

Rectification

In the article titled 'What the Macro World Needs is 3D' (Geoinformatics 4-2006, pages 14-15) a typographical error has occurred. The Hexagon Measurement Technologies sales turnover is 1.5 billion USD and not 1.5 million USD. Our apologies for this mistake.

ESRI Geoinformatik GmbH and con terra GmbH Announce Affiliation

ESRI Geoinformatik GmbH in Kranzberg, Germany, has acquired a majority interest in con terra GmbH of Münster, Germany. At the same time, Dr. Albert Remke has joined ESRI Geoinformatik GmbH as additional shareholder. con terra has been working with ESRI in close partnership for more than twelve years. Both companies will continue to provide their distinctive services and products, operating independently under the existing management.

www.conterra.de

Leica Geosystems Extends Active Customer Care Services

Leica Geosystems has widened its Active Customer Care program to reflect the importance that is given to customer satisfaction by establishing Customer Care Packages. To address the varying demands of customers, Leica Geosystems has introduced several different Customer Care Packages (Blue, Silver and Gold) that allow customers to make use of those benefits that are most suitable for them. Packages also include local benefits to reflect specific local needs. Customer Care Packages start with TPS1200, GPS1200, TPS800, TPS700 and TPS400. Additional Packages will follow shortly. In a first step these Packages are available in Europe with a broader world-wide roll out following in the next stage.

www.leica-geosystems.com

ISO Certificates for NGA

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) has achieved a technological milestone with the accomplishment of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) certifications 9001, 15000 and 27001. NGA is the first intelligence community agency to become ISO 9000 certified, first in the Department of Defense to become ISO (British standard) 15000 certified, and first in the United States - public or private - to become certified in all three (9001, 15000 and 27001). The ISO certifications serve as a baseline to build the improvements necessary for NGA to succeed. They contribute to a culture of continuous improvement, and help NGA develop a fully digital, self-aware, self-sustaining and self-healing infrastructure.

www.nga.mil

Topcon Steps Forward in Hungary

Topcon Europe Positioning recently re-organized its dealer structure in Hungary. Laser Sys Kft., the former laser dealer, will be responsible for machine control markets and activities. At the same time a new dealer, Navicom Plusz Bt., has been appointed as Topcon's Survey and GPS+ dealer.

www.topconeurope.com

Geokosmos Wins European Union Bid

Geokosmos Ltd has won a European Union bid to create the gas pipeline information system for the Central Asian countries (Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan) and Kazakhstan. Under the leadership of Geokosmos a consortium was formed by the following international companies: Group of

Geokosmos companies in Russia and Kazakhstan, IGN France International and Geomod. Under the contract more than 5,000 km of gas pipelines will be surveyed and an information system will be created. The contract was signed at the end of the year 2005. First stages of the project were initiated in February, 2006. The implementation of this project will provide a highly efficient gas pipeline monitoring system to allow to manage effectively the gas supply in the Central Asia region.

www.geokosmos.ru

3D Laser Mapping Appoints Reutech Radar Systems as Distributor



3D Laser Mapping Ltd is boosting its presence worldwide with the appointment of a distributor for Southern Africa. Reutech Radar Systems (Pty) Ltd (RRS) has become the exclusive distributor for 3D Laser Mapping's long range 3D laser scanning and slope monitoring systems in South Africa and the SADC region. In the Southern Africa mining sector, both RRS and 3D Laser Mapping are suppliers to Anglo American. 3D Laser Mapping's slope monitoring system, SiteMonitor, which connects to a REIGL 3D laser scanner, is already in use at a major Platinum mine. Other systems to be supplied by RRS include 3D Laser Mapping's Rapid Mapping System for quickly mapping and measuring open pit volumes. RRS has also developed Movement and Surveying Radar (MSR), an advanced low cost radar system designed to operate in harsh mining environments that provides real-time detection of slope instabilities.

www.3dlasermapping.com

DigitalGlobe Appoints SOVZOND

DigitalGlobe appointed SOVZOND of Moscow, Russia, as the exclusive distributor for its QuickBird satellite imagery in the eight CIS countries of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. SOVZOND is an authorized distributor and sales representative for Earth information organizations worldwide. Amongst others the company's customers include the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Federal Cadastral Agency, the Russian Academy of Sciences, and many local municipalities in Russia's largest cities.

www.digitalglobe.com

ER Mapper Opens Office in Singapore

ER Mapper announced the opening of a new ER Mapper Office in Singapore. The main role of this office is to manage the distribution channels of ER Mapper's geospatial imagery technologies and solutions in South and South-East Asia. ER Mapper has appointed Mr Shanmugam Ganeshkumar as a

Channel Manager who is based in the new Singapore office. Ganeshkumar holds a masters degree in GIS and Remote Sensing and has broad industry experience in various organizations throughout the region.

www.ermapper.com

Thales Adds GeoSpatial Experts to Business Partner Program

Thales' navigation business has formed another partnership in its Business Partner Program. New Business Partner GeoSpatial Experts offers GPS-Photo Link software, which is now fully compatible with the Thales MobileMapper CE handheld GIS data collector. This solution delivers digital photo geo-referencing capabilities for nearly any GIS application including asset management, utilities, forestry, and national parks services. GPS-Photo Link provides a well-organized photo geo-referencing solution with output formats including html, Google Earth and ESRI shapefile. Users can capture their position with sub-meter accuracy using MobileMapper CE and automatically apply location data to digital photos taken at the same spot using the GPS-Photo Link PC software. For more information about GPS-Photo Link software visit the GeoSpatial Experts Web site at:

www.geospatialexperts.com/

www.thalesnavigation.com

GeoEye Awarded Airport Mapping Database Contract

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Stereo Airfield Collection program has awarded GeoEye a \$3.7 million contract to image 365 airfields and produce Airport Mapping Databases (AMDB) over a 12-month period. GeoEye will deliver IKONOS stereo imagery and perform three-dimensional airport feature extraction services in accordance with NGA specifications. This is the NGA's third and largest Airport Mapping Database award to GeoEye, following two prior awards for three airfields in 2004 and 15 airfields in 2005. The effective date of this award is June 2006.

www.geoeeye.com

Vision for Britain's Underground Assets Group

The UK National Underground Assets Group (NUAG) has set out the vision for the future of buried services. It aims to develop and implement standardised procedures on how location information is recorded and stored by the end of 2007. This is to ensure that every organisation with an interest in buried services can access and share information easily, to help themselves as well as others carry out works more effectively. The ultimate goal is to have the ability to visualise and distinguish – on demand – all underground asset records in any one given area.

www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

Thales ProMark 3 Now Supports Hungarian Language

Thales ProMark3 survey system now provides Hungarian language support. The firmware upgrade, which provides the user interface for ProMark3 fully localized into Hungarian, is available from Thales dealer Guards Telecom Co Ltd who led the translation project.

www.thalesgroup.com/navigation

GDC at AGI2006

At AGI2006 GDC will focus on a new release of its SVG Geo-Statistics product, GeoReveal 2.0. This web based geo-statistical reporting solution delivers clear, concise and accessible interactive statistics. GeoReveal 2.0 can be used in a range of situations that relate to communicating information on "What's going up or down and where?" Examples include statistics for crime reduction, census trends in local government or performance information for any business, within public or private sectors. GeoReveal 2.0 will be available in two packages: GeoReveal Studio and GeoReveal Enterprise. The first version provides a design environment for creating interactive geo statistical presentations and reports from common data formats like Excel, Access, MapInfo and ESRI. GeoReveal Enterprise adds complete data management and live exploration for large databases like Oracle or SQL Server. GDC will also feature development plans based on a Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) approach using Web Services and the latest Java Development environments for the support of the widest range of IT platforms. The new products will be scaleable to large numbers of users and deliver new user functionality and enhanced collaborative working.

During the remainder of 2006 and the start of 2007, GDC will be introducing new gazetteer and metadata web services culminating mid 2007 with the launch of entirely new products for Internet and intranet mapping applications.

The gazetteer web services product from GDC provides a set of secure web services for developers to integrate gazetteering operations into enterprise



applications. It is a spatial service that acts as an address enabler for back office applications and public access systems. The product offers an end-to-end solution for distributing and interacting with enterprise gazetteer data in a live capacity. The service is scalable allowing the use of multiple gazetteers or data sources such as NLPG, Ordnance Survey, Royal Mail and custom business data. It is developed to be a platform independent, secure channel for distributing live and on demand gazetteer services.

The metadata web services product from GDC pro-

vides a toolkit for collaborative metadata management. The Metadata console offers the ability to create, edit, delete and publish metadata records. The Manager provides an intuitive browser based user interface incorporating productivity enhancements for record creation. The architecture has been designed to provide low cost extensions or custom metadata schemas to suit a businesses internal requirement for metadata.

Source: GDC

Internet: www.graphdata.co.uk/

SiRF Teams with Fastrax

SiRF announced an alliance with Helsinki-based Fastrax to strengthen SiRF's global value added manufacturer (VAM) program. SiRF's VAM program is designed to enable a broad range of customers to integrate GPS technology quickly into their products without investing significant resources in their own GPS development.

www.sirf.com

GeoNet Inzenjering New Topcon Dealer in Serbia

Topcon Europe Positioning BV will transfer all its Survey and GPS+ Positioning Sales and Support activities of Serbia to GeoNet Inzenjering d.o.o., a Novi Beograd based Design, Engineering and Consulting Company. GeoNet Inzenjering was established in 2004 as an engineering consulting firm, and among other activities the local dealer of the ADW Software Company.

www.topconeurope.com

Intergraph Speeds Delivery of Accurate Geospatial Information

The Czech Land Survey Office has launched its new GEOPORTAL ZU Web portal, based on Intergraph's GeoMedia technology. GEOPORTAL ZU uses the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) Web Map Services (WMS), and features an Internet store for customers to order digital and paper maps as well as web services for agencies to download geospatial datasets of the Czech Republic. The web site makes examining, ordering and using geographic data easier for the public, commercial businesses and government agencies. Additionally, the Czech Land Survey Office can quickly provide up-to-date and accurate data for regional state administration offices. The Web portal was recognized by the board of independent industry experts as "The Best Geo-Application of The Year in 2004".

http://geoportal.cuzk.cz

www.intergraph.com

Intergraph Assists in Protecting Historic Venice

Intergraph announced a partnership with the Italian government to safeguard the Venice lagoon from the rising tides of the Adriatic Sea, which threaten to erode this city and erase history in the next 50 to 100 years. Consorzio Venezia Nuova (CVN) is a private consortium which proposed a solution to the sinking of Venice. The solution, Modulo Sperimentale Elettromeccanico (Electromechanic Experimental Module) or MOSE, was approved by the Italian government in 2003 and is slated for completion in 2011. It features 78 submerged, mobile dams at the three entrances to the lagoon. When the sea tide rises above 110 centimeters, the dams can be activated by inflating compressed air and expelling water, thereby preventing the flooding of the lagoon and the city of Venice.

www.intergraph.com

200th Addition CitySphere Collection

GlobeXplorer announced the successful loading of its 200th DigitalGlobe CitySphere market to its suite of online data services for mapping/GIS users and Web developers. Dated from 2002 to 2006, the CitySphere collection includes high-resolution satellite imagery of 200 of the largest cities across the globe, including the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia. DigitalGlobe's CitySphere collection features orthorectified 2-foot color imagery. For more information about GlobeXplorer's selection of CitySphere imagery, see www.globexplorer.com/our-content/digital-globe.shtml.

www.digitalglobe.com

Swift LG Appoints Cadcorp Business Partner for Local Government

Cadcorp has announced the appointment of Swift LG as a business partner for the UK local authorities market sector. Part of the Swift Computing Group, Swift LG specialises in the development and provision of integrated software applications for the public sector and has over 70 UK local authorities as customers. The Swift LG product portfolio includes applications for GIS, local land charges (LLC), planning, building control and enforcements, environmental health, licensing, abandoned vehicles and document image processing.

www.cadcorp.com

STAR-APIC at National Forestry Agency in France

STAR-APIC has been chosen by the National Forestry Agency (ONF), in the frame of a so-called 'CarteOdyssee' project, aimed at setting up a GIS based geographical data consulting solution. Worth 125 K€, the project plans to equip approximately 3200 seats spread all over the French country. One of the main targets of the ONF is to offer a very user-friendly and easy-to-use working environment to the users. The project will end with the launch of a first release early 2007. Thanks to the deployment of such a solution, the ONF will optimize the different missions of forests management and environment monitoring on a piece of land covering more than 12 million hectares of forests and natural zones.

www.star-apic.com

People

Laser-Scan Strengthens Senior Management Team

Laser-Scan is pleased to announce that Graham Stickler has joined the Company as Product and Marketing Director. In this role Stickler will have overall responsibility for Laser-Scan's Product Strategy. Stickler replaces Steven Ramage who will now move into the Business Development Director role.

www.laser-scan.com



Topcon Appoints new Regional Sales Manager South-East Europe

Topcon Europe Positioning appointed Mr. Laszlo Szentpeteri as the new Regional Sales Manager for South-East Europe. Szentpeteri has over 15 years experience in the satellite positioning and satellite geodesy.

www.topconeurope.eu



New Business Development Manager for ESRI's EMEA Group

Guenther Pichler has joined ESRI as business development manager for the Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) Group. Pichler has more than 22 years of experience in the GIS industry and comes to ESRI from the Open Geospatial Consortium (Europe) Limited (OGCE), the European arm of the

OGC, where he served as director of business development. In that role, he contributed to establishing the European organization as well as running its day-to-day business.

www.esri.com

Conferences & Meetings

Trimble International User Conference

Trimble will hold its International User Conference November 6-8, 2006 at the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas. The theme of Trimble Dimensions 2006 is 'Building Your Connected Site'. It emphasizes how process integration and intelligent positioning technologies enable surveying, engineering and construction professionals to reduce rework, utilize assets more efficiently, accelerate design updates as well as improve the bidding, planning and billing cycles.

www.trimbleevents.com

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Free and Open Source Software for Geoinformatics International Conference

The Free and Open Source Software for Geoinformatics 2006 Conference takes place in Lausanne, Switzerland, 12-15th September 2006. It will concentrate on various implementations of Open Source GIS technologies throughout the world. Seminars and workshops will share a fundamental theme: the progress of Open Source GIS technologies and especially the management and the technical aspects as well as the latest trends. There will be presentations of different types of software, such as UMN MapServer, Mapguide Open Source, Cartoweb, Postgis, and Jump, and their use for various applications. Besides this all the current GIS questions and trends could be approached, like spatial data infrastructures, data sharing and interoperability, 3D visualization, Location Based Services, and open and/or free data. The event opens with one day devoted to workshops (more than 25) and is followed by a joint plenary session that will set the direction of the conference. An exhibitor showcase will run in the meantime. This will provide government, academia, private organizations and associations with the opportunity to prove their talents and inform the participants of GIS Open Source technologies.

www.foss4g2006.org