



eCET newsletter April 2009

[An occasional electronic newsletter for members of the CET – contributions welcome!]

The **24th International Cartography Conference** (icc2009) will be held in Santiago, Chile from the 15 to 21 November this year. Visit <http://www.icc2009.cl/> for more details.

AfricaGIS 2009 at www.africagis2009.org

ISPRS Centenary 2010 The International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing centenary will be celebrated on July 4, 2010 at its origin, the Vienna University of Technology. The festivities include an extraordinary General Assembly, an Afternoon Celebration, and a Gala Dinner. The centenary celebrations are framed by the ISPRS Commission VII Symposium following the celebrations and before by the German-Austrian-Swiss conference for photogrammetry, remote sensing, and spatial information science.

Mr Damien Demaj, coordinated 60 cartographers from around the world to produce **EARTH**, the largest atlas in the world. The hand bound blue leather version is currently in sale for 3,190 Euro. A profile of this amazing product can be seen at http://www.mapstop.co.uk/product251_Earth-Atlas---Millennium-House.aspx

OPENSTREETMAP is a free editable map of the whole world. OpenStreetMap allows you to view, edit and use geographical data in a collaborative way from anywhere on Earth. Visit <http://www.openstreetmap.org/>

SPRING Version 4.3.3 is a free GIS/ remote sensing software suite produced by the Brazillian government and available at <http://www.dpi.inpe.br/spring/>

SHELDUS is a United States database of spatial hazard events and losses. It is available at <http://webra.cas.sc.edu/hvri/products/sheldus.aspx>

SKETCHUP is neat free downloadable software from Google designed for the creation, modification and sharing of 3D models. It is easy to use and a valuable resource for map makers. Visit <http://sketchup.google.com/>

The Department of Cartography and Geoinformatics, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary has created a **VIRTUAL GLOBES MUSEUM**. Visit <http://terkeptar.elte.hu/vgm/info.php?lang=en>

Professor William Cartwright, ICA President, in his keynote speech at the Australian Map Circle/ Mapping Science Institute, Australia national conference in March mentioned the software **PHOTOSYNTH** “which can transform regular digital photos into a three-dimensional experience.” Visit <http://livelabs.com/photosynth/>

I need your guidance! Do you consider **North America, Latin America, Europe (West & East), Scandinavia, the Middle East, Asia, Oceania, Africa** as representative **REGIONS** of the **WORLD**? Can you provide a more representative regional structure?

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If you have any brief items of interest to fellow CET members then please email them to me at david.fraser@rmit.edu.au. for eCET. If you have more substantial articles please send them to Igor Drecki at i.drecki@auckland.ac.nz for the ICA newsletter.