



GMES Land Newsflash

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Announcements

NEWSFLASH Summer Edition

Due to the summer break the current NEWSFLASH is a reduced version, which summarizes the most important events for your overview.

The 4th Conference on EU Space Policy is planned for the end of the year

Brussels, Belgium 8th-9th November, 2011

Under the theme "Benefits for citizens and society", the 4th Conference on EU Space Policy will take place during 8 and 9 November 2011 at the European Parliament Hemicycle in Brussels (Belgium). This event will offer an excellent platform for discussion and debate between the main political and industrial decision-makers, bringing together representatives of national and European institutions, authorities, industry, research centres and civil society. The high-level conference will focus on European Space Policy, its benefits for citizens and society, its financing and governance, related industrial policy and the development of space-based applications in the service of EU citizens and EU policy-making. The aim is to identify concrete examples of how progress in developing space-based tools and infrastructure can help address some of the key challenges facing the European Union. Industrial policy, research and innovation, governance and financing will also be examined.

The online registration for the event will be available from the beginning of September at: www.spaceconference.eu

EnviroInfo Ispra 2011, 1st Call for Papers - Innovations in Sharing Environmental Observation and Information

Ispra, Italy, 5th-7th October, 2011

The conference will comprise the field of Environmental Informatics, i.e. informatics applications for the environment, including the monitoring of environmental status and threats, integrated environmental assessment and reporting, the modelling of environmental changes, environmental management information systems as well as the analysis of the interplay between society and the environment. For submission of papers and general conference information please coordinate with the geoland2 task managers and refer to <http://www.enviroinfo2011.org>.

QA4EO Workshop on Providing Harmonised Quality Information in Earth Observation Data by 2015

Oxford, UK, 18th – 20th October 2011

The workshop will present and discuss data quality assurance implementation examples across a wide variety of societal benefit areas. This event will establish a roadmap of key objectives by 2015 that will cover technical, coordination and governance aspects of QA4EO. Your active participation in this very important workshop is critical to moving forward with the Group on Earth Observation (GEO)'s vision for a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS). Please do not hesitate to contact the workshop local organiser Dave Smith (dave.smith@sfc.ac.uk) to register your interest.

Land News

Framework contract for the provision of GMES Initial Operations 2011-2013

On August 5th the tender call for provision of high resolution land cover characteristics

of 5 main land cover types in the frame of GMES Initial Operations 2011-2013 has been published. Bidders are requested to place their offer until 19th September for up to 6 lots. The overall volume of the contract will be max. 6 M€.

Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020

On 29 June 2011, the European Commission presented its proposal for the next multiannual financial framework (MFF) corresponding to the period 2014-2020 (Communication "A Budget for Europe 2020"). This proposal will serve as a basis for the negotiations that are going to take place in the months to come in view of the adoption of the final multiannual financial framework. Annual EU budgets shall comply with the MFF laid down in unanimously adopted Council Regulation with consent of the European Parliament.

The communication of the European Commission (parts I and II) can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/biblio/documents/fin_fw1420/fin_fw1420_en.cfm

GEO BON presents report to Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

The Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON) has submitted an "[Assessment of the Adequacy of Existing Observation Capabilities for the CBD 2020 Targets](#)" to the June meeting of the CBD's Ad Technical Expert Group Meeting on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

Past geoland2 Events

GSCDA Operations Workshop ESA/ESRIN, 7th-8th June 2011

The workshop gathered all stakeholders to review the results achieved so far. GMES Contributing Missions and GMES Services had the chance to actively contribute to the discussion through oral and poster





presentations of their achievements and plans for the future. During the GSCDA workshop it has been announced that the new version of the Data Access Portfolio V2.0 is available for download. Among the selected contributing missions RapidEye will contribute to the wall-to-wall coverage with one seasonal coverage. After Image2000, Image2006 and Image2009, a seasonal coverage without SWIR channel has been introduced for the GMES initial operation phase of GMES. The Data Access Portfolio Version 2.1 can be downloaded here: <http://bit.ly/mQOEWv>

member state organisations through the last years together with the service offer that has been developed and demonstrated. Furthermore the forum aims to identify synergies with existing operational activities in Member States and at Eumesat and future funding requirements to enable a broad end-user up-take.

You can register under <http://www.gmes-geoland.info/news-events/geoland-forum>. The meeting information guide has been sent out to all registered participants. Please consider that the deadline for registration is the 28th of August .

More information about the workshop can be found at the following address: <http://forest.jrc.ec.europa.eu/earsel>

3rd CRAM workshop - Crop and Rangeland Monitoring Nairobi, Kenya, 26th-30th September 2011

The 3rd CRAM Workshop is jointly organised by JRC, FEWSNET and FAO with a contribution of GEO "Global Agricultural Monitoring" Community of practice, is aimed to provide a platform of technical exchange between the community of experts involved in agriculture monitoring for food security. It will be hosted by the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) but its scope cover the whole In sub-Saharan Africa. Based on former experience, the 3rd CRAM conference is structured around 3 types of events

- A plenary "Crop and rangeland monitoring Conference" - (26-28 September)
- A Training side event on "Crop monitoring tools and info. Systems"- (28 -30 Sept).
- A JECAM seminar (28-29 September)

More information and the agenda please see

<http://mars.jrc.ec.europa.eu/mars/News-Events/3rd-CRAM-Workshop>.

Upcoming GMES Land Events

geoland Forum_7

Warsaw, Poland, 14th – 15th September 2011



The meeting will focus on the future of the LMCS and the GMES Initial Operations (GIO). The 7th geoland Forum will re-call the overall set of end-user requirements that has been consolidated with European and

Upcoming Public Events

8th International Workshop of the EARSel Special Interest Group (SIG) on Forest Fires Stresa, Italy, 20th – 21st October 2011

The 8th International Workshop of the EARSel Special Interest Group (SIG) on Forest Fires, titled 'Advances in RS and GIS applications in forest fire management: From local to global assessment' is organised by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission in collaboration with the Laboratory of Forest Management and Remote Sensing, School of Forestry and Natural Environment, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.

Calendar

Date	Event	Place	Internal / Public	geoland2 contact
30th – 31st August 2011	2nd Nordic Remote Sensing Days http://www.nordicrsdays2011.no/	Tromsø, Norway	public	Markus Torma (Syke)
14th – 15th September 2011	geoland Forum_7 Information packages have been sent out.	Warsaw, Poland	internal	geoland2 coordination office
18th – 23th September 2011	ILEAPS meeting http://www.ileaps.org/science_conf_2011/	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	public	Manuela Balzarolo (UNITUS)
19th – 22th September 2011	SPIE Remote Sensing http://spie.org/x6262.xml	Prague, Czech Republic	public	Markus Torma (Syke)
26th-30th September 2011	3rd CRAM workshop - Crop and Rangeland Monitoring http://mars.jrc.ec.europa.eu/mars/News-Events/3rd-CRAM-Workshop .	Nairobi, Kenya	public	Oliver Leo
5th-7th October, 2011	EnviroInfo Ispra 2011, 1st Call for Papers - Innovations in Sharing Environmental Observation and Information http://www.enviroinfo2011.org	Ispra, Italy	public	tbc





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18th – 19th October 2011	GOFC-GOLD Fire Implementation Team meeting	JRC, Ispra, Italy	internal	Steffen Kuntz
20th – 21st October 2011	8th International Workshop of the EARSel Special Interest Group (SIG) on Forest Fires http://forest.jrc.ec.europa.eu/earsel	Stresa, Italy	public	Ioannis Manakos
8th – 9th November 2011	4th Conference on EU Space Policy www.spaceconference.eu	Brussels, Belgium	public	tbc
16th – 17th November 2011	Eighth GEO Plenary meeting	Istanbul, Turkey	internal	tbc
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