

Seventh European GIS Education Seminar




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Serres, Greece



CALL FOR PAPERS

Organized by:

			
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A specialist meeting on GIS education in Europe

This will be the seventh *European GIS in Education Seminar - EUGISES*. After very successful meetings in the Netherlands (1998), Hungary (2000), Spain (2002), Austria (2004), Poland (2006) and the U.K. (2008), it will come to Greece, the town of Serres in 2010. The basic purpose is to offer an occasion for all of those interested in the teaching and learning of GIS in Europe (and beyond) to share ideas, best practice, and innovation. The social aspect will be important as this will be a meeting of old and new friends with a shared interest and passion.

Delegates will be able to submit full papers and posters and will have the chance to participate in the discussion. The papers will be presented in a single stream through the seminar to ensure that all delegates can attend any session.

Date and Venue

EUGISES 2010 will run from Sept 09 (Thursday) - Sept 12 (Sunday) 2010. It will be held in Serres, Greece, a city located in the north part of the country, about 80 km from Thessaloniki, which is the biggest transportation hub in the area. There are many regular international flights from Thessaloniki to many other European cities and during the touristic season (between April and October) many charter flights as well. Then there is a bus service from Thessaloniki that runs every half an hour and takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes to reach the city of Serres.

Serres is referred rather early (5th century BC) in Greek history and has played a significant role being placed between two important rivers, Nestos and Strimonas. The surrounding area has a lot of natural beauty with main attractions being the Lake Kerniki (an artificial lake created to regulate the waters of Strimonas river) which is now a protected area and the Cave of Alistrati, one of the most beautiful in the country. Serres has about 100000 inhabitants, with about 10% of them being the students of TEI of Serres, giving a livelier note to the city.

TEI of Serres was founded in 1979, is publicly owned and belongs to the Greek tertiary education system since 1983. The T.E.I. consists of two Faculties, the Faculty of Applied Technology and the Faculty of Administration and Economics.

The total number of registered students amounts to 12000 whereas that of the teaching staff (both permanent and temporal) comes up to 400.

Structure of the meeting

Following in the footsteps of the previous EUGISES meetings, this seminar aims to gather people from all over Europe, and some guests from outside Europe, in an informal setting to discuss GIS education. Keynote speakers will be invited to introduce the main seminar themes. Papers and posters on topics relating to GIS education will be presented during the three conference days. There will be ample opportunities to discuss GIS education related issues with each other at formal and informal meetings throughout the daily sessions and at the evening social events.

The meeting will start with a welcoming address and an ice breaker party on the Thursday evening. The main presentations will run from 9:00am to 6:00pm on Friday and Saturday. There will be a conferences dinner on the Friday night on the campus and a social evening on Saturday. On Sunday morning there will be a summation meeting and future planning meeting, with the seminar formally finishing at lunch time.

Preliminary agenda

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Thursday September 09th		12.00 - 17.00 Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 17.00 Opening session: Welcome ➤ 17.30 Warming-up ➤ 18.30 - 19.45 ice breaker
Friday September 10th	Session 1	Session 2 Session 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Social activity (Dinner)
Saturday September 11th	Session 4	Session 5 Session 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Social activity (Dinner and cultural event)
Sunday September 12th	Summation 12.00 closure		

Sessions

The plenary sessions will have various forms: paper presentations, discussion, working groups, (computer) demonstrations, poster presentations etc. Presentations will be 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.

This time we organize the call for papers a little bit different. Two vision papers are written to organize at least two sessions that will deal with questions that are put forward in these two papers.

The first paper focus on how to deal with GI education in a different world as seen 10 years ago (related to paper of Marinus de Bakker and Fred Toppen).

The second is about how to organize GI education, if we accept that most of us do not have the resources to develop new topics by ourselves. (related to paper of Josef Strobl).

We hope that some of you would like to take one of these papers as starting point. In that case, please indicate which specific topic related to the vision papers you will address in your paper. This will help us to organize an interesting seminar. The vision papers are available on the conference website. If you have any questions related to this, please contact the organizers.

But feel free to address other topics, because we will also have more open ("free") sessions that could address issues such as: best educational practices, harmonisation of (GI) curricula in Europe, geo services, GI education for professionals, GI education for end users, incorporating new technology in GI-teaching, interoperability of teaching materials, quality assurance mechanisms for GI-education, and business models in education.

Fee

The seminar registration fee (early/final € 400 / 450, student fee € 330 / 380) will cover as usual all conference materials, coffee/tea, meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) during the conference days, and accommodation for three nights in the same hotel where the conference takes place.

East European sponsor programme

The organizing committee will try to support the participation of colleagues from Central and East European countries who are unable to cover the costs of participation. To the extent that these funds are available, grants will be given to cover (part of) the costs for the conference fee and accommodation for those who apply. Information about these grants will become available early 2010.

Time schedule

March 7, 2010	Deadline paper and poster proposals
April 1 2010	Results review process paper and poster proposals
April 15 2010	Final date early registration fee (€ 400)
June 2010	Final draft programme and papers available on conference web-site
June 30 2010	Final date registration with guaranteed accommodation at the conference site
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