



GIMA

Geographical Information Management and Applications

Dear GIMA community members,

The first half of the academic year 2009-2010 is nearly finished and looking outside I see a full snow covered landscape. Recalling the nice and relaxed thesis graduation in the Academic building in Utrecht, December 4th, it seems that most ingredients for a Christmas break are there.

2009 turns out an interesting GIMA year. Ten GIMA students (Frans, Maria, Marco, Lieke, Ebrahim, Vincent, Paul, Ivo, Tom and Karolina) received their diploma of which Paul Brous and Tom van de Putte with honors. Graduated GIMA community members found their way in writing articles. See for example volume 7 of VI matrix (nr 123, Mahmud Kibria; nr 124, Ebrahim Hemmatnia; nr 125, Karolina Orlinska; nr 128, Lieke Verhelst). The chair of the GIMA Programme Committee and module 3 coordinator, Jaap Zevenbergen, became a full professor ship at ITC Enschede. Which means that by 2010 dr. Bastiaan van Loenen (TUD) will succeed Jaap as module 3 coordinator. And many more items could be mentioned.

Last week there was also an inspiring GIMA module coordinator meeting that results in nice suggestions for GIMA programme improvement. But, there may be more changes to come next year. We will keep you informed.

Last year I invited you to behave more pro-actively in case of your thesis research. I can tell you: you did! If the signs are right we will have a large number of thesis exams in March and June. So, be there!

In other words 2010 is already beckoning and challenging us.

I send my Season greetings and wish you all a communicative and successful 2010 !

Cheers,
Ron van Lammeren

Ps. Geo-registering your XMAS holiday trips? Have a look at <http://www.everytrail.com/>