

## **GeoMundus** conference on geospatial technologies Münster, Germany

The students of the Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in Geospatial Technologies will once again host their annual symposium - GeoMundus under the theme 'Mapping the Future'. GeoMundus is a free conference held by students for students. Since its inception, this conference has enabled the sharing of cutting-edge scientific research, knowledge, skills, and facilitated networking within the field of geospatial technologies.

The first GeoMundus conference was successfully held at the University of Nova, Lisbon, Portugal in 2009. Since then, the conference has alternately been held among the three partnering universities, namely the Universitat Jaume I Castellón (Spain), the Institute for Geoinformatics Münster (Germany), and the University of Nova. This year's staging will be held at the Institute for Geoinformatics Münster on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of November.



GeoMundus 2017 will have participants from all over the World, sixteen excellent speakers and over 120 confirmed attendees. This year's focus will be on emerging technologies within the fields of Geographic Information Systems and Sciences, Spatial Cognition, Geography, and Spatial Data Sciences. Specific attention will be paid to innovative research that pushes the boundaries of geospatial analysis. Among the emerging technologies to be covered are Unmanned Aerial Systems (drones) and Virtual Reality by various speakers and workshops.

The organisers of GeoMundus secured four high-profile keynote speakers from two continents, North America and Europe, who will share their expertise with the attendees (details on the speakers can be found at: <u>http://geomundus.org/2017/#two</u>). The programme of GeoMundus is unique in that it expands the structure of conference talks by also featuring workshops where participants can experience first-hand the future of geospatial technologies. Additionally, there will be a career session specially designed for students interested in the geospatial field (details on the programme and the workshops can be found here: <u>http://geomundus.org/2017/#four</u>). Moreover, in order to facilitate networking, an informal meeting is planned for the evening of Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November and a conference dinner on the night of Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2017.

A highlight of the curriculum for the students of the organising team, GeoMundus 2017 offers two days of presentations, workshops, and networking opportunities for all attendees. The conference will also facilitate connections between current and former members of other Erasmus Mundus programmes, enabling the sharing of knowledge and experiences, with the aim of continually building a strong Erasmus Mundus network.

Registration remains open until the  $3^{rd}$  of November. Registration forms and further details of the conference can be found at <u>http://geomundus.org</u>

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