



CP-IDEA Activity Report

2009-2010

August 2009 – December 2010

1. Notes

✓ **New Vice President**

With the retirement of Mr. Mario Reyes, from the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico, in 2009, a new Vice President of PC-IDEA was named, Mr. Cristian Aqueveque – Chile's representative on the Committee and also a representative of South America –, during the meeting of the Board of Directors in May 2010, in New York.

✓ **New Central America's Representative**

After the Committee's approval, Mr. Oscar Leonel Figueroa Cabrera was appointed Central America's Representative, replacing Mr. Ronald Estuardo Arango Ordoñez, both from the National Geographic Institute of Guatemala.

✓ **Resource requesting**

In 2010 two requests were submitted to international institutions to fund the activities of the Committee.

i. CYTED Convocation

The Project "Iberoamerican Network to improve and enhance the use of spatial data infrastructures (SDI) in territorial planning" was presented at the Iberoamerican Program of Science and Technology for Development (CYTED). The overall objective of the project is stimulating the creation of a scientific and technological research network associated to the CP-IDEA.

Its purpose is to develop methodologies and applications for geospatial data and services, making use of Spatial Data Infrastructures, for territorial planning, risks associated to territorial vulnerability, and sustainable use of natural resources, improving decision making. Brazil, Cuba, Colombia, Chile, Guatemala and Portugal participated of the proposal, presenting documentation.

The project included the participation of all countries of the Committee, not only of those directly involved that presented documentation. Besides the presented objectives, the proposal would allow members and other technicians involved in the work of CP-IDEA to be present in the several meetings to be held.

The amount was estimated at 33,000 euros per year for a four-year project. The presentation of the proposal took place in April 2010. In December we were informed by the CYTED Secretariat that the project had not been approved and that there will be a new Convocation in 2011.

ii. World Bank

The project "Strengthening of Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDI) of the Americas" was presented to the World Bank (Brazil) through the Institutional Development Fund (IDF), in order to maximize the economic, social and environmental benefits of the use of geospatial information, seeking to promote

the SDI construction in countries that have not started this process, as well as strengthening the implementation and sustainability of existing SDI in the countries of the Americas.

The request of funding for strengthening and empowerment of the countries of the Americas in the scope of the SDI was justified. The proposal was submitted in October 2010 with a total budget of US\$ 672,645.00 for three years.

Among the main activities planned in the two lines of action of the project are the Working Groups meetings, events on disaster and risks, and various courses and training for the countries of the Americas. There was still no answer on the acceptance or rejection of the proposal.

✓ **New Statute**

The document was discussed at the 5th Meeting of the Board. In the second semester of 2010 some of its versions were exchanged in the three languages (Spanish, Portuguese, and English). Currently the document is in its final consolidation to be submitted to the Committee in order to be voted by e-mail.

2. Resolutions

During the 42nd Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (IPGH), held on 8-12 November, 2011, in Lima, Peru, the following Resolution was issued:

RESOLUTION N° 8

COOPERATION WITH THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR GEOSPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE AMERICAS

The 42nd Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (IPGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the IPGH contributed for the establishment of the Permanent Committee for Geospatial Data Infrastructure in the Americas (CP-IDEA);

The importance the IPGH's Pan American Agenda 2010-2020 places in the development of the Geospatial Data Infrastructure in the region and the several actions of the Institute in this field;

The Scientific Policy Committee and the Resolution Coordinator,

DECIDE:

To recommend associated countries active participation in the initiatives that are part of the work program of the Permanent Committee for Geospatial Data Infrastructure in the Americas (CP-IDEA).

3. Activities

- ✓ Participation of the President in the 18th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific. He presented, as a guest, the lecture "Importance of policies and legal instruments for the building of spatial data infrastructures in the Americas", and participated in the panel "Permanent Committee on Geographic Information System Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific - PCGIAP Future Directions".
(http://unstats.un.org/unsd/newsletter/globalstat_unsd_2010.htm#5-8October_2010)
- ✓ The Executive Secretary participated at the Taller CYTED IDEDES "IDES Semánticas Sociales", held in Panama from 9 to 11 November, 2009, presenting the "Perspectivas del CP-IDEA para 2009-2013".
(<http://www.cp-idea.org> / Documentos de Referencia / Organización)
- ✓ Participation of the President, representatives of the Board of Directors (Chile, Mexico, Guatemala), representative of Canada, and Executive Secretary at the Second Preparatory Meeting of the United Nations for the creation of the Committee of Experts on Global Geographical Information Management, held in New York on 10-11 May, 2010.
(http://unstats.un.org/unsd/newsletter/globalstat_unsd_2010.htm#10-11May2010)
- ✓ Fifth meeting of the Board, on 12 and 13 May, 2010 in New York, United States.
(<http://www.cp-idea.org> / Reuniones / Junta Directiva)
- ✓ Participation of the President in the 42nd Meeting of the IPGH Directing Council and in the CAF-GEOSur meeting, both held in Lima, Peru, from 10 to 12 November, 2010.
- ✓ First Meeting of the Working Group on Planning (GTPlan), 1 to 3 December, 2010, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
(<http://www.cp-idea.org> / Reuniones / Grupos de Trabajo)

4. Participation at events

The work of CP-IDEA has been widely disseminated at various events as part of institutional presentations.

- ✓ *Desastres y Ordenamiento Territorial en las Americas*: international conference organized by the National Geographic Institute of Peru and the Pan American Institute of Geography and History – PAIGH in Lima, Peru, in November 2010. CP-IDEA President participated as guest lecturer with "The Importance of Geospatial Information in the Past, Present and Future of the Americas".
- ✓ *Congreso Uruguayo de Infraestructura de Datos Espaciales*: held in Montevideo, Uruguay, in October 2010. Moema José de Carvalho Augusto (IBGE, Brazil) delivered the lecture "Panorama de la infraestructura de Datos Espaciales del Brasil – INDE".

- ✓ Eurostat - IBGE / INEGI Joint Seminar on Spatial Statistics: conducted by Eurostat in Luxembourg, in June 2010. Rafael March (IBGE / Brazil) presented "Spatial Data Infrastructures".

5. Workplan 2010 – 2014

Prepared by the Planning Working Group (WG) at the meeting held in Rio de Janeiro in December 2010. This WG is coordinated by Chile and co-coordinated by Canada. The Plan considered seven themes to be developed next year, namely:

- ✓ Theme 1: Institutional Strengthening, Education and Training (CAP)
Responsible: Colombia
- ✓ Theme 2: Technical Standards and Specifications (NET)
Responsible: Mexico
- ✓ Theme 3: Best practices and guidelines for the development of SDI (PRA)
Responsible: Canada
- ✓ Theme 4: Innovation in the national cartography agencies (INN)
Responsible: Brazil
- ✓ Theme 5: Inventory of relevant issues on SDI for the region (REL)
Responsible: Guatemala
- ✓ Theme 6: Assessment of the SDI development in the Americas (DES)
Head: Cuba
- ✓ Theme 7: Implementation of technological means for discussion of geospatial data access and dissemination (CET)
Responsible: Chile

Besides the activities described above, which will be developed by the responsible countries and their institutions, it is also planned, as recommended by the 9th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas, an event on disaster and risks with focus on SDI.

6. Other activities

- ✓ Transferring the website domain from Mexico's INEGI to Brazil. Load all existing documents on the site.
- ✓ Maintaining and updating the website.
- ✓ Preparing texts for the media and interviews for specialized magazines and journals.
- ✓ Disseminating the work and activities of the Committee through the development of specific marketing materials and emails.

- ✓ Disseminating news and events of interest to the mailing list of members and supporters.

7. Funding of CP-IDEA specific activities

As there is no specific source of funding for the Committee's activities, all funding to date has been made by the Members' institutions, the United Nations or the events and meetings sponsors.

- ✓ Eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific – Bangkok, Thailand, October 2009
 - Air tickets (Rio de Janeiro/Bangkok) and the Presidency per diems borne by the UN.
- ✓ Taller CYTED IDEDES “IDEs Semánticas Sociales”, Playa Blanca, November 2009
 - Air tickets (Rio de Janeiro/Panama) and the Executive Secretary per diems borne by CYTED – Latinamerican Science & Technology Development Programme.
- ✓ Second Preparatory Meeting of the Proposed United Nations Committee on Global Geographic Information Management and Fifth Meeting of the Board, held in New York, USA, May 2010
 - Air tickets (Rio de Janeiro/New York) and the Presidency per diems borne by IBGE-Brazil.
 - Air tickets, the Members of the Board of Directors' per diems (Santiago, Havana, Guatemala/New York) and the Executive Secretariat's (Rio de Janeiro/New York) borne by the UN.
 - Air tickets and per diems for Mexico and Canada representatives borne by their Institutes (INEGI and NRCan).
- ✓ 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Planning (WGPlan), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, December 2010.
 - Air tickets and the Members of the WG's per diems (Santiago, Havana, Guatemala, Mexico City/Rio de Janeiro) borne by the UN.