

Memorandum of Understanding

On April 23, 2009 the undersigned representatives of the three largest institutions for education and research in geodesy and geoinformatics met during the GeoSiberia 2009 Fair. These institutions are:

- 1) The Moscow State University of Geodesy and Cartography (MIIGAiK), Moscow, Russian Federation.
This institution was founded in 1779. In particular, it laid the foundation to provide manpower, and technologies for the mapping of the territory of the Russian Federation and the former Soviet Union after 1917.
- 2) The Siberian State Academy for Geodesy (SSAG), Novosibirsk, Russian Federation.
This institution, founded in 1933 as NIIGAiK, shared in this effort in the following years.
- 3) Wuhan University, Wuhan, China,
This surveying and mapping institution was established as Wuhan Technical University for Surveying and Mapping (WTUSM) in 1956. It was modelled after MIIGAiK and NIIGAiK. It provided the manpower for the mapping of China after 1956, and became a leading educational research institution in the 1980's under the State Survey and Mapping Bureau of China, before it was integrated into Wuhan University under the Chinese Ministry of Education

The meeting in Novosibirsk has been suggested during the International Congress for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing in Beijing in July 2008, because

- a) these three institutions are the largest educational and research institutions for geodesy and geoinformatics in existence.
- b) they have supplied an educational background in geodesy and geoinformatics to a greater number of individuals than in other countries.
- c) they have also shared the worldwide capacity building effort for the developing countries.
- d) because of these experiences these three institutions can particularly be helpful in shaping the global effort of education and research in geodesy and geoinformatics.

The representatives of these three institutions have discussed these common interests, and they have agreed to the following:

1. representatives of these three institutions will meet annually at scientific and technical events of geodesy and geoinformatics;
2. they will develop a work program for suggestions on how to improve the international standing of the geodesy and geoinformatics profession;

3. they will establish a small secretariate to follow up these activities to promote the standing and the contributions together with other institutions, including the international scientific societies or bodies, such as FIG, IAG, ICA and ISPRS;
4. they will furthermore investigate the possibility for the establishment if an International Scientific Academy of Geodesy and Geoinformatics to promote these efforts.

Signed in Novosibirsk on April 24, 2009

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