012. The basic purpose of the seminar remains unchanged, an occasion for all of those in Europe interested in teaching and learning the Science, Technology and Applications of GIS to meet to share ideas, best practice, innovation, the odd confession and possibly a drink or two. The social aspect will be important as this will be a meeting of old and new friends with a shared interest and passion.

Participants will be able to submit full technical papers and posters and more importantly will have the chance to participate in the discussion of all the presented work. The papers will be presented in a single stream through the seminar to ensure that all delegates can attend every session.

The specific focus of the 2012 edition of the seminar is the search for boundaries of the GIS educational playing field. Which organisational, technical, geographical and content-wise elements can be incorporated in a meaningful way in GIS-education? Which should be avoided?

Data and Venue

EUGISES 2012 will run from Sept 06 (Thursday) - Sept 9 (Sunday) 2012. It will be held in Leuven, Belgium. Leuven is situated at a 25 kilometers from the EU's capital Brussels. Leuven (www.leuven.be) has about 90,000 inhabitants. Add to this 35,000 post-secondary and 11,000 high school students.

Founded in 1425, the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (K.U.Leuven) is the oldest university in the Low Countries and the oldest Catholic university in the world. Today K.U.Leuven is Belgium's largest university, consisting of faculties and departments, covering the complete range of scientific disciplines in the humanities, natural science and technology, bioscience and medicine, supported by about 8,000 staff members. Whereas the faculties provide high-quality interdisciplinary teaching, the departments strive for excellence in the related scientific domains.

Leuven is in easy reach from Brussels airport by train (15 minutes only; min. one direct train/hour) and also from the Brussels train stations (20 minutes).



Structure of the seminar

Following in the footsteps of the previous EUGISES seminars, the 2012 edition aims to gather participants from all over Europe, but also from outside Europe, in an informal setting to discuss GIS education.

The seminar will start with a welcome and an ice breaker party on Thursday evening. On Friday and Saturday, the main presentations will run from 9:00am to 6:00pm. On Friday or Saturday night there will be a conference dinner while the other night a social evening will be organised. On Sunday morning there will be a session for summation and future planning, with the seminar formally finishing at lunch time.

Sessions and Topics

The sessions, all plenary, will have various forms: oral and poster presentations, discussion, working groups, (computer) demonstrations, etc. Presentations will be rather short, so we do not expect participants to present their full paper at the seminar but to select those issues that could stimulate discussion and the exchange of ideas.

Sessions will cover the well-known EUGISES-issue of “Confirmed and new GIS educational practices” applied in Europe and beyond. The call for technical papers and posters concerns the following questions and topics are at stake:

- How can the internet help?
- How important are the upcoming spatial data infrastructures?
- How important is the GIS-software?
- How important is the instructor?
- How important are the characteristics of the target student group?
- Educational trajectories for GIS

- Is there scope and/or need for standardisation of GIS-curricula and teaching materials?
- How can quality of GIS-education be measured and assured?

In addition to these EUGISES-issues contributions are invited related to relatively unexplored topics such as:

- What do we learn from educational advances in other disciplines?
- Examples and evaluation of north-north, north-south and south-south GIS-educational cooperation
- Is geo-ICT a component of GIS-education or is it a separate topic?

Practical Information

Program, Registration and abstract submission Information:

<http://ees.kuleuven.be/eugises12/>

→ Abstract submission: 31st of January 2012

Registration will open soon!

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