



GSDI Association New Member Prospectus

for Government Agencies, Academia and Non-Profit Organisations

"The Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association - Advancing a Location Enabled World"

- **Our Vision** is of a world where everyone can readily discover, access and apply geographic information to improve their daily lives.
- **Our Purpose** is to encourage international cooperation that stimulates the implementation and development of national, regional and local spatial data infrastructures.
- **Our Mission** is to advance geo-information best practices, knowledge sharing and capacity building for the improved sharing and application of geographic information.

Introducing the GSDI Association

One of the best ways to learn about the **GSDI Association** is to visit our web site at gsdiassociation.org. In the 'About Us' link you will find details of the organisation's structure, governance, links to current Members and background documents relating to governance and operation of the Association, benefits of membership, our activities and more.

From the home page you can visit links to regional and global SDI-related news, Member news, upcoming events and conferences around the globe, GSDI funded Projects, and a wealth of educational materials, including publications, SDI cookbooks, webinars, and instructional videos, plus links to past GSDI Conferences where all Proceedings are available for free. The GSDI Small Grants Program, supported also by the URISA GISCorps, has funded more than 100 SDI-related projects since its inception in 2003.

For increased networking opportunities, sign up for any of our regional discussion lists as well as the GSDI Group on the popular professional social network **LinkedIn** (or follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter**).

Meet the GSDI Members

To introduce you to current Members of the GSDI Association, visit the website at <http://gsdiassociation.org/index.php/about-gsdi/gsdi-organisation.html> where you will find links to all of our Members' websites. Of the 40 Organisational members, we currently have nine members from industry (including GIS leaders such as Esri and Intergraph), 14 government agencies, eight non-profits including two major regional geo associations, eight academic or research institutions plus the UN. Our current membership drive is also focusing on new small and medium enterprises as well as larger corporations and government bodies involved in implementing Spatial Data Infrastructure in their organisations, industries, countries or regions.

Membership Benefits

From the GSDI website you can download various 'Benefits of Membership' leaflets for the different types of member, from our Organisational Members (For Profit, Government Agencies, Not for Profit and Academia) and our Individual Members from around the world.

One of the key financial benefits of membership is the **reduced fee** for our Members for attendance and booking booths/exhibition space at the **GSDI World Conferences**. The next conference – **GSDI 15** – is hosted by our members in Taiwan and will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, from 28 November to 2 December 2016. Visit the conference website (follow the link on the home page) to see the **Sponsor and Exhibitor Prospectus** for GSDI 15.

Networking and Exposure at GSDI and Allied Conferences

The **GSDI World Conference** series started in 1996 in Bonn, Germany, and has a continuously successful track record ever since, bringing together thousands of government staff, academics, researchers, consultants, geomatics industry vendors and SDI implementation practitioners from across the world.

The GSDI World Conferences are often held in partnership with another national, regional or international GIS-/SDI-related conference, in different parts of the world. In 2013, **GSDI 14** was in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in parallel with AfricaGIS 2013. In 2012, **GSDI 13** was in Quebec, in parallel with the Canadian national GEOIDE conference. In 2010 **GSDI 12** was in Singapore, in parallel with the PCGIAP (Permanent Committee for GI in Asia-Pacific) Meeting, plus a meeting of the ISCGM (International Steering Committee for the Global Map). In 2009 **GSDI 11** was in Rotterdam, held in parallel with the EU's annual Pan-European SDI initiative INSPIRE Conference and the national Dutch SDI conference.

GSDI World Conferences are the place to hear and meet global players in the geomatics and Spatial Data Infrastructure world. Past keynote speakers have included Jack Dangermond (Esri President), Dr Barbara Ryan (Director of the GEO Secretariat), plus many senior officials from European institutions, the World Bank and other global organisations. Attendance and networking at GSDI Conferences is one of the key benefits that a recent survey of our membership (and prior conference attendees) ranked more highly.

What Does Membership Cost?

The fee structure for Organisational Members is found on the "Join GSDI" web page at <http://gsdiassociation.org/index.php/join-gsdi.html> - where you can find information on qualifications to join, benefits of joining, dues tables, and information on Fee Waiver for government agencies in developing nations. The application form can be downloaded and forwarded to the Secretary-General or President at the links indicated.

GSDI Association Members in Action!



Capacity Building training seminars hosted in Taipei!

2014 'GSDI Mobile SDI Apps Award', to eCamino for the eCamino app.



If you have any further questions, or if we can provide any further information about the Association or its aims, goals and operation, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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GSDI Association is a Chapter 501(c) (non-profit) organisation registered in the USA.