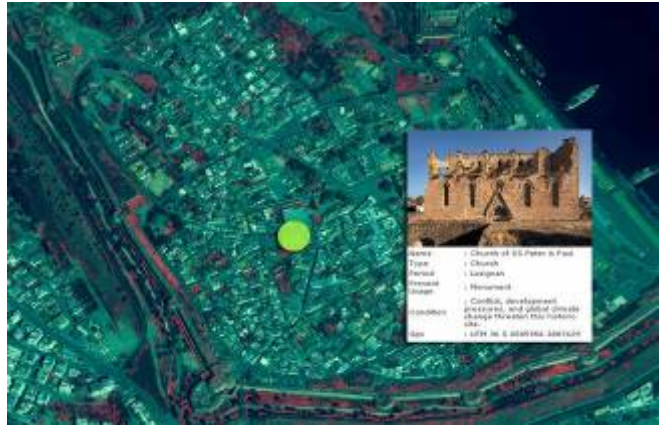


ANNOUNCEMENT

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) 3rd Users Group Meeting



Engineers and technicians interested in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are invited to participate in the third of a series of meetings on SAVE's GIS activity. During this meeting SAVE will update the Users Group about the progress of SAVE's GIS activity, Can Kara will deliver a presentation on GIS projects underway or planned with SAVE and their partners. Several projects will be presented, including the creation of a detailed street GIS layer derived from high-resolution satellite data and a proposed collaboration to build a GIS database of cultural heritage sites and attributes. User Group participants will also be updated on the status of ongoing GIS training classes.

The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) activity is designed to improve land use planning, the management and utilization of natural resources and protection of cultural heritage sites. The GIS activity was developed based on the expressed needs of environmental managers and planning professionals. The GIS Users Group provides an opportunity to actively collaborate in the work being done by SAVE and the GIS community. SAVE works on building local capacity to better protect and manage Cyprus' valuable natural and cultural resources. SAVE is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and is implemented by International Resources Group (IRG).

DATE – TIME – PLACE

Wednesday, 12 December 2007

10:00 – 11:30

EU Coordination Center

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & TO RSVP

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James A. Price is the SAVE GIS Program Manager and leads the GIS team. He has over 20 years of experience in the geospatial industry, with both the public and private sector. Throughout his career Mr. Price has worked in all aspects of GIS implementation, management, and application development. Most recently he has worked for the City of New Orleans, in the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort. As an authorized ESRI Instructor, Mr. Price has hired and trained GIS staff. He has designed, specified, procured, and installed GIS workstations and servers, led entire departments in the upgrading of their GIS hardware and software, developed production tools for automation of GIS production work, and led the implementation of internet map services. He has experience in all types of data and data management issues including creating and maintaining metadata, converting paper maps into digital GIS databases, and modernizing data products for agencies including the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the US National Hurricane Center.

Can Kara is the SAVE GIS Deputy Program Manager. He has over 7 years of experience in the planning industry with both public and private sectors. His first experience on planning was with the “Nicosia Master Plan” extension project. He also worked for the UNOPS “Vision for the Care of Nicosia” project funded by UNDP and USAID for two years. Mr. Kara worked on the development of Bafra, Morphou and Kyrenia planning regulations and related digitization work. He has also coordinated digitization projects for Nicosia and Famagusta. Mr. Kara has been applying landfill location development for the Waste Management Project in cooperation with the European Union Coordination Center. He also has experience with the Urban Research and Development Center at Eastern Mediterranean University on the Quality of Life Project for database management, creating and maintaining data and converting paper maps into digital maps using GIS.

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:15	Registration and Coffee
10:15 – 10:25	Welcome & Update on SAVE GIS Project Progress
10:25 – 10:40	Presentation on Current & Planned GIS Projects
10:40 – 10:50	BREAK
10:50 – 11:00	ArcGIS Training Update
11:00 – 11:15	Group Discussion on GIS Issues
11:15 – 11:30	Plans for the 4th GIS Users Group Meeting in early 2008 & Closing Remarks



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