

**Editors Talk:**

Hello everyone! This is the **fifth edition** of the monthly MGI newsletter! The new year is here and so is winter hopefully. This period both first and second years will be mixing it up in Geoscripting next door and in SDI somewhere... I hope everyone has a good period and great reexams (no exams). Welcome to the late edition of the January Newsletter.

**Winter Geo - Photo Competition**

Hey all Winter may just finally be here, at least the temperature has dropped to a level we expect. In the hope of true winter weather somewhere in the Netherlands or at least Europe, we are once again initiating a photo competition. Following the success of the previous competition, this one will run from now till March 1<sup>st</sup>. Send in your best Winter photo from this season December - March and be in to win a wonderful prize.

Again we are MGI so submissions need to include a geolocation in one form or another. Any format is acceptable as long as someone else can find the place again.

All can enter from students to lecturers. The winners photo will be featured in the March newsletter. The winner will be selected by a panel of special judges.

Send submissions to [roeland.dekoning@wur.nl](mailto:roeland.dekoning@wur.nl)

**Agenda**

January

**17-1-16**

Final registration date for courses in period 4

**21-1-16**

Midterm presentations and colloquia

**26-1-16**

Graduation ceremony MGI students

**19-2-16**

Missing Mapathon Wageningen

**??-1/2-15**

MGI Event P 4 week 1

**Hacking For Sustainability, Our WUR Winners**

Gert Sterenborg and Rony Nedkov (second year MGI students) won second price for the Hacking for Sustainability competition. In this competition, developers were challenged to be creative with open data of natural capital and create innovative applications. The Hacking for Sustainability competition was organised by Open State Foundation on behalf of the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment.

Gert and Rony worked together with a graphics designer from Arnhem to build a prototype of the VindDeRust app. People can use the app to locate green and quiet spots in cities where they can sit and escape the everyday chaos of big cities. Three datasets have been used to locate these

hidden spots: location of benches from OpenStreetMap, a dataset on noise levels around streets and a dataset on potential capture of fine particulates by vegetation. The combination of these datasets results in three parameters visualized as bubbles: Green, silence and sit. The bigger the bubble of the parameter, the more that parameter contributes to overall silence and rest. The app is online at <http://gerts.github.io/VindDeRust/index.html>.

**Missing Mapathon Wageningen (19th of February)**

The Missing Maps project is a collaboration between the Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, and the Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team (HOT), and its purpose is to map the world's poorest and most vulnerable areas. In the case of natural disasters, conflicts, and disease epidemics these maps will be pivotal to delivering humanitarian aid.

The project relies on a large volunteer community to map these areas through online tools, by making use of satellite imagery and aerial photography. For this purpose, Mapathons are being organised all over the world: a coordinated mapping event where volunteers come together to map a certain part of a country.

On Friday the 19th of February, there will be a Missing Mapathon in Wageningen! It is being hosted and organised by *Nieuwland Geo-Informatie*. So do you like maps, and would you like to help us map a vulnerable region in the world? Then come to the Missing Mapathon Wageningen!

You do not need any experiences, we will tell you everything you need to know on the night itself and there will be experts to help you as well. However, bring your own laptop! The event is open to everyone, not just MGI students, so your friends can join as well.

When: 19th of February, from 17:30  
Costs: FREE

Where: Van Suchtelenweg 4, Wageningen  
Drinks will be provided, pizza is optional (6,50 euro)

More information/register:

<http://www.nieuwlandgeo.nl/missing-maps-mapathon/>

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