

Final Report: CPGIS Get-together at AGU

By the AGU Getting-together Committee

Event Name: CPGIS Get-together at AGU

Date: 12/15/2010

Time: 6:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Location: Meet at the east door of 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 Conference in Shanghai, and the latest newsletter of CPGIS) to those new persons for them 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.

