Hello my fellow geophiles,

After a long lasting summer, it is hard to believe we entered the darkest month of the year already. Fortunately, there are nice events coming up that may illuminate you.

Also, Voort has declared who won the Geobuzz win action! It seems to be a certain "Tim" (no further details were made public). Congratulations with your prize and good luck with your dream to become an expedition leader ;)

Remember: **MGI drink** every Thursday, around 16.45 pm on GAIA 3rd floor bridge. Come plenty!

See you LiDAR,

Thijs
Hackaton Nature Today

(Dutch event)

As some of you know, Arnold van Vliet is collecting nature data with the citizen science project "Nature Today". **Now he can use your help!**

The mission of the Hackaton for Nature Today is to develop an innovative way to display the enormous quantity of nature data. In teams you will work together on a specific nature topic and develop ideas on the use and the display of the data. Several experts from different science domains (biologists, data owners, software developers) participate as well and will share their thoughts with you. The topics to work on are...
Are you inspired? Do you want to participate?
Please subscribe via this link
or mail to naturetoday@wur.nl

Monday December 10
from 9:30 to 17:00
Forum 7th floor

15 Years of MGI Celebration

This year it is 15 years ago that the first students graduated from the master programme Geo-information (MGI) at Wageningen University. To celebrate this
This event is planned on Friday December 14, 2018 in Wageningen starting from 10:00 till 19:00. The venue will be the Orion building on the Wageningen Campus. Registration for this event is for free. You can register at https://www.wur.nl/en/activity/Fifteen_years_MGI.htm

GIMA day

On December the 17th, 2018, the 4th edition of the GIMA Day career event will take place! This event is aimed at all (master) students in the geo-information field. During this day, students, alumni and companies will have the opportunity to meet each other. The theme of this year is "Interaction with GI". The day will start with free lunch for all participants. Next, 3 companies will give a presentation. This is followed with a company fair, where 20 companies in the geo-information sector will be present. Subsequently, there will be workshops by companies. You have the opportunity to let us know your preference in the sign up form. The day will end with network drinks.

The programme of the day will be as follows:
14:45 – 15:45: Company fair
16:00 – 17:00: Workshops by companies
17:00 – 19:00: Network drinks

- Free entrance
- Lunch and drinks are provided
- Minnaert building, Leuvenlaan 4, Utrecht
- 13:00 - 19:00
- Sign up here: https://goo.gl/forms/B0ukq1m9oNul659w2
- Sign up before December 10th.

Workshop Remote Sensing and Forest Monitoring

Dear all,

In the morning of Monday 17 December we will organize a small workshop in Gaia 1 on “Remote Sensing and Forest Monitoring”. It is at the occasion of the PhD defense of Mathieu Decuyper.

Programme
10:00 Opening, Loosing generality: The risk of overparametrisation when linking hyperspectral data to field data
10:30 Linking stable isotope tree-ring records with tropical and subtropical atmospheric circulation systems
11:00 Coffee break
11:15 Understanding the drivers and consequences of forest dynamics in South Mexico
11:45 Final discussion
12:00 Lunch break, transfer to Aula
13:30 PhD thesis defense: combining conventional ground-based and remotely sensed forest measurements

Best regards,
Jan Clevers
Recently 10 MGI students finished the master ‘Geo-information Science’.

Kees Baak                    Netherlands
Martin Colee                  Netherlands
Inge van der Mond             Netherlands
Rony Nedkov                   Netherlands
Pinelopi Trapezanlidou        Greece
Koen Vaneenbos                Netherlands
Quanxing Wan                  China
Nadine Drigo                  Italy
Hector Muro Mauri             Spain
Mortimer Werther              Germany

On Tuesday November 27, 11.30 hours Kees, Martin, Inge, Rony, Koen and Quanxing received the diploma in the Aula of the university.
Congratulations!

Survey Weblectures

Dear students,

As you probably have noticed the service weblectures was not, or hardly, accessible during the study week and the exam week of period 1. This had as
At this moment we are working hard with our suppliers to find a solution. To prepare ourselves for another run on our service we have a couple questions that we would like to get answered. These questions are about watching recorded lectures and not about watching a livestream. This will take a couple of minutes.

Thank you for your time and please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Kind regards,
Team weblectures (weblectures.edusupport@wur.nl)

>> Link to questionnaire weblectures WUR <<

Interview with a GIS professional

Name: Jarno Sman
Age: 25
Jobtitle: AutoCAD Consultant
Company: Nedgraphics B.V.
Education: Bachelor degree in Planning & Human Geography

What are the reasons you choose to work at this company?
This company has been active in the CAD-sector for over 25 years. That’s a sign to me that Nedgraphics is very good at what it provides its customers with and also has the experience to prove it. They design the specialized tools so the local government and engineering companies can effectively design plans for the Netherlands.

For what reason have you decided to work via Voort for this company?
It was Voort that made me aware of its existence in the first place to be honest! After my first visit at Voort they quickly linked me as a possible candidate for the company and got to work. They were so fast, I already had an invitation from Nedgraphics before I got home that day.

Why did you choose to participate the Geo-ICT traineeship?
The traineeship provides useful grips that could come in handy in both your field of work as well as in your personal development. It gives you a general view of what it takes to work in the Geo-Data sector, in my case. Furthermore, the personal programs contain topics like improving your time management or presenting yourself in an effective way.
What do you enjoy most in your job?

Well, I've always liked the feeling to be able to provide a solution to a problem and thereby helping someone out. An added bonus would be working with complex pieces of software. My job as AutoCAD consultant here provides me with what I seek in a job, as it includes teaching, installing, configuring and developing in order to provide the best user experience for our partners.

Could you tell something about how the contact is like with your co-workers and the overall atmosphere at the company you work?

The AutoCAD part of the company is very helpful in providing me the tools and knowledge to carry out my work. To cite the company itself regarding it's atmosphere: 'We can be informal with each other on the inside but we always keep a professional look from the outside'.

What’s the best piece of advice you’ve ever been given?

It's hard not to sound cliched here but I do know this: always approach cases with an open mind. It can be hard but it helps to think in solutions rather than seeing problems everywhere.

What’s your hidden talent?

I always seem to find small or overlooked mistakes. You could say that this is some sort of a hidden talent, otherwise more people would be noticing it.

How do you explain to a layman what GIS is?

With GIS you can make the world around you more understandable. Statistics and terrain features can all be linked with each other and be presented with a map in such a way everybody can get a use out of it. For example: a new part of town is going to be build. Local neighbors would like a map to show how it's going to look and what the impact will be, so you create a map for that. On the other hand, building companies are more interested in the terrain features and what's already in the ground there. Again, this can be made possible with the use of GIS.

Tell me about what qualifications you need in this job?

A study in which you've already worked with technical drawings or map building is advisable but the former is not mandatory, as I've started working here while barely having touched AutoCAD before. Also, you will be discussing with your colleagues and partners about projects so it's best to like that as well. Lastly, a healthy interest in geography and/or engineering topics could go a long way.

Good luck in your search for the perfect job!
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