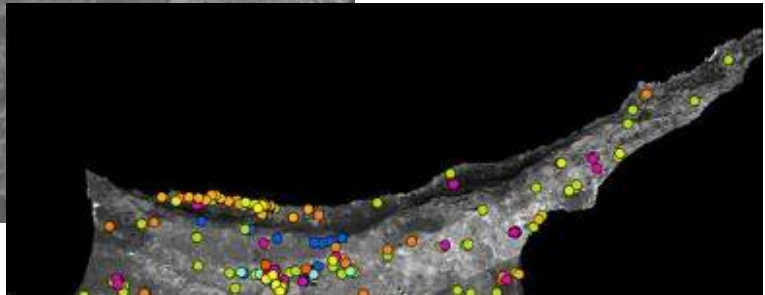


ANNOUNCEMENT Geographic Information Systems (GIS) 6th Users Group Meeting



PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION AT SAVE

Engineers and technicians interested in GIS are invited to participate in SAVE's **6th GIS Users Group Meeting**. This meeting will focus on how the GIS data layers are being created with existing agricultural, environmental protection and antiquities information by the local GIS users teams and SAVE using a variety of GIS and other data types. The SAVE GIS team will also review the various mentored projects underway and discuss upcoming GIS training opportunities.

The SAVE GIS Users Group provides an opportunity for resource managers to actively collaborate in the work being done by SAVE and the local GIS community. SAVE's work in GIS is designed to improve land use planning and the management of natural resources and cultural heritage sites. This work is being implemented based on the expressed needs of environmental managers and planning professionals. 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).

DATE – TIME – PLACE

Wednesday, 9 April, 2008

10:00 – 12:00

SAVE

6 Şerif Arzik Street, Ziya Necati Özkan Apt. 3-4 Floor 3, Köşklüçiftlik

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Ongoing SAVE GIS work:

“Training of Trainers”

Field data collection and GPS training with environmental protection managers.

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 planning experience and has worked on projects related to the “Nicosia Master Plan”, including the “New Vision for the Core of Nicosia” project funded by UNDP and USAID, and development of Morphou, Kyrenia and Bafra 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 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 GIS Projects
10:25 – 10:40	Presentation on GIS Data Layer Creation
10:40 – 10:50	BREAK
10:50 – 11:00	GIS Training Update & Plans
11:00 – 11:30	Group Discussion on GIS Issues
11:30 – 12:00	Plans for the 7th GIS Users Group Meeting on May 21, 2008 & Closing Remarks