

GMES UPDATE

Following the successful BARSC/ BNSC Summit on 10th April, BNSC is discussing the options for a UK GMES Office with other Departments. The action plan to define the first phase of GMES over the next two years is being drafted by the EC, for submission to the October Research Council. It is proposed that this phase will be funded by EC framework 5, from the sustainability line. The last call for projects is in October 2001.

More Information can be found on the DG Research Website, and at http://gmes.jrc.it/download/Brief_actionplan.pdf

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Emerging Business Sectors for EO Applications

BARSC host a special session at the RSPS Conference

The special session organised by BARSC will showcase projects that have been undertaken under the BNSC Sector Studies programme. The objective of the programme has been to address industry sectors or definable user groups that hold potential for substantial new use of information products derived from Earth observation data. Speakers at the session will cover a wide variety of such 'sectors', and titles of the talks include:

- The potential for EO in professional business information services
- The contribution of EO to information needs in humanitarian relief
- EO potential for the insurance market
- The potential uses for EO data in the legal sector
- EO exploitation in the marine sector
- The delivery of geo-spatial information using 3G mobile technology

There will also be a demonstration of the EnviView Tool for handling ENVISAT Data.

BARSC will be inviting specially selected government and industrial guests to join RSPS Conference delegates at the BARSC Sessions.

Venue: DTI Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London

Date: 12th September (repeated 13th September) Time: 16.00 – 17.30

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EO Applications Seminars at GIS2001

BARSC assist BNSC in organising their Seminar Series

Following on the success of the previous two years, BNSC are again running a series of seminars in the seminar theatre within the BNSC stand at GIS 2001. The Exhibition is taking place at Earls Court 2, 18th – 20th September.

The seminars will provide the target audience, from the Local Government, Utilities and Telecommunication fields, with an insight into practical applications of space-derived information.

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