

# CPGIS 2011 Newsletter

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## President's Notes

Dear CPGISers,

*This new issue of Newsletter comes with the warm weather and you can see its new design is really warm and maybe even hot. Thanks Yuqi and his team for their innovative thoughts and hard work.*

*In terms of content, this newsletter covers the active CPGIS life in quite a few months, since the new BOD, new President's Office, and new committees formed. First of all, the local Organization Committee and the CPGIS Annual Conference Committee have been working hard to prepare our annual conference, GeoInformatics 2011. Xiang, Shuming, Xinyue, and many other people have put tons of time and efforts to work on every detail, and we are getting there! One of the many highlights of this year's conference is that there will be a special panel discussion on "Spatial Information Technology Transfer and Entrepreneurship", organized by the Technology Transfer and Entrepreneurship Committee led by Yongmin and Chuang. Several renowned Chinese entrepreneurs in spatial IT have confirmed to be on the panel. I urge everyone to attend our annual conference, the biggest event of CPGIS in a year. Hope to see you all in Shanghai!*

*As a rehearsal of our CPGIS Night in Shanghai, we had a very successful AAG Get-together in Seattle. About 100 people came to the work meeting and 70 of them went to the dinner, which is historical. Thanks Chuanrong and her team for organizing this great event. I only need to mention that at her own expense, Chuanrong became a Chinese cuisine expert of Seattle, just for selecting a good restaurant for this get-together.*

*In the AAG Get-together, Shixiong announced this year's Go Home and Young Scholar Summit plans. Shixiong is chairing both committees this year, and the itineraries to Changsha (Go Home) and Chengdu (Young Scholar Summit) have been in place. (Continued on page 2)*



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*Before the AAG Get-together, we had had another successful get-together in an even bigger conference, AGU. Thanks to Hongjie and his committee, 23 people participated in this event, almost tripled the number compared with last year, showing that CPGIS' influence is quickly expanding.*

*CPGIS's influence is also expanding in China. In the "Advanced Geoinformation Science Training" run by Chaowei and his committee at GMU and ESRI, 17 senior GIS professionals from nine institutions in six provinces of China were exposed to cutting-edge advances in GIS and also learned a lot about CPGIS. This training is another well-established program of CPGIS that has been successfully running for years. One more example of the connection between CPGIS and Chinese institutions is CPGIS' sponsorship to The First International Workshop on Surveying and Geospatial Information System at the Liaoning Technical University in May.*

*Besides the external influence, we also have exciting news about our internal service and construction. Pinde and his committee have been working with ESRI on providing free books to our members. More than 30 members received the WebGIS book donated by ESRI. The second wave of ESRI book donation that expands to seven books is undergoing right now. We greatly appreciate Pinde's effort and ESRI's generosity. In terms of internal construction, our BOD, under the leadership of Yongmei, has been working diligently on creating, reviewing, and approving guidelines in all aspects CPGIS, to ensure that this vivid organization to run smoothly and on right track; Our headquarters, commanded by Shuming, has been established within two short years as a well-functioning headquarters and is routinely handling numerous business issues on a daily base; Hui and his committee, after successfully made the transfer of our journal to Taylor and Francis happen two years ago, which is a great achievement, have been actively and effectively promoting the Annals of GIS; the last and certainly not the least (actually maybe one of the most important), Aijun and his committee has been pushing forward our 501(C)(3) application for our tax-exempt status.*

*We have had these exciting months and there are many things that are not covered by this short newsletter. I believe we will have more exciting news in next issue, as the Committee of CPGIS 20th Anniversary Celebration has formed (Hui Lin, Diansheng Guo, Yuemin Ding, A-Xing Zhu, Shuming Bao, Yongmei Lu, and myself) and we are heading to that historical moment.*

*Finally, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to our new members! I would love to see that soon you names will appear in other sections of the newsletter besides the "Welcome New Members".*

*Best wishes!*

*Xui Shi, President of CPGIS*

## Message from the BOD (2008-2010)

*Dear CPGIS Members,*

*Congratulations to Diansheng on being elected as the President-Elect! Congratulations to the members of the new BOD!*

*It was an honor for me and other BOD members to serve the CPGIS community during the past two years. Now it's time for the current BOD to say goodbye. Many of us, except for Yongmei, Aijun and Xun, will leave the virtual office of BOD. I will continue to serve CPGIS in other capacities, and I am sure others will do the same.*

*I am fully confident that CPGIS will thrive under the leadership of Xun as the President and the new BOD.*

*Best wishes to you all!*

*Lin Liu*

*On behalf of the Board of Directors of CPGIS, 2008-2010*

## Message from the BOD (2010-2012)

*Dear CPGIS members,*

*Thanks to you all for your vote and your trust on this BOD!*

*There is no doubt that all the BOD members will work to the best of our efforts to ensure the healthy growth of CPGIS. We will work closely with the President's Office, CPGIS Headquarters, and all of our members during our term.*

*The newly formed BOD has started the initial process to develop a task list and to identify our priorities.*

*We will inform our members in a timely manner on the important actions / decisions made by the BOD. The holidays are around the corner. CPGIS BOD wish all of our members and their families / friends / significant others*

***A VERY MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON!***

*Yongmei Lu*

*On behalf of the Board of Directors of CPGIS, 2010-2012*



# Bylaws amendments approved

Members of CPGIS,

By Nov 16, 2010, 49 ballots were received. The results are summarized below.

1. Every year 50% of the BOD positions are to be re-elected.

Yes (44) No (3) Abstain (2)

2. The BOD Election Committee should be formed by BOD members who will stay on the BOD.

Yes (42) No (5) Abstain (2)

3. Contingent upon the approval of the Petition about Presidential BOD members, the three (3) Presidential BOD members are not subject to the annual 50% BOD replacement.

Yes (47) No (1) Abstain (1)

4. The immediate past, present, and elected CPGIS Presidents automatically become BOD members. The person who is entitled to the BOD membership in this way will have her/his term on BOD terminated once she/he is not in any of the three positions.

Yes (42) No (4) Abstain (3)

5. The voting record of each BOD member should be open to all CPGIS members once the voting results are available.

Yes (47) No (1) Abstain (1)

6. Under the "ARTICLE II. Purposes" of the Bylaw, add the sentence as follows:

(d) To promote education of geographic information sciences at all levels around the world.

Yes (48) No (0) Abstain (1)

All of the amendments are therefore approved. Thank you for participating in this important event.

Best,  
Bin Li,

Chair, CPGIS Bylaws  
Review Committee

## CPGIS election results

Dear CPGIS Members,

On behalf of the Election Committee, it is my pleasure to announce this year's election results:

1. President-elect: Guo Dianasheng

2. BODs: The following individuals (in the alphabetical order of last name) got the most votes and will join the immediate past-president (Chen Aijun) to form a new 12-member BOD.

Ding Yuemin, Guo Diansheng, Qinghua Guo, Li Xiang, Liu Desheng, Liu Yu, Lu Yongmei, Luo Wei, Mu Lan, Shi Xun, Yao Xiaobai

Note: We were to elect 10 BODs. Due to a tie at No.10, we elected 11 BODs (a bonus one)! We will leave the issues related to BOD members (how many automatic seats, how many up for election each year) and rotation ratio to the new term management team and all CPGIS members to decide.

Please join me to congratulate them!

Fahui Wang, Ge Lin and Hanming Tu

Election Committee

### CPGIS BOD 2010-2012



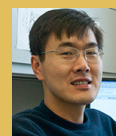
Aijun Chen



Yuemin Ding



Diansheng Guo



Qinghua Guo



Xiang Li



Desheng Liu



Yu Liu



Yongmei Lu



Wei Luo



Lan Mu



Xun Shi



Xiaobai Yao



***The BOD passed 2010 President Report and Headquarters Report***

Dear CPGISers,

I am pleased to report to you that CPGIS BOD has reviewed and passed the 2010 CPGIS President Annual Report and the 2010 CPGIS Headquarters Annual Report.

The two reports were submitted as a bundle package by Dr. Aijun Chen in early November of 2010. The final revision was completed by Dr. Aijun Chen on November 30, 2010.

CPGIS BOD voted on the combined reports on Dec. 9 through Dec. 13, 2010. The reports were passed by 11 YES and one ABSTAIN. Dr. Aijun Chen voted ABSTAIN due to conflict of interest.

CPGIS BY-law Amendment requires that BOD members' vote records be open to all CPGIS members.

Best,

Yongmei Lu

- ***The BOD passed 2010 President Report and Headquarters Report.***

- ***The BOD January 2011 Meeting Minutes - Voting Results on Conflict of Interest Policy***

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Dear CPGISers,

BOD received from Business Committee on January 8th, 2011 a request to approve "Conflict of Interest Policy" to be adopted by CPGIS. BOD held a meeting during Jan. 9th - 18th to discuss and revise (when necessary) this document.

BOD has unanimously approved the "Conflict of Interest Policy".

The Policy will be posted on CPGIS webpage. The meeting Minutes is attached. (Note that the legal style language of this Minutes is needed for CPGIS to apply for 501(c)(3) status.

Best regards,

Yongmei Lu



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***BOD Meeting was hold during February 8 and 14 through e-mail communications***

The focus of this BOD meeting was to review the general financial status of CPGIS and to discuss and approve the three budget requests for year 2010-11 from three CPGIS Committees.

The BOD expressed a concern about the general budget plan of CPGIS, especially given the current small budget operation we have. The BOD recommends that CPGIS Treasurer, Dr. Diansheng Guo, with the help from CPGIS President, Dr. Xun Shi, CPGIS General Secretary, Dr. Shuming Bao, and others, develop a revised CPGIS Financial Status Analysis and Prediction to be presented to the March BOD meeting for further review and discussion.

The BOD meeting reviewed and discussed the budget requests. The related three committees are asked to revise their budget requests and resubmit them to March BOD meeting if appropriate. The BOD recommends that, at this stage of CPGIS development, all CPGIS awards (except for Best Student Paper Awards) are honorable rather than monetary.

- BODS hold two virtual meetings during February and March of 2011 respectively. The focus of these two meetings was to review the general financial status of CPGIS, and to discuss and approve several committees' budget requests.
- The BOD recommends that, at this stage of CPGIS development, all CPGIS awards (except for Best Student Paper Awards) are honorable rather than monetary.
- Issues of using credit card services, preparation of the Geoinformatics 2012, and Geoinformatics 2011 progress were also discussed.

***BOD Meeting was hold during March 8 and 16 through e-mail communications***

This BOD meeting, following the theme of February meeting, focused on reviewing the general financial status of CPGIS. The BOD also reviewed and voted on two proposals from specific Committees.

In particular, CPGIS AAG Get-together Committee's budget request of \$500 was approved. CPGIS Education Committee's proposal of establishing the "CPGIS Excellence in GIS Education" award was approved. CPGIS Treasurer, Dr. Diansheng Guo submitted to BOD in March 2011 a budget analysis report including the review of 2010 budget and the predicting of 2011 budget, which was also approved.



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## Minutes of the BOD Meeting in May, 2011

The Board of Directors of The International Association of Chinese Professionals in Geographic Information Sciences (CPGIS) held its May 2011 board meeting through email communication during May 10-25, 2011. The current BOD members are:

- (1) Lu, Yongmei, Chair
- (2) Chen, Aijun
- (3) Ding, Yuemin
- (4) Guo, Diansheng
- (5) Guo, Qinghua
- (6) Li, Xiang
- (7) Liu, Desheng
- (8) Liu, Yu
- (9) Luo, Wei
- (10) Mu, Lan
- (11) Shi, Xun
- (12) Yao, Xiaobai

There were four major items for this month's BOD meeting:

- (1) To officially vote to for a BOD resolution to adopt CPGIS Bylaws and the two Amendments (created and passed by then BOD in November 2007 and October 2010 respectively).

The purpose of this action was to facilitate the request from the lawyer's office with whom CPGIS has been working to apply for 501(C) 3 status.

- The BOD resolved to accept the motion that CPGIS officially adopt the Bylaws and the two Amendments
- The BOD resolved to fully support the GeoInformatics 2012 Conference and CPGIS 20th Anniversary Celebration proposal submitted by Hui Lin and his group.
- The BOD reviewed the Guidelines for CPGIS Headquarters and the Guidelines for CPGIS Financial Management

(2) To review, discuss and vote on GeoInformatics' 2012 Proposal submitted by Dr. Hui Lin and his group from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The proposal was recommended to BOD by CPGIS Conference Site Selection Committee on May 16, 2011.

(3) To review and discuss the Guidelines for CPGIS Headquarters (draft) that was developed by Dr. Shuming Bao in October 2010).

(4) To review and discuss the Guidelines for CPGIS Financial Management (draft) that was developed by Drs. Xun Shi and Qiming Zhou in October 2010).

After review and discussion of the related documents, BOD voted on items (1) & (2):

- With a unanimous vote, the BOD resolved to accept the motion that CPGIS officially adopt the Bylaws and the two Amendments.
- With a very strong vote (11 yes and one "no vote"), the BOD resolved to fully support the GeoInformatics 2012 Conference and CPGIS 20th Anniversary Celebration proposal submitted by Hui Lin and his group.

The BOD reviewed the Guidelines for CPGIS Headquarters and the Guidelines for CPGIS Financial Management. The BOD felt that more discussion and investigation are necessary before conducting a BOD voting.

The next BOD meeting will be held on June 24 during GeoInformatics 2011 Conference in Shanghai.



## Book donations from ESRI

Dear CPGIS colleagues,

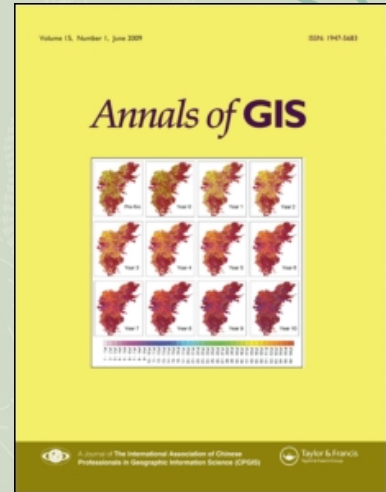
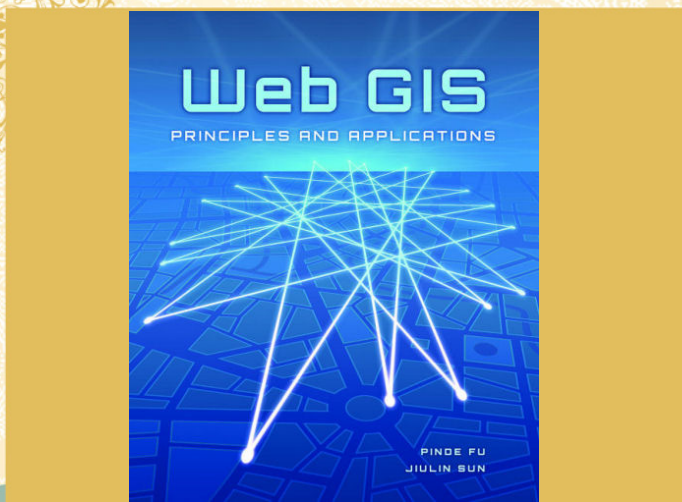
Esri accommodated all our requests and donated 31 copies of the Web GIS book to us.

Peisheng, Chair of the Membership Committee, checked the requesters' CPGIS memberships. We waited a week for some of the requesters to renew their memberships. So far, Esri has shipped out all the books. Those in the US should have received the books, and those abroad should receive the books in a couple of weeks. As an author, I hope you will find the book helpful to your teaching and research.

The goal of CPGIS Education Committee is to help our members to update and expand GIS education. If you have suggestions to our committee, or if there are some books, seminars, or trainings you need, please let me know. We will do our best to work with resources inside and outside CPGIS to support you.

I wish everyone and your family a happy & prosperous rabbit year!

Pinde Fu



## Please support OUR Journal!

Dear CPGISers,

As many of you know, generations of the editors, from Dr. Peng Gong to Dr. Hui Lin, and many others, worked very diligently to promote OUR journal, *Annals of GIS* (previously *Journal of Geographic Information Science*). A couple of years ago, under the leadership of Dr. Hui Lin, this effort reached a landmark, which is the adoption of the journal by Taylor & Francis, one of the world's most renowned academic publishers.

Our next goal is to make it an SCI journal. We all know that in many cases SCI is a very important reputation "label" for an academic journal.

Your effort and contribution will be greatly appreciated by the Editorial Board, the management team of CPGIS, and the BOD.

Xun Shi

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## Final Report: CPGIS Get-together at AGU

**Event Name:** CPGIS Get-together at AGU

**Date:** 12/15/2010

**Time:** 6:00 PM - 10:30 PM

**Location:** Meet at the east door at the Moscone West and then walk to Chinatown for dinner

**Attendants:** 23 (18 new + 5 CPGIS members)

We successfully conducted the second CPGIS get-together in AGU and had 23 attendants including 18 new persons from different countries and institutions, with most of them from USA. Based on experience from last year, we did not book a room in the conference for this year. So a formal ppt presentation and individual introduction were not possible, in stead, the mutual interaction, conversation, and communication among all the attendants were informally conducted for 4.5 hours during the waiting time, walking to the Chinatown, waiting outside the restaurant, and the dinner time. During the waiting time for food be ready, we first handed the sign up sheet for all attendants to sign, which will be used for further communication and interaction.



Then we distributed documents and information (CPGIS brochure with CPGIS URL; membership application form; Annals of GIS cover pages example; subscription information for the Annals of GIS; flyer for the 2011 Geoinformatics in Shanghai; and the latest newsletter of CPGIS) for those new persons to read and take home. We were asked many formal and informal questions about the CPGIS, activities, meeting, and benefits. The dinner, of course, the best Chinese food in town, was very good and everybody was enjoyed and had great time.

The total expense was about \$400. CPGIS paid the \$207 and the remaining was paid by Dr. Chaowei Yang from George Mason University through the Joint Center for Intelligent Spatial Computing (CISC) as part of the Center's outreach activities. Thank Chaowei for his support.

In summary, we believe this was a very successful event for promoting the CPGIS and enlisting new members. We hope the event will be continued in the next year and years to come, so the CPGIS will be better recognized by our peers.

Hongjie Xie



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## AAG get-together at Seattle

Event Name: CPGIS Get-together at AAG

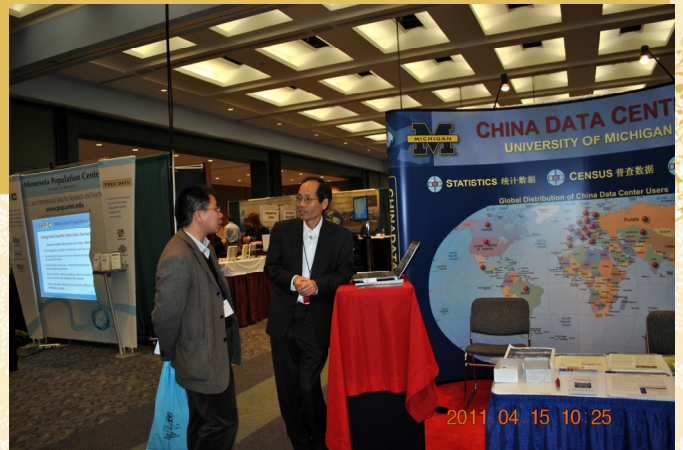
Date: 04/14/2011

Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Thank Pindi Fu for taking these pictures!

You may find them on the picasa website. Here is the URL:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/108574836609761205539/AAG2011CPGISGetTogether?authkey=Gv1sRgCNzTqoituu-5kAE#>





# AAG 2011





# Seminars

## Seminars at the ISEIS@CHUK, Hong Kong

**Advanced Workshop on Spatial Information Technologies for Emergency Management**

Topics:  
 "Applications of Laser Scanning Technologies to Air Survey and Mobile Mapping"  
 "Prediction of Earthquakes with GPS Data"  
 by Prof. Shunji Marui  
 Swiss Association of Geodesy

"UAV Photogrammetry"  
 "Image-based Modeling for Emergency Management"  
 by Prof. em. Dr. Armin Grun  
 Institute of Construction and Building Research Zurich, ETH Zurich, Switzerland

Date: 18 April 2011 (Monday)  
 Venue: Room 303, Fok Ying Tung Remote Sensing Science Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Registration Deadline: 31 March 2011  
 Enquiry: 2609 6538  
 Supporting Organization: RICS

For workshop details, please visit:  
<http://www.iseis.cuhk.edu.hk/sitem/>

**基于ArcGIS的前四史歷史地圖與地圖對多學科的作用**

演講人: 許盤清主任  
 南京三江學院  
 歷史地圖中心

日期: 2011年2月18日 (星期五)  
 時間: 上午11時  
 地點: 香港中文大學  
 霍英東通感科學館303室

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**数字城市群建设和管理学术研讨会**  
 香港中文大學太空與地球信息科學研究所  
 2010年11月25-26日

主辦單位: 國際遙感科學院中國中心, 中國遙感科學院遙感應用研究所, 中國科學院遙感應用研究所, 中國科學院遙感應用研究所, 中國科學院遙感應用研究所

協辦單位: 香港中文大學遙感與地理信息科學系, 香港中文大學遙感與地理信息科學系, 香港中文大學遙感與地理信息科學系

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**Sea-level Change and its Impacts on Coastal Region**

Speaker: Prof. Nils-Axel Morner  
 Department of Paleogeophysics and Geodynamics, Stockholm University, Sweden

Date: 4 March 2011 (Friday)  
 Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
 Venue: Room 303, Fok Ying Tung Remote Sensing Science Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Enquiry: 2696 1200 All are welcome

**Seminar Self-adaptive Scale Digital Terrain Analysis and Modelling**

Speaker: Prof. Zhou Qiming  
 Centre for Geo-Computation Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University  
 25 February 2011 (Friday)  
 4:00 - 5:30 pm  
 Venue: Room 303, Fok Ying Tung Remote Sensing Science Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Enquiry: 2609 6538 All are welcome

**Second International Conference on Global Change and the Environment in Asia and Pacific (GCEAP): Inland Waters and Coastal Environment**

Themes:

- Air-sea interaction and landfall storms
- Algorithms and methods
- Aquatic ecosystems feedback to and interactions with global climate change /Climate and anthropogenic influence on coastal/inland water quality and adjacent ecosystems (including coral reefs)
- Coastal Erosion, Estuaries Sustainment and the Impacts of LULC changes
- Water Optical properties and Water Color Remote Sensing in Rivers, Lakes, and Coastal Waters
- Holocene to Recent Coastal Landscape Structure, Change, and Hazards in the Northern Gulf of Mexico

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. John Brock**  
 Title: Late Holocene Sea Level Fluctuation Altered Coral Reef Ecosystem Structure at the Dry Tortugas

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Arnold Dekker**  
 Title: Management-relevant Remote Sensing of Temperate to Tropical Aquatic Ecosystems in Australia

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Jim Gower**  
 Title: Global Observations of Intense Surface Plankton Blooms and Floating Vegetation using MERIS MCI

Keynote Speaker: **Prof. Chuanmin Hu**  
 Title: A Remote Sensing View of Aquatic Hazards in East China and the US Gulf Coast

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Zhongping Lee**  
 Title: Monitoring Water Quality Parameters via Ocean Color Remote Sensing

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Alan E Strong**  
 Title: NOAA Coral Reef Watch Program from Satellite Observations

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Menghua Wang**  
 Title: Satellite Remote Sensing of Water Properties for Ocean, Coastal, and Inland Waters

Session proposal due date: February 1, 2010  
 Abstract due date: April 30, 2010  
 Acceptance: June 30, 2010  
 Pre-registration deadline: July 31, 2010  
 Full paper due: August 31, 2010

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 The Yuen Yuen Research Centre for Satellite Remote Sensing

**二十一世纪中国地球科学发展—立足中国、走向世界**

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 霍英東通感科學館 303室

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**Spatial Information Science and Technology in Mars and Lunar Exploration**

Speaker: Dr. Rongxing Li  
 Mapping and GIS Laboratory, The Ohio State University

Date: 13 December, 2010  
 Time: 2:30pm  
 Venue: Room 303, Fok Ying Tung Remote Sensing Science Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Speaker Biography:  
 Dr. Rongxing Li, is Lower B. Strange Professor of Engineering and Director of the Mapping and GIS Laboratory of The Ohio State University (OSU). He is a Participating Scientist of the MER and LRO missions, a member of the Mars Exploration Program Geodesy and Cartography Working Group, and a collaborator of the Mars Express HRSC Photogrammetry and Cartographic Processing Working Group. He is also a member of the ExoMars mission PlanCart science team.

Enquiry: 26096538 All are welcome



## Advanced GeoInformation Science Training Program Report

Dear All,

Thank to the support from National Geomatics Center of China (NGCC) leaders including Director Zhigang Li, and Provost Peter Stearns and Dean Vikas Chandhoke of George Mason University (GMU), The "Advanced GeoInformation Science Certificate Program" for NGCC was successfully concluded. NGCC, GMU, NASA, USGS and ESRI sponsored this program. GMU, UC-Boulder, USGS (Reston and Rocky Mountain Mapping Center) and ESRI (Broomfield/CO and Redlands) collaboratively hosted the training. The class is led by Dr. Jie Jiang, Ms. Junhong Hu, and Dr. Yong Zhao.

Managed by the Center for Intelligent Spatial Computing at GMU and NGCC, the Program is a joint program among NGCC, GMU, and CPGIS to provide training to advanced GIScience professionals, coming from NGCC and information centers of provincial bureaus of surveying and mapping. Seventeen GeoInformation Science professionals from Beijing, Shandong, Shanxi, Hubei, Jiangxi, and Guangdong participated in this customized training program (Mar. 7 – April 12, 2011) at George Mason University, University of Colorado at Boulder, ESRI (Denver and Redlands), and USGS (Reston and Denver). The GMU site was managed by Profs. David Wong, Ruixin Yang, and Dr. Chen Xu. The Colorado site was managed by Prof. Ken Foote (AAG President), and Dr. Pinde Fu coordinated the activities at the ESRI headquarter at Redlands, CA. Doug Nebert hosted the USGS visit with his three colleagues. Chaowei Yang coordinated the overall program.

During the training program, professors and scientists from various universities, government agencies, and companies introduced various cutting-edge topics on Earth Observations systems (EOS), Spatial Statistics, EOS Data Systems, Geospatial Cyberinfrastructure, Web Services, Grid Computing, National Spatial Data Infrastructure/Geospatial One-Stop, the U.S. National Mapping project, Global Earth Observation System of Systems, Semantic/ontology, LBS, a variety of GeoInformation Science applications, and Retrospective on Digital Earth, Volunteered Geographic Information, Citizen Science, and Ontology/Knowledge systems.

All instructors worked very hard to support the training program. A non-exhaustive list includes Peggy Agouris (GMU) and Tony Stefanidis (GMU), Myra Bambacus (NASA GSFC ITCD), Guido Cervone (GMU), Ken Foote (UCB), Pinde Fu (ESRI), Michael Goodchild (UCSB), Stefan Leyk (UCB), Bin Li (CMU), Doug Nebert (USGS/FGDC), Qisheng Pan (TSU), George Percivall (OGC), Haihong Yang, John Qu (GMU), Rob Raskin (NASA JPL), Xun Shi (Dartmouth), Daniel Sui (OSU), Donglian Sun (GMU), Naijun Zhou (UMD), Rama (NASA GSFC), Mengxue Li (UMD), Fahui Wang (LSU), Shaowen Wang (UIUC), David Wong (GMU), Yan Xu (Microsoft), Chaowei Yang (GMU). Thanks also go to the training professionals who study diligently with the professors and scientists. Xu Chen, Pinde Fu (ESRI), Qunying Huang, Jing Li, Min Sun, Caixia Wang, and Chaowei Yang provided translations. Staff members of hosting sites also provided significant support to ensure smooth operations during classes.

Thanks to all who helped make this effort a success. We are exploring future opportunities.

Chaowei Yang

More details will be updated to <http://www.cisc.gmu.edu/training/2011/2011.htm>





## *The 1st International Workshop on Surveying and Geospatial Information Systems*

- **Date:** May 22, 2011
- **Place:** Liaoning Technical University, Fuxin, Liangning
- <http://www.cpgis.org/Announcements/ShowContent.aspx?ID=89>

## *“Go-home” 2011*

- **Date:** June 20-23, 2011
- **Place:** Changsha University of Science & Technology
- **Theme:** “Application of Geospatial Technology in Water-Related Issues”
- <http://www.cpgis.org/Announcements/ShowContent.aspx?ID=95>

## *GeoInformatics 2011*

- **Date:** June 24-26, 2011
- **Place:** East China Normal University
- <http://www.cpgis.org/Announcements/ShowContent.aspx?ID=92>

## *“Young Scholar Summit” 2011*

- **Date:** June 27-30, 2011
- **Place:** Sichuan University
- **Theme:** “Advanced geospatial technology in water-related disaster prevention”
- <http://www.cpgis.org/Announcements/ShowContent.aspx?ID=96>

- **The 1st International Workshop on Surveying and Geospatial Information Systems**
- **CPGIS “Go-home” 2011**
- **CPGIS GeoInformatics 2011**
- **CPGIS “Young Scholar Summit 2011”**
- **ISPRS Workshop on SDI**
- **GeoInformatics 2012 & CPGIS 20th Anniversary Celebration, Hongkong**

## *ISPRS Workshop on SDI*

- **Date:** October 20-21, 2011
- **Place:** Guilin, Guangxi
- <http://www.cpgis.org/Announcements/ShowContent.aspx?ID=93>

## *GeoInformatics 2012 & CPGIS 20th Anniversary Celebration*

*The GeoInformatics 2012 will be hosted by the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK).*

*The Committee of CPGIS 20th Anniversary Celebration has formed. The members are Hui Lin, Diansheng Guo, Yuemin Ding, A-Xing Zhu, Shuming Bao, Yongmei Lu, and Xun Shi.*