

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAMMETRY
AND REMOTE SENSING
and
ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION LABORATORIES
IN EUROPE

NOTING that the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) is an international non-governmental organization that enhances international cooperation between the worldwide organizations with interests in the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences. ISPRS achieves its aims by advancing knowledge in the areas of interest of ISPRS by encouraging and facilitating research and development, scientific networking and inter-disciplinary activities, facilitating education and training with particular emphasis in less developed countries, and enhancing public recognition of the contributions of the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences for the benefit of humankind and the sustainability of the environment.

NOTING that the Association of Geographic Information Laboratories in Europe (AGILE) is an European organisation, embracing laboratories on geographic information, promoting academic teaching and research on Geographical Information Systems (GIS) at European level, stimulating and supporting networking activities between the member laboratories (e.g. by organising the yearly conference), ensuring that the views of the geographic information teaching and research community are fully represented in the discussions that take place on the future research (and education) agenda, and providing a permanent scientific forum where geographic information researchers can meet and exchange ideas and experiences at the European level.

CONCLUDING that the ISPRS and AGILE share a common interest in addressing issues relating to the development of technology, standards and applications for a range of geospatial data handling purposes, notably in geodata modelling, acquisition, management, visualisation, analysis and dissemination as well as in strengthening, networking and further promoting the Geographic Information Research Community;


this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is presented to provide a framework for a continuing liaison between the two organisations. This will be achieved by maintaining and increasing the opportunities of scientific, technical and professional as well as academic and educational exchange between their members, through a continuing programme of co-operation leading to mutual sharing of knowledge and expertise to the advantage of both organisations.

Both organisations HEREBY AGREE to endeavour to intensify their co-operation for mutual benefit. The following steps will be taken, among others:

1. The relevant academic, scientific or operationally established groupings such as councils, commissions, working groups or initiatives that each organisation has established will liaise closely with each other and invite representation and collaboration from each other where it is agreed that it would be appropriate.
2. Each organisation will inform the other of its programme of proposed scientific, academic or professional activities such as projects, conferences, seminars, courses, and workshops to enable joint participation should it be of mutual benefit, and publicise and inform its members of these events as appropriate.
3. Both organisations will identify opportunities to organise specialised projects, seminars, courses, or workshops under joint sponsorship, and may also seek to promote joint publications.
4. The Strategic Plan of ISPRS and the AGILE research agenda will be scrutinised to determine specific areas of common interest. Collaborative research in areas such as geosensor web, data acquisition, semantics, spatial data exploration and analysis, spatial data specifications, geoinformation services are addressed by a number of AGILE initiatives, and ISPRS Technical Commissions and Working Groups, and collaboration will be sought especially within these areas.
5. This Memorandum does not directly imply any financial commitments for AGILE or for ISPRS.
6. This Memorandum may be modified or amended by written agreement between AGILE and ISPRS.
7. This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by the authorized representatives of AGILE and ISPRS and may be terminated by either AGILE or ISPRS by written notification to the other party six months in advance of the date of termination.

IN WITNESS WITHIN, the parties hereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the ^{5th}.....day of June, 2014

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President
ISPRS



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Chairs
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