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URISA Caribbean Chapter Regional Workshop on Open Source Technologies and Web Mapping

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) Caribbean Chapter is pleased to announce its first Regional Workshop on Open Source Technologies and Web Mapping between February 12 and 14, 2013. If you want to learn more about modern cartography, the art of transforming your GIS implementation dollars into awesome returns or discuss and address key issues affecting GIS development in the region then you cannot afford to miss this workshop. Here is some more information on the interesting speakers who will be delivering the training at the workshop.

George Gartner – Presenter – ICA Workshop Modern Cartography



Georg Gartner is a Full Professor for Cartography at the Vienna University of Technology. He holds graduate qualifications in Geography and Cartography from the University of Vienna and received his Ph.D. and his Habilitation from the Vienna University of Technology. He was awarded a Fulbright grant to the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1997 and a research visiting fellowship to the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in 2000, to South China Normal University in 2006 and to the University of Nottingham in 2009. He is Dean for Academic Affairs for Geodesy and Geo-information at Vienna University of Technology. He is responsible organizer of the International Symposia on Location Based Services & TeleCartography and Editor of the Book Series “Lecture Notes on Geo-information and Cartography” by Springer and Editor of the Journal on LBS by Taylor & Francis. He serves as President of the International Cartographic Association.

Markus Jobst – Instructor – ICA Workshop on Modern Cartography



Markus Jobst is employed at the Austrian Federal Office for Metrology and Surveying, Department Informations management. He studied Surveying at the Vienna University of Technology (TUV) from 1991 to 2003. From 2004 to 2008 Markus Jobst received his PhD with the title „A semiotic model for the cartographic communication with 3D“ at the TUV. After being the research fellow at the research group cartography at the TUV from 2003 to 2007, Markus Jobst followed a PostDoc research grant at the Hasso Plattner Institute (HPI) at the University of Potsdam in 2008. The HPI takes a European leading position in the development of 3D geovisualization with Service-Oriented Architectures and participates the International standardisation initiatives within the OGC (e.g. City-GML, Web3DServices). Since 2009 Markus Jobst manages the technical coordination during the implementation of the EC directive INSPIRE (2007/2/EC) at the Austrian Federal Office for Metrology and Surveying (BEV). The knowledge provided by the BEV is widely used within the Austrian national coordination body of INSPIRE and the European implementation together with the Joint Research Center (JRC) of the European Commission (EC). Actual research activities of Markus Jobst in the areas of Service-Oriented Architectures and efficient geovisualisation can be transmitted as lecturer at the TUV and the HPI of the University of Potsdam. Since 2011 Markus Jobst tries to document the impact of paradigm change in map production and geobusiness within a network of experiences and use-cases as Vice-Chair of the Commission on Map Production and GeoBusiness of the International Cartographic Association.

Greg Babinski – Presenter - URISA Workshop GIS Return on Investment



Greg Babinski is currently the Finance & Marketing Manager at the King County GIS Center in Seattle. He holds both a bachelors and masters degree in Geography from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and has worked as the finance and marketing manager for the King County GIS Center in Washington State for the past 15 years. The King County GIS Center is set up as an internal service fund within the county. He is responsible for spearheading the study to conduct an analysis of the long-term cost benefit of an enterprise GIS in King County from 1992 until 2010. It revealed that during that 18-year period, King County accrued net benefits of between \$776 million and \$1.7 billion, with costs totaling \$200 million. Greg is also a long-time associate of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA), where he has served in various national leadership positions, including secretary; treasurer; and, most recently, president. Babinski recently announced the GIS Management Institute (GMI), a new

initiative by URISA which will develop resources and services that focus on promoting the advancement of professional best practices and standards for the management of GIS operations.



Valrie Grant – Co-presenter - URISA Workshop GIS Return on Investment

Valrie Grant is the founder and Managing Director of GeoTechVision Enterprises Ltd. She earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Geology from the University of West Indies and a Master of Science Degree in GIS and Environment from The Manchester Metropolitan University. She has also had significant supplementary training in GIS, disaster management and environment which have all contributed to her expertise in Geospatial Technology solutions implementation.

Valrie has over 13 years’ experience as a geospatial analyst, government employee and Spatial Technologies consultant for a wide range of public and private organizations in the Caribbean. Valrie has worked in several territories across the region including Barbados, Bahamas, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad, St. Maarten, St. Lucia St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Suriname and USVI.

She is the president of the Caribbean URISA Chapter and was recently awarded the prestigious National Commercial Bank’s “Women in Business” Award for 2013. She serves on the GIS Management Institute (GMI) Committee and also volunteers on several other Committees and maintains several certifications, affiliations and memberships including URISA, GSDI, Land Information Council of Jamaica (LICJ), Jamaica Geologic Society and Jamaica GIS Society (JAMGISS).

Rolando Ocampo Alcántar-Presenter, Second High Level Regional Geospatial Information Management Forum



Rolando Ocampo Alcántar obtained the BSc in Actuarial Sciences at the National Autonomous University of Mexico and Master’s Degrees in General Statistics and in Labour and Education Economics at The Complutense University of Madrid and the Carlos III University, respectively. In the private sector, he was General Director of the opinion surveys firm GAUSSC and Director of the consulting firm CILA. He has collaborated in several government institutions in Mexico including the Office of the Republic’s President, the Ministry of Agrarian Affairs, the National Agrarian Registry and various areas of the National

Institute of Statistics and Geography where he currently serves as Vice President of the Government Board.

Rolando Ocampo serves as Chair of the Executive Committee of the National Geographic and the Environmental Information Subsystem (SNIGMA), which has the responsibility to coordinate the State Units to produce, integrate and disseminate National Interest Information on the matters within its competence.

From August 2013 he is the President of the United Nations Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas).