



ITC Update 2008-01

online newsletter for the Alumni Community



Dear all,

This is the first ITC Update for the year 2008.

Hopefully a dynamic year with inspiration and care for each other!

We focus on updating and expanding our alumni contact details. So we can invite you to refresh your knowledge and to increase your network by attending ITC alumni activities all over the world. If you have information to post in a next ITC update, please contact the [Alumni Office](#).

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India: Alumni Gathering - 8 February 2008

For logistic and organisational reasons you need to register for the gathering. Let us know if you will attend by sending an email to the [alumni office](#).

Have a look at the report and pictures of the recent New Year alumni reception in [Thailand](#).

News of the recent alumni gathering in Iran can be found next week at our website.

Refresher Courses 2008

Refresher courses, which are certificate courses (mostly of two-week duration) organised for alumni in their home countries or regions, are meant to increase the impact and prolong the effect of earlier training.

In 2008 ITC in association with its partners organizes three refresher courses:

Geo-information Tools for Combating Forest Fire in Central and Southeast Asia

Venue and date: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, May 2008

Recent developments in geo-hazard disaster management; Focusing on earthquake vulnerability reduction in mountainous regions

Venue and date: Peshawar, Pakistan, October 2008

Decision Support Systems for Sustainable Urban Development in Eastern Africa

Venue and date: Kampala, Uganda, September/October 2008

More information will soon be available at our website <http://www.itc.nl/education>

Courses UNU-ITC Schools

Beside the refresher courses organised by ITC and its partners, the United Nations University-ITC Schools for Land Administration Studies and Disaster Geo-Information Management is also planning a variety of courses to support capacity building efforts in 2008.

More information will soon be available at our website <http://www.itc.nl/unu/>

Alumni offer

Now available: Digital copy of GeoInformatics Magazine

GeoInformatics Magazine has been in the geo-information marketplace for eleven years, and it has established itself as the premier journal providing current industry-relevant information, thought provoking commentary and technology reviews, all with a broad-based international perspective.

As a resource for the geospatial industry, the mission continues its focus in producing "the" magazine for Surveying, Mapping and GIS Professionals, and for all those interested in geospatial information, both within Europe and worldwide. To reach a growing number of readers, GeoInformatics will launch the digital version this month, allowing ITC alumni to access, via the Internet, the same content that is available with the printed version.

How to subscribe?

Alumni can sign up for the digital copy of GeoInformatics by sending an email to digital@geoinformatics.com. You will receive a hyperlink (by email) allowing you access to the digital version, FREE of CHARGE!

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India

Map India - 11th Annual International Conference and Exhibition on Geospatial Information, Technology and Application

6–8 February 2008, India Expo Centre, Expo XXI, Greater Noida, India

<http://www.mapindia.org/>

Trinidad

GSDI 10 - Tenth International Conference for Spatial Data Infrastructure

The selected theme of is "Small Island Perspectives on Global Challenges: The Role of Spatial Data in Supporting a Sustainable Future." The pressing needs of small island nations are a particular emphasis of the conference.

<http://gsdi.org/gsdi10>

25 – 29 February 2008, St Augustine

Mexico

The 5th edition of the Europosgrados fair will take place in World Trade Center, Mexico City.

<http://www.europosgrados.com/fair>

8 & 9 March 2008, Mexico City, Mexico

Turkey – First Announcement

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FIG Workshop at ITC

FIG International Workshop Sharing Good Practices

E-Learning in Surveying, Geo-information Sciences and Land Administration

11-13 June 2008, ITC Enschede, The Netherlands

http://www.itc.nl/fig_elearning2008/

Improve your career

Are you planning to register for the ITC's MSc, Master, or Postgraduate programme starting in September 2008?

<http://www.itc.nl/education/default.aspx>

Please note that the deadline for applying for an NFP fellowship is *1 February 2008*.

Have you ever tried a distance course?

ITC's distance education programme offers attractive training opportunities for professionals interested in a short training course on a specific topic, or for those interested in a long training course, but who are unable to leave their job for the full course duration.

Several modules of our Postgraduate diploma and MSc degree courses are being offered online as distance courses. The courses combine self study with online support by ITC staff. All materials and (most of) the software will be provided online within ITC's digital learning environment Blackboard.

http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/distance_education.asp. This webpage will be regularly updated as new courses are being developed.

Distance courses offered by ITC

- Principles of Remote Sensing
- Principles of Geographic Information Systems
- Geostatistics and open-source statistical computing
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Spatial Decision Support Systems
- Principles of Spatial Data Quality
- Principles of Databases
- Hyperspectral Remote Sensing
- Digital Terrain Model Extraction

MSc GIMA

The Master of Science degree Programme in Geographical Information Management and Applications (GIMA) is a unique master covering the field of geo-information's entire breadth. The programme is offered by four renowned Dutch universities: ITC Enschede, Delft University of Technology, Utrecht University and Wageningen University and Research Centre. The programme can be followed full-time or part-time and is mainly distance learning based, making it suited both for professionals as full-time students.

More information about MSc GIMA can be found on the GIMA website <<http://www.msc-gima.nl/>>

Vacancies

Current vacancies at ITC:

- [Post doctoral \(f/m\), Community Carbon Forestry - Payment for Environmental Services](#), closing date: 15 Feb 2008
- [Post doctoral \(f/m\), Community Carbon Forestry - Mapping and Visualisation of Community forest Management](#), closing date: 15 Feb 2008
- [Post doctoral \(f/m\), Community Carbon Forestry - Biophysical Modelling of Tropical Forest Dynamics](#), closing date: 15 Feb 2008

PhD opportunities

Applicants are invited for the following PhD studies:

- [3 PhD projects on Using spatial information infrastructure in urban governance networks](#)
- [2 PhD projects into cycling-inclusive urban planning](#)

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Our Calendar with alumni activities in 2008 shows an event almost every month. To keep you posted on all the upcoming events make sure we have your correct email address.

If you have changed your email address, please update your contact details on our website or send a message to the Alumni Office. We would like to use correct data to invite you when we are visiting and networking in your country or region, around the world.

Funding offer

Funds to travel to the XXI ISPRS Congress in Beijing, China, are now available through the Trust Fund Amsterdam 2000. The deadline for application is 29 February 2008.

Download the preamble and the application form from the [ITC website](#).

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Refresher Course

Mongolia

Geo-information Tools for Combating Forest Fire in Central and Southeast Asia
19 May 2008

Deadline 15th of April

http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/course_descriptions/C08-NRS-RC-01.aspx

Ecuador

We are happy to inform you that the Netherlands Alumni Association of Ecuador (NAAE) is organizing in collaboration with the Maastricht School of Management a Refresher Course on Performance Management and Corporate Social Responsibility towards Sustainable Development. The Refresher Course takes place in between the 14th and 25th of April 2008 in Ecuador. The subscription is

open until the end of February 2008 for Ecuadorian/ Peruvian/ Bolivian/ Colombian Alumni of MSM, ISS, ITC and UR.
For more information contact info.naae@gmail.com or naaecuador@gmail.com

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Spring is in the air though it is snowing everywhere in Enschede and the Netherlands.....

Spring always inspires sparkling activities; in next months some alumni meetings are scheduled to take place in several countries. For those who just graduated a perfect opportunity to mingle with "older" ITC alumni and keep memories alive and exchange developments. I hope you will actively join our network and ITC is looking forward meeting you at one of the events throughout the year!

ITC News

Issue 2007-04 has been distributed last month.

If you have any news or announcements that you would like included in the next issue of the magazine, please send your message before 7 April 2008.

Education / Lifelong Learning

Symposium

Capacity Building in the South for Transitions to Sustainable Energy Systems: From Rural Energy to Carbon Credits.

The course is organised jointly by the University of Twente (UT) and the ITC

A special all-day symposium to mark the 25th Anniversary of ICREP

10 April 2008 - Enschede

http://www.utwente.nl/cstm/news/web_text.doc/

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| Short course | Disaster management |
| Location | Guatemala |
| Duration | Date 9 June -13 June 2008 |
| Deadline for application: | 9 May 2008 |

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| Short course | Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment |
| Location | ITC Enschede |
| Duration | 30 June – 18 July |

Visit our website for more information of Disaster related courses

<http://www.itc.nl/unu/dgim/education/short.asp>

Have a look at our Course Finder and search for information if you and your colleague plan to enrol in the upcoming months

<http://www.itc.nl/education/courses.aspx>

- Concepts and Skills in Applied Earth Sciences Research
- Use of GIS and Remote Sensing in Disaster Risk Management
- Principles of Remote Sensing
- Geo-information Tools for Combating Forest Fire in Central and Southeast Asia

- Geo-information Management
- Using GIS for Tuberculosis Control
- Principles of Spatial Data Quality

In addition to the wide range of standard courses offered, ITC frequently provides training courses specifically designed to meet customers' capacity building requirements. [Contact us.](#)

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In July 2008 an ITC alumni meeting is scheduled to take place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The local coordinator of the ITC Alumni Association in Canada, Mr. Rex Camit, would like to organise a reunion and attract fellow students who are still interested in strengthening the ITC networking group in Canada. All alumni living in Canada are asked to express their interest in this meeting via

Rex Camit: association-canada@alumni.itc.nl/ rexcamit2006@yahoo.ca

ITC Alumni Office: alumni@itc.nl

More details will be sent to you by separate mail. Don't forget to regularly check the alumni website for reports and the latest news!

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ITC and University of Twente Join Forces

On 25 March, the University of Twente (UT) and the International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC) signed the official agreement regulating the integration of the two institutions with effect from 1 January 2010. ITC is to be embedded as the sixth, special faculty in the UT.

Read more:

http://tstinternet.itc.nl/news_events/archive/general/itc_and_university_of_twente.asp

Upgrading Alumni mailboxes

In the next few weeks the ITC IT department will start upgrading Alumni mailboxes. Here's a brief overview of some of the new features:

- a new 'look-and-feel' but still very familiar interface.
- hovering over your mailbox name in the folder list now displays how much mailbox storage is used and remaining
- you can create and edit personal distribution lists
- you can create and edit server side rules
- access to the dumpster and the ability to use the Recover Deleted Items feature
- a monthly calendar overview has been added
- move and copy commands have been added to the user interface.
- search in the Global Address List
- faster searching in messages.

Upgrading all the alumni mailboxes will take some time. When your interface has changed you know that your mailbox is upgraded.

For technical questions or problems, please contact ITC's IT department helpdesk@itc.nl



Roombeek

Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands paid a visit to the reconstructed district Roombeek in Enschede which was destroyed by the firework disaster in 2003. An article about the new Roombeek can be found in the next issue of ITC News magazine (2008-1).

Register now for the following courses!

- Three-week certificate course in Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment

http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/course_descriptions/C08-ESA-SCD-01.aspx

- One-week Curso sobre Alertamiento y Evaluación de Riesgos por Deslizamientos en Centro América

http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/course_descriptions/C08-NRM-TM-07.aspx

- Two-week certificate course in e-Land Administration in Asia

http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/course_descriptions/C08-PGM-TM-08.aspx

- Two-week refresher course in Geo-hazard Disaster management

http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/course_descriptions/C08-ESA-RC-01.aspx

- 18-month MSc degree course in Governance and Spatial Information Management
ITC cooperates in this programme with the Faculty Management & Public Administration of University of Twente in a range of Social Science topics (Political science, Economics, Law) and links them to the technical sciences of GIS, Remote Sensing, Spatial Statistics and Information management for Public Policy analysis and Policy design. Some special fellowships will be available for this course. Priority will be given to people who can finance a part of the costs from own funds or other sponsors.

http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/course_descriptions/C08-GSIM-MS-C-01.aspx

Upcoming Alumni Gatherings

- Sweden, Stockholm, 17 June 2008
- Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, 27 June 2008
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For more information

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News from the IAA Philippines

The Philippines has finally joined the network of ITC alumni associations (IAA), as it formally organised the IAA Philippines during a meeting held on 17 March 2008 at the Cabalen Restaurant in Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City. The meeting brought together both new and longstanding ITC graduates, spanning the years from 2004 to as far back as 1969.

For more info:

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/alumni/0041.asp

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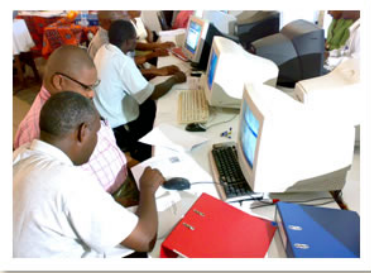


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Successful Refresher Course on Targeting Urban Poverty Alleviation in Sub-Sahara Africa



A 14-day refresher course sponsored by NUFFIC entitled 'Targeting Urban Poverty Alleviation in Sub-Sahara Africa' was held in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, from 19 to 31 November 2007. The course was conducted by Ardhi University in collaboration with ITC. Course coordination and execution was undertaken by Dr Javier Martínez and Dr Sherif Amer (ITC), Dr Alphonse Kyessi (Ardhi University,) and Dr Gora Mboup (UN-Habitat, GUO, Nairobi).

Read more at:

http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/course_descriptions/archive/C07-PGM-RC-02.aspx

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You can also subscribe to the *GIS Development Weekly* e-newsletter bringing you the latest news from the global geospatial domain by visiting GIS Development home page

<http://www.gisdevelopment.net/index.htm> "Subscribe Ezine section"!!

News from alumna Suda Swuttanakoon

ITC alumna, Ms Suda Swuttanakoon, is the director of a very special project in Thailand. It is one of the Royal Development Projects. To read about her experiences:

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/alumni/0044.asp

News from alumnus Martin Sekeleti



We are always keen to receive news from our alumni – so any information about what you are doing (in both your professional and your private life), or any news about fellow students who are making a name for themselves both locally and abroad, would be most welcome. To read the story of NRM alumnus Martin Sekeleti:

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/alumni/0043.asp

Research work of Alumnus Joseph Maina on Science Daily

Science Daily covered an article about the research work of -among others- Alumnus Joseph Maina (GEM MSc course 2005-2007). Joseph is employed at the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) who together with (ITC) have developed a new scientific model that accurately maps where coral reefs are in the most trouble and identifies regions where reefs can be protected best. The model, which is being applied in areas throughout the Indian Ocean, is described in a recent issue of the journal Ecological Modelling. Read the full article at <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/04/080416165732.htm>

Interview with Ari Susanti



The Alumni Office interviewed alumna Ari Susanti (MSc NRM 2003-2005) from Indonesia. Ari is member of the ITC Alumni Association of Indonesia and works as a lecturer for the Faculty of Forestry at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta. Read more at: http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/alumni/0042.asp

UNESCO Publishes New Manual on Applications of Remote Sensing to Groundwater Studies

Use of satellite remote sensing for groundwater studies is particularly challenging because most of the useful information identified by satellites is revealed indirectly (e.g. through surface vegetation or fracture zones).

Read more at:

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/general/unesco_publishes_new_manual.asp

Apply now!

The deadline for application for the following courses –intake 2008- is almost due:

- [Recent Developments in Geo-hazard Disaster Management: Focusing on Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction in Mountainous Regions](#) Refresher course in Pakistan
- [Environmental Modelling and Management](#) MSc course
- [Governance and Spatial Information Management](#) MSc course
- [Applied Earth Sciences](#) MSc and Postgraduate course
- [Geoinformatics](#) Master course
- [Geoinformatics](#) MSc and Postgraduate course
- [Land Administration](#) MSc and Postgraduate course
- [Natural resources management](#) Master course
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- [Urban Planning and Management](#) MSc and Postgraduate course
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ITC Alumni meet in Yangon just three days before the devastating cyclone struck Myanmar

Just three days before the devastating cyclone struck Myanmar (Burma) on Saturday 3 May, a group of ITC alumni, brought together by Mr. U Thein Lwin and Marjan Kreijns, ITC representative for SE-Asia, had a dinner meeting in the Traders Hotel in Yangon.

Read the full article at http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/alumni/0046.asp

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Turkey

4th Workshop of the EARSeL

Special Interest Group on Developing Countries, 4 -7 June 2008, Istanbul -Turkey in conjunction with GISDECO 8

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- [Natural Resources Management](#)
- [Urban Planning and Management](#)
- [Water Resources and Environmental Management](#)

For more information and registration <http://www.erasmusmundus10.net/>

Please note: all applications must be received before midnight **13 July 2008**.



One-day tutorial Hyperspectral RS for ITC alumni

On Thursday 13 November 2008 parallel to the ACRS 2008 in Colombo, Sri Lanka ITC will organise a one day tutorial

Hyperspectral Remote Sensing

Spectroscopy, calibration, validation, mapping, and modelling high spectral resolution images for environmental studies

by Prof. Dr. Freek van der Meer and Dr. Harald van der Werff.

The course is fully sponsored by ITC: 15 places are available for ITC alumni.

For more information and registration http://www.itc.nl/tutorial_srilanka



Prominent alumni

ITC alumni are making a difference in world's society. Many of them have achieved excellence in their chosen field and beyond.

On behalf of the ITC community we congratulate ITC alumni

H.E. Dr Laurent Sedogo from Burkina Faso on his appointment as Ministère de l'Agriculture de l'Hydraulique et des Ressources Halieutiques of Burkina Faso



Dr. Wilbur Ottichilo, Director-General of the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD), upon his election to the Parliament of Kenya.

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Refresher course

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Diploma course

- [Geoinformatics](#) (with ARU, Tanzania)

MSc degree courses

- [Applied Earth Sciences](#)
- [Environmental Modelling and Management](#) In collaboration with: the University of Southampton (UK), Lund University (Sweden), the University of Warsaw (Poland)
- [Geoinformatics](#)
- [Geoinformatics](#) (with KN Toosi University, Iran)
- [Geo-information for Natural Resource and Environmental Management](#) (with Wuhan University China)
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Ulaanbaatar
For more information: Ms. D. Narantuya (dnarantuya@yahoo.co.uk) or alumni@itc.nl
- China 8 July 2008
Location: Western Restaurant in Celebrity International Grand Hotel, Beijing
For more information: Mr. Chang Zheng (changzheng2004@gmail.com) or alumni@itc.nl
- Canada 20 July
Locations: Toronto Community Center, Toronto
Vancouver Community Center, Vancouver
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For more information: Mr. Rex Camit(association-canada@alumni.itc.nl) or alumni@itc.nl
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Date: 24-26 October 2008

Time: Registration at 8 am on 24 October

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[Register](#) | [Agenda](#) | [Flyer](#) | [Description](#)

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Call for papers: Remote Sensing for Africa, Special Issue

The International Journal of Applied Earth Observation and Geo-information would like to invite authors to submit scientific papers for a Special Issue, focusing on Remote Sensing in Africa and under African circumstances. Submission deadline: 20 October 2008

For more information:

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/general/call_for_papers.asp

ITC Receives Special Achievement in GIS Award for Leadership with Geospatial Technology

To recognize our approach to applying GIS solutions, ESRI has presented us with the Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award on 6 August 2008, at the 28th Annual ESRI International User Conference (ESRI UC) in San Diego, California.

For more information: <http://events.esri.com/uc/2008/sag/list/?fa=Press&SID=780>

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Alumni Gathering China



In the evening of 8 July, during a very well organized alumni reception, ITC also commemorated 30 years of cooperation between ITC and SBSM. Rector of ITC Professor Martien Molenaar and Deputy Director General Dr. WANG Chunfeng of SBSM exchanged gifts on this special occasion. Around 170 alumni attended this festive gathering; they met with old and new friends and enjoined a delicious dinner. [Picture Gallery](#)

Alumni Gathering Canada

The ITC Alumni Canada organized a reunion/meeting with fellow members throughout Canada via satellite venues of Woodbine Park, Toronto (Ontario Province); Stanley Park, Vancouver (British Columbia Province); and Weaselhead Park, Calgary (Alberta Province). The Toronto and Calgary group staged their reunion/meeting July 20, 2008 while the Vancouver group held their reunion on August 3, 2008. [Picture Gallery](#)



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Location: to be announced

- *Colombo, Sri Lanka* 12 November 2008
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Holland Education Fair Indonesia

29 October 2008, Bandung, 4 November 2008 Yogyakarta, Indonesia

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World Urban Forum 4

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<http://www.unhabitat.org/categories.asp?catid=535>

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Opening of the Academic Year 2008-2009

On 25th of September the Academic Year 2008-2009 was officially opened by ITC Rector Prof. Martien Molenaar. During the ceremony the Schermerhorn lecture was presented by Dr. Gilberto Câmara (General Director, National Institute for Space, Brazil) and was titled: 'Working at a global scale: challenges for a worldwide tropical forest monitoring system'. The MSc Award and the Research Award were awarded to resp. Mr. Juan Pablo Ardila Lopez and Ms. Xia Li

Dr. Câmara appointed ITC Fellow

Dr. Gilberto Câmara was appointed ITC fellow during the opening of the academic year. To become an ITC Fellow, a person should have exceptional merit in furthering the realization of ITC's objectives at large and the development of the scientific fields in which ITC is engaged. Gilberto Câmara's contribution to GIS development and applications in general, his support to ITC in fulfilling its mandate in support of development cooperation, fully justifies his appointment.

ITC news Online

The last issue of the ITC news magazine (2008-2) is digital available on the ITC website. Main features of this issue are: Automated map generalization, Workshop e-learning, Enschede to deliver in 2008, Facing the food crisis.

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Refresher Course, Colombia

"Rapid Response to Natural Disaster in the Andean Community – New approaches to Connect Those Involved with Spatial Information"

Bogotá, Colombia, November 24-28, 2008

When natural disaster strikes, rapid provision of up-to-date spatial information will save lives, and will help to mitigate the effects of the disaster much more rapidly and efficiently. The Andean Region is an area that is disaster-prone: abnormal weather conditions are on the increase, and there is a serious history of earthquake occurrence. Much can be done in terms of preparatory data work before the disaster happens, but it is only after that the urgency of up-to-date spatial information becomes apparent. In such circumstance, it is fundamental to understand what are the information needs, who has the information needed, and who can produce the required information.

The course starts on November 24th and ends November 28th, 2008. It will take place at the premises of IGAC / CIAF in Bogotá, Colombia.

Twenty to thirty places are available for this course.

The course will be offered for free; participants will have to pay for travel/housing/living costs by themselves.

http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/course_descriptions/C08-GIP-RC-01.aspx

Deadline: **31 October 2008**

Call to host AARSE 2010



The African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment (AARSE) is inviting expressions of interest from national institutional members and other organizations/agencies in Africa for the hosting/organization of the 8th and 9th conference of the association in 2010 and 2012 or other future editions of the conference.

The declaration of intent and the procedure to follow for hosting the AARSE 2010 and 2012 (8th and 9th Conference) is given in: <http://www.itc.nl/aarse/>

Further information can be obtained from:

- Dr Tsehaie Woldai, AARSE President (woldai@itc.nl); or:
- Dr Jide Kufoniyi, AARSE Secretary General (jidekufoniyi@yahoo.com); kufoniyi@rectas.org)

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Master

- [Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation in Land Resources Information for Regional Planning and in Water Resources Assessment \(Soil\), with UMSS, Cochabamba, Bolivia](#)
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ESRI Eastern Africa
23-24 October 2008, Nairobi, Kenya
<http://www.esriea.co.ke/home/home.php>

Ghana

7th Conference of the African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment (AARSE)
27 - 31 October, 2008 ACCRA, GHANA
<http://www.aarse2008.org/>

Indonesia

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Dear All,

As from the 1st of September I am appointed alumni coordinator at ITC. Some of you might already know my name due to the fact that I have been working at ITC for the last four years. I started this job as a new challenge in life, though I will not do it alone. ITC has more than 19000 alumni living around the globe and I would like to receive your input and thoughts about being alumni in the world out there.

In the coming two months ITC will be present on different conferences around the world. Informal gatherings for alumni will be organised and knowledge will be spread along the network of ITC alumni and beyond. Through the website, this newsletter and ITC News you are informed about what your Alma Mater, former teachers, classmates and friends are doing in the world of geo-information science and earth observation.

Regards
Ms. Jorien Terlouw

ITC – KNUST Thematic Sessions at AARSE

ITC in the Netherlands and KNUST in Ghana collaborate since several years in the execution and development of joint MSc courses at the interface of geo-information science and application areas such as natural resources and more recently in infrastructure planning and management.

During a special thematic session at AARSE (Wednesday 29 October from 11:00 am – 15:40 pm) the idea behind these courses and the challenges and problems encountered are discussed.

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/general/thematic_sessions_at_AARSE.asp

Call for papers: Remote Sensing for Africa, Special Issue

The International Journal of Applied Earth Observation and Geo-information (JAG) likes to invite authors to submit scientific papers for a special issue, focusing on remote sensing in Africa and under African circumstances.

Submission deadline (extended): 20 November 2008.

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/general/call_for_papers.asp

ESRI International User Conference 2008

The theme of the ESRI International User Conference of 2008 was 'GIS in Action'. The works of GIS users around the world were highlighted by ESRI President Jack Dangermond in the opening plenary. Dangermond talked about the importance of GIS as part of the solution to the challenge of living in a sustainable world.

During this Conference in San Diego an ITC alumni reception was organised. The reception was attended by 30 alumni attending the conference. During the alumni reception, Jack Dangermond paid us a visit which was very much appreciated by the ITC alumni and ITC staff.

Picture gallery:

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/alumni/0057.asp

SELPER Conference 2008



During the week of 22-26 September, the XIII SELPER conference (Simposio Internacional de la Sociedad Latinoamericana en Percepcion Remota y Sistemas de Informacion Espacial), was held in Havana, Cuba.

ITC represented by John Horn, was delighted to host an alumni gathering on Wednesday 22nd September at the Hotel Nacional, Havana.

In a very large turnout, nearly 50 ITC alumni from Cuba and other Latin American countries gathered together to renew old acquaintances and to hear of the recent developments and trends at ITC. This was thought to be the first time that such a gathering had taken place in Cuba, and the possibility of establishing an alumni association was discussed.

Group picture:

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/alumni/0058.asp

Distance Education Course: Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment

The UNU-ITC School for Disaster Geo-Information Management (DGIM) has developed a training package on the application of GIS for multi-hazard risk assessment. The package, called *RiskCity* comprises a complete suite of exercise descriptions, together with an Open Source GIS software (ILWIS), GIS data, answer sheets, guidance notes and presentation materials. The distance education course aims to give an understanding of the basic concepts involved in risk assessment, and how GIS can be used for analyzing different types of hazards, create an elements at risk database, assess vulnerability, make qualitative and quantitative loss estimations, carry out a cost benefit analysis, and use the data for urban planning and disaster risk management. It is offered as a distance education course

http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/course_descriptions/C09-ESA-DED-01.aspx

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Refresher course

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Three-day Course Advanced Transport Modelling and GIS at CEPT University



From Sunday 7 December to Wednesday 10 December 2008 ITC and CEPT University will organise a three and a half-day short course on Modelling Transport. Travel demand models are used to predict future traffic flows based on data on population, employment, travel times and costs etc. These forecasts are used in urban transport policy, planning and engineering. Increasingly such models are used in India's rapidly developing urban regions, often using GIS data as inputs. CEPT University and ITC collaborate in research and education in the field of GIS, infrastructure and transport.

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/alumni/_registration_advanced_transport_modelling_and_gis/default.aspx

Call for Papers: ISPRS Hannover Workshop, June 2009

You are cordially invited to submit papers for the ISPRS Hannover Workshop "High-Resolution Earth Imaging for Geospatial Information 2009", which will be held in conjunction with the 12th AGILE International Conference on Geographic Information Science, in Hannover, Germany, 2 - 5 June 2009.

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/general/0023.asp

Call for Papers: Special Issue in Spatial Ecology for the International Journal of GIS

A special issue on spatial ecology has been approved by the Editors and Publisher of the International Journal of GIS. You are encouraged to submit relevant and high quality manuscripts for this special issue

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/general/0022.asp

Former ITC Journal Achieves High Impact Factor



The International Journal of Applied Earth Observation and Geoinformation (JAG for short) has been published by Elsevier since 2002 and is the successor of the former ITC Journal. Editor-in-chief is Professor Alfred Stein, head of the Department of Earth Observation Science.

It publishes original papers that apply earth observation data to the inventarisation and management of natural resources and the environment. Since the scope is large,

contributions must be of the highest quality. Papers addressing these topics within the context of the social fabric and economic constraints of developing countries are particularly welcome. The aim to include contributions of the highest quality has resulted in an impact factor of 1.534 (2007, © Journal Citation Reports 2008, published by Thomson Reuters).

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/general/0025.asp

ITC's (E)mission: Compensating for CO2 Emissions from ITC Activities

As part of the new setup of Module 14 this year, ITC MSc students participated in a group research project of two weeks. The students already had received basic training in research knowledge and skills and had defined their own research topic. The aims of the group research project were to enable MSc students to further develop skills in formulating, appraising and implementing a research project; to give them the opportunity to work in a multidisciplinary team, and to place their own topic in a wider scientific context.

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/general/compensating_for_co2.asp

EU-funded Scholarships Available for the GEM MSc Course

This top-quality Master's course is supported by the prestigious EU Erasmus Mundus programme which means we offer EU-funded scholarships to exceptional non-EU students. You can apply for the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship at the same time you apply online for the GEM course.

<http://www.gem-msc.org/application/Registration/>

Alumni Gathering during AARSE 2008

During the 5th AARSE Conference in Accra, Ghana, a very successful alumni meeting was organized. Having the advantage of the international gathering, many alumni from across the region could attend.

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/alumni/0063.asp

Alumni Gathering during the WUF4 in Nanjing, China

The ITC alumni gathering was held on 5 November 2008. All mentioned ITC delegate members attended the gathering, including 10 alumni mainly from China and African countries; it was a successful and appreciated reunion. Everyone had an enjoyable evening by sharing their knowledge, experience and good memories.

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/alumni/0062.asp

Alumni Gathering during ACRS 2008



In the week of 10-14 November the ACRS 2008 (Asian Conference for Remote Sensing) conference was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. During the conference ITC hosted an ITC alumni reception in the Galadari Hotel. The gathering was attended by approximately 50 alumni from Sri Lanka and other countries that were present at the conference.

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/alumni/0061.asp

One-day Tutorial Hyperspectral Remote Sensing during ACRS 2008

On 13 November, Prof. Freek van der Meer and Dr. Harald van der Werff gave a tutorial on Hyperspectral Remote Sensing in the Galadari hotel in Colombo, Sri Lanka. This tutorial was held parallel to the 2008 ACRS conference and was sponsored by ITC.

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/alumni/0064.asp

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



In the first week of December all ITC students went to the ice rink on the Old Market Square (Oude Markt) in Enschede for a typical Dutch experience on ice-skates. Staff members volunteered to help the students who had their first acquaintance with the ice. Many alumni must remember this event which has been a tradition for the last 3 years.

The Winter season has started in Enschede with snow and low temperatures. In December also the holiday season has started in many parts of the world.

Therefore I send the season's greetings to all of you across the world and I hope we meet again in good health and happiness in 2009.

Kind Regards
Jorien Terlouw

Official Visit of the State Minister of Environment from Indonesia

In the beginning of December the State Minister of Environment from Indonesia Prof. Rachmat Witoelar, has visited Enschede. The Indonesian Government has launched an Action Program on environment and climate change, and the Ministry is developing an international consortium of universities to support this initiative.

Distance Education Course: Principles of Databases

This course introduces participants to databases and data manipulation. The course focuses on thematic (also known as attribute) databases, the relational data model, and queries in the query language SQL. Database engineering is an important tool for any type of information management. The techniques learnt will be useful in a variety of settings in professional life.

http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/course_descriptions/C09-GFM-DE-03.aspx

Distance Education Course: Hyperspectral Remote Sensing

In hyperspectral remote sensing, energy reflected from an object is being measured and translated into information about the object or into processes affecting the object.

Reflectance spectra have been used for many years to obtain compositional information of the earth surface as visible and near-infrared spectroscopy offers a rapid and inexpensive technique for determining the mineralogy of samples and obtaining information on soil-, water- and biochemical composition. Recent developments in this field are fast and this course will introduce state-of-the-art techniques in multi- and hyperspectral processing and interpretation with a focus on airborne and satellite-based hyperspectral sensors.

http://www.itc.nl/education/courses/course_descriptions/C09-AES-DE-01.aspx

NBV Hissinkprijs, once again, won by an ITC MSc graduate

After a few years, since Dante Margate (from the Philippines) received the prize, once again another MSc thesis from ITC, of Juan Francisco Sanchez Moreno (Colombian), won the Hissinkprijs. Juan's thesis is titled: 'Applicability of knowledge-based and fuzzy theory-oriented approaches to land suitability for upland rice and rubber, as compared to the farmers' perception: a case study of Lao PDR'.

Juan, who enjoyed the Alban Fellowship when doing his MSc course in Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation for Environmental Modelling and Management (GEM), came back to ITC and was offered one of the PhD positions within the DESIRE project (in the ESA Dept., with Prof. V. Jetten).

NANC Alumni of the Year Awards

The NANC Annual General Event (AGE) has been initialised as a review of the alumni events and activities organised throughout the year. The purpose is to get all alumni together to recall the cheerful memorable times they have had in the past, and to drive more attention from them in playing a role of 'image ambassador' in their field of profession.



The second NANC AGE was organised on 13 December 2008 in Beijing and was a big success! It was with a highlight of Alumni of the Year Awards and was sponsored by NESO China and other business sponsors. Awarded with the Distinguished Alumni Award is Prof. Xuehua Liu, she did her PhD at ITC and wrote a thesis named: Mapping and modelling the habitat of giant panda's in Foping nature reserve, China.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves for their excellent contributions and achievements in their field of profession, for instance, in public and community; in arts, sports, culture or entrepreneurship; or scholarly field; preferably somehow plays a role in promoting the Sino-Dutch relation to some degree.

Diane Forsythe Award for Dr. Gianluca Miscione

Dr. Gianluca Miscione, staff member of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and Geo-information Management, won the 2008 prestigious Diane Forsythe Award of the American Medical Informatics Association, given yearly to a paper that best exemplifies scholarship at the intersection of medical informatics and social sciences.

http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/staff/0006.asp

UPM Student Wins Young Voice Award on Urban Air Quality and Climate Change

During the Better Air Quality (BAQ) Workshop, from 12-14 November 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand, ITC student Deepty Jain (India) was awarded one of four Young Voice Awards on Urban Air Quality and Climate Change based on her essay on transport impact assessment for urban policy and planning in India. Deepty Jain is MSc student of Urban Planning and Management (UPM) at ITC as well as student of Infrastructure Planning with ITC's partner Center for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT) University in Ahmadabad, India.

<http://www.baq2008.org/young-voices>

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Post graduate courses:

- [Applied Earth Sciences](#)
- [Geoinformatics](#)
- [Land Administration](#)
- [Natural Resources Management](#)
- [Urban Planning and Management](#)
- [Water Resources and Environmental Management](#)
- [Geo-hazards, with IIRS, Dehra Dun, India](#)
- [Geoinformatics, with IIRS, Dehra Dun, India](#)

Master courses:

- [Geoinformatics](#)
- [Natural Resources Management](#)

Master of Science courses:

- [Integrated Landscape Management, with UNAM, Mexico](#)
- [Geo-information for Spatial Planning and Risk Management, with the University Gadjah Mada, Indonesia](#)
- [Environmental Modelling and Management](#)
In collaboration with: The University of Southampton (UK), Lund University (Sweden), the University of Warsaw (Poland)
- [Geoinformatics, with RECTAS, Ile Ife, Nigeria](#)
- [Applied Earth Sciences](#)

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- [Governance and Spatial Information Management](#)
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- [Geo-information Science & Earth Observation for Land Administration, with Chang'an University, Xi'an, China](#)
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