

2014 CPGIS “Go Home” Project Call for participation

Location: Xining, China

Date: July 4-14, 2014

Project Background

The “Go Home” Project is one of a series of summer activities sponsored by the International Association for Chinese Professionals in Geographical Information Sciences (CPGIS), a non-profit organization that aims to promote professional development in GIS and related technology by fostering cooperation among its members. This project is specifically designed to encourage academic and professional exchanges between domestic and overseas Chinese GIS professionals through advanced GIS seminars and follow-up discussion held in selected universities and research institutes in China. With the purpose of introducing advanced spatial information technology to academics and professionals in different regions of China, the “Go Home” Project is a continuation of CPGIS’ successful “Go West” Project launched in 2002 in response to the “Western China Development” strategy. The project was renamed “Go Home” in 2007, with a new goal of strengthening the communication of overseas CPGIS scholars with GIS professionals and students in all regions of China.

Project Details

With the support of Qinghai Normal University and local government, the CPGIS “Go Home” project will organize advanced GIS seminars in the summer of 2014 in **Xining, Qinghai Province**. With the fast development of economy in Qinghai after the China’s Western Campaign initiative, the land use and land cover in west China are experiencing huge changes, local natural environment and ecosystems are facing tremendous challenges. The theme of this year’s “Go Home” project will be on the *Application of Geospatial Technology in Natural Environment and Urban Development*. The project will select 4 GIS scholars to deliver seminars in their area of specialty to the faculty members and students of the local hosting institute. A tentative plan is as follows:

Time and Location:

July 4-14 Advanced seminars at Qinghai Normal University (Xining)

Activities: Each selected individual will present one research talk in one of the suggested areas. Follow-up discussions will be arranged. A roundtable discussion with local professionals and governmental officials will be also organized.

Expenses: Lodging, meal, airfare from a domestic city in mainland China to Xining, Xining to a domestic city in China will be covered by the local hosting institute. During the event, local city tours, tours to Lake Qinghai and the Sanjiangyuan Nature Reserve will be arranged. The cost will be covered by local hosts as well.

Tentative Schedule (pending for change):

July 4 Fly to Xining

July 5-6 Presentation, discussion and local tour

July 7-10 Field trip to Sanjiangyuan Nature Reserve

July 11-13 China Urban Geography Annual Meeting (optional)

Leave Xining before or after the meeting in July 11-13

Local Organizer:

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Call for Participation

At this time, CPGIS is soliciting a **one-page abstract** (less than 500 words) along with a latest short **C.V.** from outstanding individuals who are interested in participating in this project. The abstract should provide a succinct description of the presentation to be delivered.

Please note that the young scholar summit program was merged into go-home program after CPGIS BOD voted in the end of 2012. Therefore, welcome any CPGIS members to participate this program.

Please send your **one-page abstract** and C.V. before April 20, **2014** to Shixiong Hu at shu@esu.edu. Selected individuals will be notified via email.

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