

International Working Group on Satellite based Emergency Mapping (IWG-SEM)

Minutes of the teleconference held on Tuesday, 11.06.2013, 13 UTC

Participants

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Main Outcomes

During the teleconference, following points were discussed.

1. Emergency Mapping Guidelines drafting: current status

DLR, ITHACA, JRC and USGS provided a brief summary of the current status of the document drafting, which is still in a preliminary stage and has to be developed in the next 3 weeks, with the goal to distribute a draft for internal commenting before the agreed 30 June 2013 deadline. A gentle reminder will be sent out to all the involved organizations, highlighting the chapter structure, the involved contributors and the next deadline.

2. Next meeting (Autumn): schedule/venue proposal

USGS updated the TC attendees about the findings related to the potential venue/schedule for the next Autumn meeting. It is proposed to organize a two-day meeting in Washington DC at the Dept. of Interior, checking the IWG-SEM members availability in the weeks 7-11 October 2013 and 15-18 October 2013 (14 is local holiday), having already verified that no major event/congress/meeting are scheduled for the same period. The only issue could be related to the occurrence of a major disaster before/during the meeting, since the venue will be operationally involved in the response. DLR kindly offered to investigate the availability of DLR facilities in DC as a back-up solution.

It is agreed to define the dates before the next conference call, to give all the interested members the time required for the travel arrangements (especially for the VISA). To this purpose, an on-line poll (Doodle) will be sent out to all members to define the meeting dates.

3. Monthly conference call: scheduled time issue

ITHACA informed the TC attendees about the TC scheduled time issue raised by some member from US (too early in the morning). All the TC participants were available to postpone the conference call to 2 pm UTC to allow a broader participation (to be further checked with members from Japan).

4. AOB

- ***Membership statement***

Taking into account some comments received during the membership statement drafting stage, it was discussed and agreed that Professional Association may actively participate through a representative from the Professional Association staff. The statement will be uploaded on the web site.

- ***Mailing list consolidation***

ITHACA informed that a draft e-mail to consolidate the WG mailing list has been prepared and kindly asked support to DLR, JRC and USGS for a revision of the mail content before sending it out. It was also agreed to send the interest verification mail to all IWG-SEM members to keep the process transparent.

- ***Flooding in Europe***

JRC highlighted that the Flood-Event mapping guidelines are more than relevant given the current flooding situation in Europe, especially due to the interest in satellite based products shown also from the general public.

DLR highlighted that it was appreciated the action from JRC to keep everyone informed about the GIO-EMS Rush activation.

It was proposed, as soon as all members will close the respective emergency mapping activities, to check the need/possibility to have a dedicated conference call focused on the lesson learned or, if useful, to have bilateral discussions.

The conference call ended at 13:40 UTC