



GIMA

Geographical Information Management and Applications

NEWSLETTER MAY 2010

- INTRODUCTION-

The end of the academic year is in sight. The finish lines of the modules 3 and 6 are in sight and hopefully we will have quite some graduations coming up in Delft. Are you ready to finish in style? In this newsletter there are some formal announcements, so make sure you read everything!

- LETTERS TO THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE/BOARD -

If you have any formal requests, please address them to the Examination Board via the Secretary before Wednesday June 23rd and not Friday June 25th! This also includes requests of exemption for the internship!

- GRADUATION CEREMONIES -

In Delft, we have one graduation ceremony coming up, namely former secretary Niels van der Vaart. His graduation ceremony will take place in Delft at 17:00 on Wednesday JUN 23rd.

- FORMAL THESIS / INTERNSHIP SWAP -

After the last GIMA board meeting, the possibility of swapping the thesis and the internship has been formally approved. You now may officially do the thesis before the internship. Formally, you had to do the other way around, although in practice, students were getting tired to get back into theory after building their work experience and some of them already did it this way.

- RE-REGISTRATION (reminder) -

Since January 19th, the central registration system of Osiris from the Utrecht University (UU) switched to the national registration system of Studielink (<http://www.studielink.nl>). Because the system is only recently implemented for the UU, we don't know yet any complications that might occur during your (re)registration. If you experience any trouble, please contact us as soon as possible!

- All students who have **registered in 2009 do not** need to register again.
- All students **prior to 2009 need to reregister** via Studielink. Some students have received an e-mail, stating they should reregister at Studielink and send a set of forms back to the UU. You do NOT need to resend the forms (such as your grade list, certificates, financial statements):
 - o Dutch citizens are required to use their DigiD upon registration;
 - o Non-Dutch citizens need to create an username and password instead.
- In either case, please check yourself if you are properly transferred to the system.

Aside from this procedure you are obliged to reregister each year at Utrecht University. You'll receive the forms in approximately three weeks. You need to submit them before August 1st. If you do NOT receive official paper forms from Utrecht University by then, urgently contact the Central Students Service (go to <http://qdesk.uu.nl> in that case)!!!

- DO NOT FORGET: APPLY FOR MSc DIPLOMA (REMINDER) -

Students need to apply for their diploma, as soon as they completed their thesis defense. As long as he/she doesn't apply for this procedure, the Faculty of Geosciences of Utrecht University can not create your diploma. Application can be found at: <http://studenten.geo.uu.nl> > Aanvragen Examens > Aanvragen Master Examen

OR, via

<http://www.geo.uu.nl/homegeosciences/studying/practicalinforma/studentdesk/applyforgraduati/33509main.html>

- INTERGRAPH/GEOMEDIA WORKSHOP AND SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION -

As already announced late April, Intergraph has released GeoMedia for GIMA students. This means that you are invited to attend a workshop in Hoofddorp at Friday afternoon August 27th (12:30-17:00 approximately; more information will follow half July). We hope that all active students are able to participate as it is highly recommended. Negotiations for software distributions are going on and it is most likely you will get the software at Hoofddorp. However, because the summer holiday is still running, we can not enforce you to come and show up.

You can apply by sending the secretary an e-mail (gima@geo.uu.nl or Justin.stook@wur.nl) to announce you'll be there. The deadline is July 1st.

- COURSE CONTENTS OVERRULES (REMINDER) -

Often, students are confused about the regulations per modules regarding to its contents and final mark calculations. Do remember that in the course catalogue, in the preface, the following is stated:

“Changes of the module described in the course reader overrule the course catalogue information.”

In other words: the way of calculating final marks, literature, examination, sub exercises et cetera, is final in the course reader and not in the course catalogue!

- RE-SIT EXAMINATIONS -

The re-sit examination for Module 5 is to be held at Friday June 25th, at 09:00 in Delft. More information will come via BlackBoard. There are no additional conditions: if you have passed the module with a 5.5 or higher, then you do not need to do the re-sit.

- MID-TERMS AND THESIS DEFENSES 2010/2011 -

On the following dates, it is possible to present your mid-term and/or thesis defense. The graduation ceremony is on the same date as well.

Friday	3 SEP 2010	Enschede, ITC/UT
Friday	10 DEC 2010	Utrecht, UU
Friday	25 MAR 2011	Wageningen, WUR
Wednesday	29 JUN 2011	Delft, TUD

Mid-term presentations are usually in the morning; thesis defenses are in the afternoon; graduation ceremonies are usually in the late afternoon. The kick-off meeting for Module 8 is to be scheduled at Friday JUN 25.

- THESIS SUBMIT TO A MAGAZINE? -

Do you think your thesis has quite some novelty? Do you think your thesis is generally interesting for others to read? Do you want to share your thesis? So why don't you publish it in a GI magazine? We have good relationships with GIS Magazine, and often, publications of GIMA students can be found in this magazine. So, now it's your turn to contribute to the world of GI. If you have a thesis topic related to the themes below, contact Sisi Zlatanova (s.zlatanova@tudelft.nl) and the Secretary (gima@geo.uu.nl or Justin.stook@wur.nl) on what to submit. With the magazine being Dutch, you must be able to translate it correctly into Dutch. Along with your article, attach your illustrations as well. Submit it as soon as possible!

The themes for upcoming months:

JUL/AUG: Rijkswaterstaat and data acquisition/processing (deadline = June 5!!)

SEP: GIS Conference and Mobile GIS (applications)

OKT/NOV: Geo Events

- SCHEDULE FOR 2010/2011 -

Please find the schedule for next year on the next page. Dates are fully confirmed, so you might want to plan ahead.

As a student, if you would like to book for the ITC hotel when you need to attend Module 1 and/or 4, please contact the secretary (gima@geo.uu.nl or Justin.stook@wur.nl) for the forms.

Week	Date	Activity	Where
35	31 August 2010	GIMA introduction	ITC Enschede
	1 September 2010		
	2 September 2010		
	3 September 2010	Module 1 start	
36	6 September 2010		
	7 September 2010		
	8 September 2010	Module 4 start	
9 September 2010			
10 September 2010			
37-41	Distance Learning		
42	No Teaching		
43-48	Distance Learning		
49	6 December 2010	Module 1 end	Utrecht University
	7 December 2010		
	8 December 2010	Module 2 start	
	9 December 2010		
	10 December 2010		
50	13 December 2010	Module 4 end	
	14 December 2010		
	15 December 2010	Module 5 start	
	16 December 2010		
	17 December 2010		
51	No Teaching		
52	No Teaching		
1-11	Distance Learning		
12	21 March 2011	Module 2 end	Wageningen UR
	22 March 2011		
	23 March 2011	Module 3 start	
	24 March 2011		
	25 March 2011		
13	28 March 2011	Module 5 end	
	29 March 2011		
	30 March 2011	Module 6 start	
	31 March 2011		
	1 April 2011		
14-17	Distance Learning		
18	No Teaching		
19-25	Distance Learning		
26	27 June 2011	Module 3 end	TU Delft
	28 June 2011		
	29 June 2011	Module 6 end	
	30 June 2011		
	1 July 2011	Module 8 introduction	

- CONTACT WEEK IN DELFT -

On this, and following pages, you can find the schedule for the contact week in Delft. The Classroom allocation will follow later. Make sure you check Blackboard upcoming days!

- SCHEDULE IN DELFT -

Date	Mod	From	-	To	Activity	Location
06/21 (Mon)	3	09:00	-	11:00	Plan assessment	To be decided
		11:00	-	12:30	Presentations (part 1)	To be decided
		12:30	-	13:30	Lunch	
		13:30	-	16:00	Presentations (part 2)	To be decided
06/22 (Tue)	3	09:00	-	11:00	Examination	To be decided
		11:00	-	12:30	Closing lecture (part 1)	To be decided
		12:30	-	13:30	Lunch	
		13:30	-	16:00	Closing lecture (part 2)	To be decided
06/23 (Wed)	6	09:00	-	12:30	Preparation presentation	To be decided
		12:30	-	13:30	Lunch	
		13:30	-	17:00	Presentations (part 1)	To be decided
06/24 (Thu)	6	09:00	-	12:30	Presentations (part 2)	To be decided
		12:30	-	13:30	Lunch	
		13:30	-	16:30	Presentations (part 3)	To be decided
06/25 (Fri)	8	10:00	-	12:30	Lectures	To be decided
		12:30	-	13:30	Lunch	
		13:30	-	16:30	Lectures	To be decided
		16:30	-	17:30	Closing drink	To be decided

Parallel sessions

Date	From	-	To	Activity	Location
06/23 (Wed)	09:00	-	12:30	Mid-term presentations	Grote Vergaderzaal
	12:30	-	13:30	Lunch	
	13:30	-	17:00	Thesis defenses	Grote Vergaderzaal
	17:00	-	17:30	Graduation ceremony	Grote Vergaderzaal
	17:30	-	18:30	Closing drink	Grote Vergaderzaal
06/25 (Fri)	09:00	-	12:00	Re-sit examination module 5	To be decided

More detailed information about the course modules will follow soon via Blackboard or directly in Delft. Schedule is subject to amendments.

- GOING TO DELFT -

Going to Delft? To get there, please keep in mind there are quite a lot reconstruction works around the TU to make way of the extension of a tram railway line. You might find hinder in getting to the TU, so please give yourself some time to navigate through the city. This is valid for both private as public transport.

Address:

Technische Universiteit Delft
Onderzoeksinstituut OTB
Jaffalaan 9
2628 BX Delft

Getting there by car:

From the A13, heading Den Haag/Amsterdam and Rotterdam: exit at Delft-Zuid. Keep the right hand side of the road, direction TU-Wijk. At the bottom of the viaduct, turn right (Schoemakersstraat). Then turn into the third street to the left (C. Huygensweg), end of the road turn right (Mekelweg). Then it is the second street left (Jaffalaan). You'll find sufficient parking space at the nearby Aula/Congrescentre of Delft University.

Getting there by public transport:

Take the train to The Hague HS (from direction Amsterdam, Schiphol), The Hague Central or Rotterdam Central (both Utrecht, Amersfoort, Arnhem, Groningen) and change trains for Delft. Unlike the other GIMA cities, only local and express trains are calling at Delft (with the exception of the Intercity Service The Hague Central – Rotterdam – Breda – Eindhoven – Venlo), although they are plenty in number.

Departure time tables / trains running to Delft Railway Station

Departure times from Schiphol Airport (Amsterdam Central):

Departure	Train	Destination	Platf.	Change trains at	Platform
xx.09	International	Brussels Midi	5-6	Den Haag HS	3 (crossplatform)
xx.13	Intercity	Dordrecht	5-6	Den Haag HS	3 (crossplatform)
xx.28	Express train	Den Haag Centraal	5-6	Leiden Centraal	9 (crossplatform)
xx.43	Intercity	Vlissingen	5-6	Den Haag HS	3 (crossplatform)
xx.58	Express train	Den Haag Centraal	5-6	Leiden Centraal	9 (crossplatform)

Travel time to Leiden Central: 18 minutes. Travel time to The Hague HS: 32 minutes (see table The Hague HS). All trains are originating from Amsterdam Central, too.

Departure times from Utrecht Central:

Departure	Train	Destination	Platf.	Change at	Platform
xx.00	Intercity	Den Haag Centraal	18a	Den Haag Centraal	2/3
xx.02	Intercity	Rotterdam Centraal	8	Rotterdam Centraal	9
xx.14	Intercity	Den Haag Centraal	8a	Den Haag Centraal	2/3
xx.17	Intercity	Rotterdam Centraal	8b/9	Rotterdam Centraal	8
xx.30	Intercity	Den Haag Centraal	18a	Den Haag Centraal	2/3
xx.32	Intercity	Rotterdam Centraal	8	Rotterdam Centraal	9
xx.44	Intercity	Den Haag Centraal	8a	Den Haag Centraal	2/3
xx.47	Intercity	Rotterdam Centraal	8b/9	Rotterdam Centraal	8

Travel time to Rotterdam/The Hague Central: 38 minutes.

Arrivals at Rotterdam: platform 13/14. Arrivals at The Hague Central: platform 4/5

The Intercities from xx.00 and xx.30 are actually unsuitable due to long waiting time at Den Haag Centraal.

Take the xx.02 and xx.32 services to Rotterdam Centraal instead.

Departure times from The Hague Central:

Departure	Train	Destination	Platf.	Change at	Platform
xx.21	Intercity	Venlo	2-3	-	-
xx.28	Local train	Dordrecht (Roosendaal)	1	-	-
xx.51	Intercity	Venlo	2-3	-	-
xx.58	Local train	Roosendaal	1	-	-

Travel time: 12-17 minutes

Departure times from The Hague HS:

Departure	Train	Destination	Platf.	Change at	Platform
xx.01	Express train	Breda	4	-	-
xx.03	Local train	Roosendaal	3	-	-
xx.16	Local train	Dordrecht	3	-	-
xx.26	Intercity	Venlo	3	-	-
xx.31	Express train	Dordrecht (Breda)	4	-	-
xx.33	Local train	Dordrecht (Roosendaal)	3	-	-
xx.46	Local train	Dordrecht	3	-	-
xx.56	Intercity	Venlo	3	-	-

Travel time: 7-12 minutes

Departure times from Rotterdam Central:

Departure	Train	Destination	Platf.	Change at	Platform
xx.02	Local train	Den Haag Centraal	8	-	-
xx.11	Express train	Amsterdam Centraal	8	-	-
xx.16	Intercity	Den Haag Centraal	9	-	-
xx.19	Local train	Leiden Centraal	8	-	-
xx.32	Local train	Den Haag Centraal	8	-	-
xx.41	Express train	Amsterdam Centraal	8	-	-
xx.46	Intercity	Den Haag Centraal	9	-	-
xx.49	Local train	Leiden Centraal	8	-	-

Travel time: 12-15 minutes

Check also <http://www.ns.nl> and <http://m.ns.nl> (mobile)

Please refer to the previous newsletter (March) for the bus time table. Buses are departing from platform C and D (the furthestmost platform).

- A PLACE TO STAY IN DELFT -

Delft has in general nice accommodation to stay. However, the nearby cities of Rotterdam and The Hague offer quite some nice places to stay. As Delft is quite some touristic city, the ho(s)tel rates tend to be higher than what you are used to. Keep in mind that the touristic seasons has already started, so the prices might be a little overpriced than usual.

Hostels:

Bed & Breakfast Soul Inn
Willemstraat 55
2613 DS Delft

URL: <http://www.hostelworld.com/availability.php/Soul-Inn/Delft/13467>

This hostel offers a room rate of €35 per night.

StayOkay The Hague
Scheepmakersstraat 27
2515 VA The Hague

URL: <http://www.stayokay.com/index.php?pageID=3207&hostelID=356029>

This hostel offers room rates of €20 per night. It's very close to the The Hague HS railway station (8 trains per hour to Delft; see above)

StayOkay Rotterdam
Overblaak 85-87
3011 MH Rotterdam

URL: <http://www.stayokay.com/index.php?pageID=3201&messageID=11395>

This hostel offers room rates of €20 per night. It's very close to the Rotterdam Blaak railway station (6 trains per hour to Delft).

Hotels:

Check <http://www.delfthotels.nl/eng/index.html> for hotels in Delft. They are quite expensive, although not that expensive as in The Hague and Rotterdam.

Check <http://www.hotels.nl/> for hotels both in The Hague and Rotterdam:

>>> Hotel rates are at least €225 for 5 nights (Sunday 20th-Friday 25th) in Rotterdam, however the better hotels are much more expensive, especially those in the CBD.

>>> Hotel rates are at least €210 for 5 nights (same dates) in The Hague, usually in the district of Scheveningen (which is the district at the beach and boulevard), although the quality is not always guaranteed. However, for the purpose of travelling to Delft, it might not be the best option due to long travel times.