In 2005 ITC celebrated its 55th anniversary. To mark this occasion a conference at ITC Enschede entitled *Spatial Information for Civil Society* - *Capacity building for the international geo-information society* was organised on 14, 15 and 16 December 2005.

The pictures of the Lustrum Conference are available at [http://www.itc.nl/news_events/55year/default.aspx](http://www.itc.nl/news_events/55year/default.aspx)

Have a look and see if you recognise any of the many alumni that were present as speakers and guests.

05 January 2006
AARSE Conference: Call for Abstracts
The AARSE conference is the largest gathering of remote sensing & GIS users in Africa. The 6th African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment (AARSE) Conference will be in Cairo, Egypt 30 Oct. - 2 Nov. 2006
The conference will be on: "Earth Observation & Geo-information Sciences in Support of Africa’s Development"
The conference is a premier forum in Africa which brings together scientists, practitioners, educators, developers and vendors and policy and decision makers to discuss advancements (Latest developments), applications, capacity building and promotion of geo-information technologies in sustainable development of Africa. It is a forum in which participants learn and exchange ideas on the latest advancements in the technologies and their applications in different fields.
Strategies for promotion and use of the technologies in Africa are also discussed.
To know more about the conference, go to: http://www.narss.sci.eg/aarse2006
For information concerning AARSE go to: http://www.itc.nl/~aarse/

4th World Water Forum 2006
In March 2006 ITC will be present at the World Water Forum 2006 in Mexico City. We also will have an exhibition there. So if you are there do not forget to pass by our booth. For more information about the conference visit:
http://www.worldwaterforum4.org/

Register for EduServ workshops
EduServ is the education service of European Spatial Data Research (EuroSDR). Its fourth module EduServ4 will take place will take place from March to June 2006 and consists of the following four 2-Week Distance eLearning courses:
- Quality of Geospatial Data and the Related Statistical Concepts
- Co-ordinate systems and transformations for spatial position
- Positional Accuracy Improvement in GI databases
- Methods for checking and improving of DTMs

Alumni gatherings in India
The ITC Alumni, India met on December 7, 2005, during the 25th ISRS Annual Convention and National Symposium on ˇEmergence of Geo-Informatics for Development: Trends and Opportunities', at Ranchi, India. The Meet was attended by some 30 ITC alumni, representing various backgrounds and organisations.
Besides the other alumni, the Meet was also attended by Mr. Hans Schutte, Head - Press, Culture and Information of the Royal Netherlands Embassy in New Delhi, India. His support and encouragement was well appreciated by the Alumni.
The Meet also had the presence of Dr. R. R. Navalagund, Director of the Space Application Centre (SAC) and President of the Indian Society for Remote Sensing (ISRS). Dr. Navalagund shared his long experience with the ITC. Dr. Navalagund suggested that a full session could be devoted to the ITC Alumni during the forthcoming ISPRS Commission IV Symposium on ˇGeo-Spatial databases for Sustainable Development’, scheduled to be organised at Goa, India, during September 27-30, 2006.

At the coming Map India conference ITC staff will be present as well and they will host an alumni gathering on 1 Feb 2006 from 07:00 pm onwards, followed by dinner. The Meet will be at Committee Room No. 2, India International Centre,
ISPRS symposium in May 2006: abstracts are online
The ISPRS Mid-term Symposium 2006 "Remote Sensing: From Pixels to Processes" that will be held in Enschede, the Netherlands from 8-11 May 2006 is currently open for registration! The Symposium will bring together researchers, professionals, managers and decision makers to discuss the issues and latest trends and developments in remote sensing methodology. Each of the eight working groups of the Commission will be organising special sessions, with keynote speakers and speakers from around the world who will come to ITC at that time. There will be workshops, tutorials, PhD master classes for young researchers, and other scientific, technical and social events.
Visit [http://www.itc.nl/isprsc7/symposium2006/](http://www.itc.nl/isprsc7/symposium2006/) to check out the online abstracts and to find the registration information.

Vacancies at ITC
Do you feel like working in the place where you studied? Currently there are vacancies for the following positions:
- Professor of Geodata Management and Engineering (f/m)
- Assistant Professor NRS (m/f)
- Lecturer NRS (m/f)
Visit [http://www.itc.nl/about_itc/vacancies.asp](http://www.itc.nl/about_itc/vacancies.asp) for complete job descriptions

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20 January 2006
Alumni Gathering in India
An ITC Alumni India Meet was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2006 in New Delhi. About 30 ITC Alumni attended the Meet and exchanged pleasantries. The Alumni discussed the activities over the previous year and the preparations for the forthcoming ISPRS Working Group Conference due to be held in Goa, in September 2006. The Meet was graced by the presence of Mr. J. Hans Schütte, Head – Press, Cultural and Information Section; and Ms. Désirée Bonis, Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Head of Mission at the Royal Netherlands Embassy, New Delhi. ITC staff Mr. John Horn and Dr. Arbind Tuladhar interacted with the Alumni.

The ITC Alumni Association of Sierra Leone (SLITCAA)
On Friday 25th November, 2005, The ITC Alumni Association of Sierra Leone (SLITCAA) was established as a new member of the ITC alumni community. There were six founder members. A three man Steering Committee mandated to conduct the affairs of the Association until further notice were:
J.B. Cole-Davies - Chairman/Country Coordinator
L.S. Keita - Secretary
T.J. Nhabay - Treasurer
The Committee is responsible inter alia, for producing a draft constitution, contacting other interested alumni and organizing a formal inauguration / launching of the Association in due course.

MSc Graduations
Last week was again the dreaded week of exams and goodbyes. Fortunately it was also a week of many happy graduations for the students. The ITC Alumni community has grown with almost 100 new members carrying an ITC Masters of Science degree! Among them were the first batch of students from the Erasmus Mundus MSc programme.

ISPRS Mid-term Symposium 2006
"Remote Sensing: From Pixels to Processes" Enschede, the Netherlands, 8-11 May 2006. For more information visit:
http://www.itc.nl/isprsc7/symposium/default.aspx

Interested to do a PhD at ITC?
The Department of Water Resources invites qualified persons to apply for the two positions of PhD RESEARCHER (closing date 13 April) ...
http://www.itc.nl/about_ltc/vacancies/2006_003.asp
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14 March 2006
Best Paper Award, ITC Alumni for the ISPRS TC7 Mid Term Symposium
The ITC Directorate is pleased to inform all our Alumni that of the 250 abstracts submitted for the ISPRS TC7 Mid Term Symposium at ITC in May, 2006, ten percent (25) were from our Alumni.
After careful study of the abstracts, by the International Scientific Programme Committee the best abstracts in terms of scientific quality, fitting the themes of the Symposium, personality/oral presentation skills and ITC strategic alliance, were the following:
1.) Dr. Cheng Tao, Sun Yat-sun University, Guangzhou, P R China.
She is a former ITC PhD student. Her paper focuses on the spatio-temporal aspects, which fits well into the work/theme of TC7 WG on “Processing of multi-temporal data and change detection”.
2.) Prof. Dr. Amarsaikhan, National University of Mongolia and Senior Researcher, Mongolian Academy of Sciences’s Institute for Informatics and Remote Sensing. He was the first Mongolian student to study at ITC (GFM.2) and is now active in the ITC Alumni Association of Mongolia and the ITC-UNESCO Lab for RS/GIS at N.U.M.
His two abstracts both fit in well into the work of ISPRS TC7 WG “Data fusion”
Both are very good speakers and excellent ambassadors for ITC, and hence ITC is very pleased to sponsor them to present their recent research at the ISPRS Mid-Term Symposium from 6 to 11th May. It will be a nice opportunity for them to re-visit their “ALMA MATER” and meet again many of their former teachers and friends at ITC. We congratulate them with their Award.

ITC Alumni Meet Dutch Parliamentarians
Monday, March 20, 2006 was a rather great day for the ITC India Alumni. Quite a few of them, together with alumni from other Dutch institutes, had the occasion to meet Dutch parliamentarians, mainly the Speaker of the Dutch House of Representatives and leaders of the main political parties. We met this elite group at the residence of the Dutch ambassador in New Delhi.
The noted dignitaries, besides the Dutch Ambassador, Deputy Head of Mission and Minister Plenipotentiary and the Head of the Press, Information and Culture, included:
Mr. Frans Weisglas, Speaker of the Dutch House of Representatives
Mr. Wouter Bos, Chairperson of the Labour Party (PvdA)
Mr. Maxime Verhagen, Chairperson of the Christian Democratic Party (CDA)
Mr. Willibrord van Beek, Chairperson of the Liberal Party (VVD)
Ms. Lousewies van der Laan, Chairperson of the Social Liberal Party (D66)
Ms. Femke Halsema, Chairperson of the Green party (GroenLinks)
Mr. André Rouvoet, Chairperson of the Christian Union (ChristenUnie)
The Alumni interacted with the parliamentarians and shared their good old
memories of living and studying in the Netherlands. Mr. Frans Weisglas particularly made happy remarks about the Indian democracy, governance and the presence of a large number of alumni from 'Enschede'.

**United Nations University short training programme**
The UNU School of Land Administration will start in June with a two week course on: *Geo-Information for Land Administration in Africa: Trends and Innovation*. The course will be presented jointly by the department of Geodetic Engineering, KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana, and the ITC. For more information please visit: [http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/education/0004.asp](http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/education/0004.asp)

**Meet ITC staff at fairs and conferences worldwide**
ITC will be represented at the following fairs and conferences by staff and alumni:
- **Europosgrados Mexico**, 1 to 7 May, [www.europosgrados.com](http://www.europosgrados.com)
- **MapAsia, Bangkok**, 29/8 t/m 1 Sept, [www.mapasia.org](http://www.mapasia.org)

**Refresher courses in 2006**
Is it again time to update your knowledge? This year, in October and November, ITC will organise refresher courses in Tanzania, Thailand, Namibia, Egypt and Zambia. For more information please visit: [http://www.itc.nl/education/refresher_courses.asp](http://www.itc.nl/education/refresher_courses.asp)

**Vacancies at ITC**

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30 March 2006
Alumni Gathering at the ISPRS Mid-term Symposium 2006
During the symposium that will start the coming weekend, ITC will host an informal alumni gathering in Enschede. The ITC Directorate and the Student Association Board (SAB) cordially invite all alumni to an informal gathering Tuesday 8 May from 20:00 – 22:00 hrs. If you wish to join please pick up your invitation at the ISPRS registration desk in the main hall of the ITC building or contact alumni@itc.nl.

3rd World Urban Forum in Vancouver, Canada
The World Urban Forum is a UN-HABITAT event on urban sustainability that will take place in Vancouver, Canada June 19-23, 2006. ITC will be represented at the event. Information about an alumni gathering at the event will follow soon.
Information: www.unhabitat.org/wuf and www.wuf3-fum3.ca

Short Course: Land Administration for the Southeast Asian Region
Under the aegis of the United Nations University a two weeks short training programme will be presented under the title Land Administration for the Southeast Asian Region. The course will run in the beginning of September and will be presented jointly by the department of Geodetic Engineering of Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, and the International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC) in the Netherlands.
http://www.itc.nl/news_events/archive/education/0003.asp

Distance education
ITC offers several of its short courses and components of its degree courses also as distance education. These part-time courses are a combination of self study and extensive online support by ITC staff. In the period till April 2007 the following distance short courses will be offered:
http://www.itc.nl/education/distance_education.asp

Meet ITC staff at fairs and conferences worldwide
ITC will be represented at the following fairs and conferences by staff and alumni:
- ESRI Users Conference, San Diego, 7 t/m 11 Aug, www.esri.com/events/uc
- MapAsia, Bangkok, 29/8 t/m 1 Sept, www.mapasia.org

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ISPRS Mid-term Symposium 2006 Pictures
From 6 to 11 May 2006 the symposium "Remote Sensing: From Pixels to Processes" was held at ITC. During the closing session the “best paper”, “best poster” and “best paper, ITC Alumni” awards were presented. You can access the photo’s here: http://www.itc.nl/isprsc7/symposium/pictures.aspx
There you can also find pictures of the alumni reception which was held in the new Schermerhorn lounge of the ITC International Hotel and the social tour to the Keukenhof.

Batavierenrace 2006
The ITC runners achieved a great result in 2006. We finished 47th out of 329 teams, our very best performance in 13 participations. Well done batarunners!
Find more information here http://www.batavierenrace.nl/english/

New courses in 2007
Check our website for information on Short courses and online education in 2007: http://www.itc.nl/education

3rd World Urban Forum
The World Urban Forum is a UN-HABITAT event on urban sustainability that will take place in Vancouver, Canada June 19-23, 2006. Information: and www.wuf3-fum3.ca
ITC will organize an alumni gathering during the Forum. If you are in Vancouver that week, please let us know at alumni@itc.nl. And if you are an UN Habitat alumnus then please check out this link: http://www.wuf3-fum3.ca/en/alumni_en.asp

Vacancy at ITC
Assistant Professor - Urban Poverty.
Department of Urban and Regional Planning and Geo-information Management (PGM). Closing date: 2 June 2006.

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Alumni gathering in Mongolia
Together with the ITC alumni association of Mongolia the ITC staff currently visiting Ulaan Bataar will organise an alumni gathering. The gathering will be held on Friday, 9th June at the Korean restaurant "DAE BOROM" from 19:00 hrs. If you wish to attend please contact association-mongolia@alumni.itc.nl.

Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) Internet Forum
The Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) Internet Forum takes place from 5-15 June 2006! The objective of the Forum is to invite partners to actively contribute to the development of pro poor land tools. The forum is a venue for partners to describe their ongoing initiatives as well as introducing questions on the way forward. The findings from the forum will be presented at the World Urban Forum in Vancouver, Canada, on the 20th of June 2006 at the GLTN networking event. **All ITC alumni are invited to participate!** Registration is now open via: [http://www.gltn.net](http://www.gltn.net)

Alumni Gathering in Canada
On Thursday 22 June, during the 3rd World Urban Forum, ITC will organise an alumni gathering in Vancouver, Canada. If you are in the neighbourhood and wish to attend please visit the ITC booth at the Convention Centre to pick–up an invitation or contact: alumni@itc.nl

Vacancy at ITC
The Department of Geo-Information Processing (GIP) has a position available for an **Assistant Professor - Geospatial Data Infrastructure**. Closing date: 7 July 2006. [http://www.itc.nl/about_itc/vacancies/2006_007.asp](http://www.itc.nl/about_itc/vacancies/2006_007.asp)

New courses in 2007
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7 June 2006
MapAsia 2006, Thailand
Mr Sjaak Beerens (Director External Affairs ITC) will give a Keynote speech at the MapAsia 2006 conference in Bangkok, Thailand, which is held from 29-31 August. Several alumni are also on the speakers list of the conference. For more information visit: http://www.mapasia.org

Alumni Gathering in Pakistan
ITC staff, including Mr Sjaak Beerens will be attending the ICAST conference in NUST, Islamabad from 2-4th September. The ITC-AAP will organize a get together party in the evening of 3rd September. To attend please contact Falak Nawaz (falakitc@yahoo.co.uk)

Special alumni session at the ISPRS-IV symposium
The ISPRS commission IV is organizing an International Symposium on "Geospatial Databases for Sustainable Development" in Goa, India, from September 27-30, 2006. At the symposium a special session has been allocated to the ITC alumni. If you are interested to participate in this session please contact Prof. Mahavir (mahavir57@yahoo.com). Please visit the commission website for information on the symposium (http://www.commission4.isprs.org).

Fellowship opportunities
Special fellowship opportunities from WWF/EFN for students from South America: www.wwf-efn.org/fellowships.cfm
Japan-IDB scholarship for all IDB loan recipient member countries: www.iadb.org/int/jps/main.asp?lg=EN

EDUGI e-Learning Courses
ITC invites students to participate in courses that are conducted in the framework of the eduGI project, a co-operation between eight European GI institutes to use existing courses, adapt them to e-Learning courses and exchange those courses, including the teachers. We offer three courses (in English). The courses are provided free of charge, but students are expected to actively participate and complete the course. Participants have to subscribe at ITC but the courses will run on the educational platform of ISEGI in Lisbon. For more information and registration visit: www.itc.nl/education/courses/distance_education.asp
Additional information can be obtained from ITC’s eduGI project coordinator Connie Blok: blok@itc.nl

Facts and figures
Do you wish to know how ITC has grown and expanded its activities since you
graduated? You can access the latest “facts and figures” on the website: 
http://www.itc.nl/about_itc/facts_figures.asp

New courses in 2007
Check our website for information on Short courses and online education in 2007:
http://www.itc.nl/education

ITC at conferences and fairs world-wide

- **Expo Universidad – Argentina**, September 15 – 17, Buenos Aires, 
  Argentina; www.expouniversidad.com.ar
  www.nesovietnam.com
- **XII SELPER International Symposium**: GIS and Remote Sensing 
  applied to “Natural Risks and Territory Management”, September 24 to 29, 
  Cartagena, Colombia; www.selper.org.co
- 10th International Education Fair of Turkey, October 8 – 15, Turkey;  
  www.ieft.net
- **6th International AARSE conference** of Earth Observation & Geo- 
  information Sciences in Support of Africa’s Development, October 30 - 
  November 2, Cairo, Egypt; www.narss.sci.eg/aarse2006/about.htm
- **9th International Conference of the Global Spatial Data 
  Infrastructure** (GSDI-9), November 3 – 11, Santiago, Chile;  
  www.gsdi9.cl
- **European Higher Education Fair** – Thailand, November 10 - 12, 
  Bangkok, Thailand; www.ehef-bangkok.org

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Graduation Ceremony for the Professional Masters
Today we celebrate the graduation of the professional master class of 2005-2006. We welcome these graduates to the alumni community and hope they will remain in touch with ITC and that they can find an active role in their national alumni associations. We wish them good luck in their careers and say: “tot ziens!”

Retirement of Joop Schoezetter
After 35 years of service, our restaurant manager and Chef Joop Schoezetter will leave ITC with early retirement. On 7 September a farewell reception was held at ITC. Many of you will remember him as he has been responsible for preparing your lunches and parties since 1971. Before this era is officially closed on the 1st December 2006 you can still send him your regards: schoezetter@itc.nl

Reviving the Alumni Association in Zimbabwe
To revive the ITC Alumni Association of Zimbabwe a meeting is organised on 23 September 2006 at the Mining Engineering Department, University of Zimbabwe. The meeting will start at 10:00 hrs and all ITC alumni in Zimbabwe are cordially invited to attend. For more information please contact: Mr. Kudzai Musiwa Tel: +263 91948915, E-mail: kudzie@eng.uz.ac.zw; association-zimbabwe@alumni.itc.nl

ITC Alumni Association established in Thailand
During an alumni gathering in Bangkok this week the 40 alumni present decided to establish an ITC alumni association in Thailand. The gathering was held at the residence of ITC representative Mrs. Marjan Kreijns in the presence of Director of external affairs Mr. Sjaak Beerens. It was decided to establish the association as a chapter of the Netherlands Alumni Association in Thailand. Ms. Parida Kuneepon was elected Secretary and Dr. Thiva Supajanya was elected for (honorary) chairman.

Special Alumni Session at ISPRS Symposium
During the ISPRS TC-IV symposium in Goa, India, the ITC alumni will have their own session on 29 September titled “Sharing knowledge and connecting geo-information for sustainable development”. The session will be followed by an alumni gathering. If you wish to attend or participate in the session please contact Prof. Mahavir: mahavir57@yahoo.com

5th International Symposium on Spatial Data Quality
You are cordially invited to participate in the 5th International Symposium on Spatial Data Quality. The meeting presents the latest developments in quantitative and qualitative approaches and information theory towards spatial
The symposium will be held at ITC from 13-17 June 2007. For more information please visit http://www.itc.nl/issdq2007/

**Education Brochure**
The new education brochure is now available: http://www.itc.nl/education/default.aspx

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8 September 2006
Opening of the academic year 2006-2007
On 28 September the coming academic year will be opened in the Grote Kerk in Enschede. The Schermerhorn Lecture this year will be given by Dr José Achache, Director GEO Secretariat.

One MSc Course - Four Countries
Online applications are now being accepted for the Master of Science (MSc) course "Geo-information Science and Earth Observation for Environmental Modelling and Management” (GEM) 2007. The course combines the best elements from four European institutes into one course. World renowned faculty from these four Universities, as well as visiting scholars, teach this course. The Erasmus Mundus scholarships for this course are open to all non-EU country applicants. Click here for more information...

Alumni gathering in Islamabad, Pakistan
The ITC Alumni Association of Pakistan, which has been established last year, again organized a successful get together party to welcome the Director External Affairs Drs. Sjaak Beerens. These parties have become a meeting point to old ITC mates after graduating from ITC, that also provide a platform to discuss future plans and collaboration and to formulate strategies how to further strengthen the association. Despite that on 1st September, there was a country wide strike call from different political parties in Pakistan; almost 32 alumni managed to attend the party. Watch the pictures here...

ITC Alumni Association established in Thailand
During an alumni gathering in Bangkok on 28 August the 40 alumni present decided to establish an ITC alumni association in Thailand. The gathering was held at the residence of ITC representative Mrs. Marjan Kreijns in the presence of Director of external affairs Mr. Sjaak Beerens. It was decided to establish the association as a chapter of the Netherlands Alumni Association in Thailand. Ms. Parida Kuneepon was elected Secretary and Dr. Thiva Supajanya was elected for (honorary) chairman. You can find the photos of the event here...

ESRI User Conference 2006
Like last year, a delegation from ITC attended this year's ESRI User Conference in San Diego, California, held from August 7 until August 11.
The conference always starts with an opening address by ESRI's President and Fellow of ITC, Jack Dangermond. "Communicating our World" was this year's theme: "Our world needs better understanding, and GIS is the medium that helps us communicate and understand our world." During the opening address, three large video screens displayed map images created from live data accessed via the
Internet. ESRI staff showed new features in ArcGIS 9.2, being released in the fall of this year. The ITC, we were present in ITC information booths on both the Education Fair and Show Case, and organized an ITC alumni reception, attended by some 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. See the group photo...

Do you still have ideas for a refresher?
If you are interested to submit a proposal for a refresher course, please note that the final deadline to hand in your proposal with Nuffic is 1 November 2006. Proposals can be directly submitted to Nuffic via partners or (Netherlands) alumni associations. Click here for more information...

Submit your abstracts on Spatial Data Quality!
15 November is the deadline for submission of abstracts for the 5th International Symposium on Spatial Data Quality. More information here...

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26 September 2006
Alumni Gathering in Mongolia
During the 27th Asian Conference on Remote Sensing ACRS 2006 the ITC alumni association of Mongolia and the Directorate of ITC will host an alumni reception. All ITC alumni are cordially invited. The event will be held on 11 October in the “Irish Pub” in Ulaanbaatar, from 19.00 hrs. If you wish to attend please contact Munguntsetseg Baldandorj of the ITC alumni association of Mongolia.

GFM.4 graduation
On 12 October the closing ceremony of the Diploma Course in Geo-informatics (GFM.4) will be held at ITC. We welcome the 45 students who will graduate this day to the ITC alumni community.

Distance education in Geostatistics
Are you a postgraduate student or working professional who wishes to apply spatial statistics and geostatistical computing in research and consulting projects? Then maybe the online training course "Geostatistics and Open-Source Statistical Computing" is of interest to you.

Vacancies at ITC
Associate Professor, Land Administration. Closing date: 20 October 2006. Professor (m/f), Management of Dynamics of the Urban Region. Closing date: 28 October 2006. Professor (m/f), Geo-Information for Governance. Closing date: 28 October 2006. Assistant Professor (m/f), Spatial Planning and Decision Support Systems. Closing date: 17 November 2006.

Alumni gathering in Cairo
During the AARSE 2006 conference in Cairo, Egypt, the ITC Alumni association of Egypt and ITC will host a reception for all alumni on Wednesday 1st November. Details will follow. If you wish to attend please visit the ITC booth at the AARSE conference exhibition or contact the ITC alumni association of Egypt.

ITC Rector to present guest lecture to Netherlands Alumni in Thailand
On Monday 6 November Martien Molenaar, Rector of ITC, will present a guest lecture in Bangkok for the Netherlands alumni. The NAAT (Netherlands Alumni Association of Thailand) is organizing the event which is hosted by the Netherlands Embassy. During the event the Netherlands Ambassador, Pieter Marres, will preside over the inauguration of the ITC alumni chapter of the NAAT. Chairman for this chapter will be Dr. Thiva and Ms. Parida will become secretary. Programme for the evening of 6 November:
18.00 hrs: guest lecture
19.15 hrs: signing ceremony
19.30-21.00: dinner-reception
Only a limited number of guests can participate in the event. If you wish to attend then please contact the ITC representative for Thailand, Mrs. Marjan
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Another year has gone …
The time has come to close yet another year. Next week ITC will close for the Christmas holidays and winter is gradually setting in. At ITC we hope to hear from you next year as frequently as we did this year. Keep sharing your ideas and initiatives with the alumni community; your world is much smaller than you think!

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*We wish you all the best for 2007!*  
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Ice-skating lessons for new students
On 14 December there was a special ice skating lesson organised for the ITC students on the Oude Markt in Enschede. A short report the ice-skating event was broadcasted on the regional TV channel: RTV Oost. If you have a fast internet connection you can [watch the ice-skating](select 14 December; the item starts at 08:00 minutes.)

40th Anniversary of co-operation between IIRS and ITC
The longstanding programme of co-operation between the ITC and the Indian Institute for Remote Sensing (IIRS), formerly known as the Indian Photo Interpretation Institute (IPI), in Dehra Dunn, India, celebrated its 40th anniversary this year.
To mark this special occasion a Commemorative Workshop was organised at IIRS on 28 and 29 November 2006. Among the honorary guests were Mr G. Madhavan Nair, Chairman Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), His Excellency E.F.Ch. Niehe, Dutch Ambassador in India, Dr K. Radhakrishnan, Director National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA) and Professor M. Molenaar, Rector ITC.

New EduServ5 e-learning courses
We are pleased to announce that the fifth educational service (EduServ5) of European Spatial Data Research Organization (EuroSDR) will commence in March 2007. It will consist of four two-week e-learning courses on:
- Methods for Checking and Improving of Digital Terrain Models
- Quality of Geospatial Data and the Related Statistical Concepts
- Mapping with Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)
- Laserscanning for 3D city models
More detailed information can be found on:

Special short course: Using GIS for Tuberculosis Control
ITC, in Enschede, and the Royal Tropical Institute, in Amsterdam, jointly organize this course bringing together expertise in geographic information systems and its application for public health. The course starts in March 2007 and will address specific problems in the field of planning and evaluation of the TB disease control programmes. If you are interested you can find the full description and registration here.

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