**2016 CPGIS “Go Home” Project
Call for participation

Location: Changsha & Xiangtan**, China

**Date**: June 19-24, 2016

**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 Changsha University of Science & Technology and Hunan University of Science & Technology, the CPGIS “Go Home” project will organize advanced GIS seminars in the summer of 2016 in **Changsha & Xiangtan, Hunan Province.** The theme of this year’s “Go Home” project will be on the *Application of Geospatial Technology in Water Environment and Urban Development*. The preferred topics include, but not limited to, the application of UAV or drone in data collection of natural environment and urban development, LiDAR-based DEM generation and 3D modelling, big data, Smart City, Smart Transportation, and Smart Grid, etc. The project will select 5-6 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:**

June 19-24- Advanced seminars at Changsha University of Science & Technology (Changsha) and Hunan University of Science & Technology (Xiangtan)

**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, airfares from a domestic city in mainland China to Changsha, Changsha to a domestic city in China will be covered by the local hosting institutes. During the event, local city tours, tours to Yuelu Montain, Juzizhoutou Island, and Shaoshan will be arranged. The cost will be covered by local hosts as well.

**Tentative Schedule (**pending for change**):**

June 19, Arrive in Changsha

June 20 Seminar in Changsha University of Science & Technology

June 21 Local tour to Yuelu Montain and Juzizhoutou Island, and arrive in Xiangtan

June 22 Seminar in Hunan University of Science & Technology (Xiangtan)

June 23 Local tour to Shaoshan, and return to Changsha

June 24 Leave Changsha or go to a trip to Zhangjiajie or Fenghuang (on own expenses)

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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**, 2016** to Shixiong Hu at shu@esu.edu. Selected individuals will be notified via email.

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