Fact Sheet

Summit on Geographic Information Science Education
Organized by
University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) Education Committee
Tuesday, 3:30-6:30 PM
at the GIS/LIS Conference in Ft. Worth, Room E108 of the Convention Center.

Background
There is rapidly growing interest in the multitude of education and training issues that cut across stakeholder groups within the geographic information science community. These issues include the appropriate curriculum content for different constituencies, accreditation and certification, methods of delivering GIS education, the roles of the universities and the private sector in GIS training, educational partnerships, and distance learning in GIS. A forum is needed to communicate these issues and concerns among members of different organizations.

Objectives
Among the geospatial community stakeholder groups,
• communicate each organization's current interests and activities regarding education,
• define issues of common interest and
• lay out initial steps which will allow interested organizations to work together.

Leaders
Dr. Richard Wright of San Diego State University
Dr. Karen Kemp of the University of California Santa Barbara.

Participation
Presenters and discussants will be invited from professional and educational organizations as well as government coordinating bodies. Participating organizations will be required to submit position papers in advance.

Attendance is open to all interested persons and organizations. The agenda includes opportunities for open discussion.

Focus - "Professional Education and Training Issues"
Discussions will focus on a broad range of educational and training issues within the GIS community. Issues regarding K-12 education may be included in future summits, if sufficient demand exists.

Summary Results
A written summary of discussions at the Summit will be available after the meeting.

Additional Information
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