Hi, hope 2008 is treating you all well. The final decisions and scheduling are still in the works, but it looks like we will be well represented at the 2008 GSA Annual Meeting in Houston. It will be a bigger and more diverse meeting than usual because of the linkage with other societies.

GSA is really pushing linkages between divisions and sections, so please think about going to the meeting of your GSA geographic section (see http://www.geosociety.org/sectdiv/ for a map of the sections.) It is too late to think about proposing sessions for the section meetings this year, but think about doing this for 2009. I have found these smaller sectional meetings to be very productive.

The big international meeting for us is GEOINFORMATICS 2008, which is being held in Potsdam, Germany. Potsdam is on the edge of Berlin and is a very interesting and historic place. More details follow this message.

Please let me know of other newsworthy items to share with Geoinformatics Division Members.

Cheers, Randy

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GEOINFORMATICS 2008 - Second Circular and Call for Abstracts

What: Geoinformatics 2008
When: 11-13 June 2008
Where: Potsdam, Germany, at GeoForschungsZentrum.

Abstract submission and registration open 1 March 2008; topics and additional information follow.

Dear Colleague,

Discovery, integration, management, and visualization of geoscience data with the goal of improving our understanding of the processes that have shaped the earth and our environment over time will be highlighted at the Geoinformatics 2008 Conference. Globalization of geoinformatics based research and education in support of meeting societal challenges will be a significant theme for the conference.
The Conference provides an international forum for researchers and educators from earth and planetary sciences, and information technology/computer science to present new data, data analysis or modelling techniques, visualization schemes or technologies as they relate to developing the cyberinfrastructure for the geosciences.

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- Changing Earth: Global challenges and informatics based solutions
- Globalisation of Geoinformatics: Developing Collaboration to Sustain Growth
- Tools and services for the Geosciences
- Dealing with data: Technologies and policies
- Future research directions in geoinformatics

We also offer rooms for workshops and demonstrations.


Publication:


Important Dates:

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1 March 2008 - 3rd Circular and call for abstracts
1 March 2008 - Registration opens
30 April 2008 - Registration of abstracts closes
11 May 2008 - Notification of authors

Travel Support:

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On behalf of the organising committee, I am looking forward to your contribution to the conference and to seeing you in Potsdam in June.

Sincerely,
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