

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

Minutes of the teleconference held on Tuesday, 09.07.2013, 14 UTC

Participants

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Main Outcomes

During the teleconference, following points were discussed.

- October meeting in Washington: date definition**
 After the closure of the on-line poll, it is proposed to schedule the Washington DC IWG-SEM meeting in the period Thursday 10 – Friday 11 October 2013, according to the availability reported by the members that participated to the poll. USGS will kindly check if the proposed dates fit the hosting institution's agenda. Once the dates are confirmed, an official invitation will be sent out to the mailing list, allowing the interested people to carry out the formal steps required for the VISA request.
- Emergency Mapping Guidelines drafting: current status update**
 ITHACA provided a brief summary of the current status of the Emergency Mapping Guidelines document. Although the agreed deadline (30 June 2013) for providing the contributions to the document is expired, just one member sent a revised/commented version of the document revised in Torino. It is agreed that another reminder will be sent out to all the involved IWG-SEM members, asking to kindly provide their inputs before 28 July 2013. The contributions received by that date will be then integrated in a draft version (v 0.1) which will be circulated for internal commenting among the active members.
- New members: updating**
 ITHACA introduced to the conference call participants two new IWG-SEM members: Antje Siebert (from the "Forest Protection Department of the Forestry Sub-Secretariat of Chubut Province Government in Patagonia, which also cooperates with CONAE) and UN WFP. DLR suggested to kindly ask UN WFP to identify a focal point for the IWG-SEM related activities. It is also agreed to share with the new members the minutes of latest Teleconferences and Meetings, with the goal to provide an overview of the main ongoing activities.

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- ***GeoRSS***

DLR reminded the need to follow-up on the GeoRSS topic discussed in Torino, which can be therefore one of the topics for the next TC agenda.

- ***August teleconference***

Due to the holiday season, it is discussed the possibility to skip the August TC (which should be held on 13 August 2013). After having verified that some of the attendees to the TC will be available to join the TC, it is agreed to send out the invitation (as usual few days in advance) and take a final decision after having verified the number of people that will actually confirm their attendance.

The conference call ended at 14:40 UTC