



UGI 2011
Regional Geographic Conference

**FIRST CONFERENCE BROCHURE
AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

**INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC UNION
REGIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE
UGI 2011**

UNITED AND INTEGRATED WITH THE WORLD

14th - 18th November 2011
Santiago, Chile

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INVITATION



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Local Organizing Committee



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Dear Friends

On the occasion of the Regional Geographic Conference of the International Geographic Union (IGU) to be held in November 2011 in the city of Santiago, Chile, I give you my first greeting to all the attendees, authors and representatives of organizations participating who will be present at this major event of great scientific significance.

In conjunction with the IGU, as organizers of this event we are developing an attractive scientific program, putting into this task all the efficiency that characterizes us. I invite you to join us for this conference, which has as one of its fundamental visions the integration of professionals active in geography and allied sciences with a dynamically-changing world. Chile is proud to host this Regional Geographic Conference, so it will be a great pleasure for us to receive you here in our country. Welcome!

Dear Colleagues,

I most cordially invite you to participate in the International Geographical Union Regional Conference to be held from the 14th to the 18th of November 2011 in Santiago, Chile. Having had the privilege of visiting Santiago in connection with the International Cartographic Association's 24th Congress, I can testify personally to the effectiveness and efficiency of the Local Organizing Committee of international scientific conferences and to the charms of Santiago and Chile in November.

The IGU Conference theme—United and Integrated with the World—offers a timely and comprehensive organizing framework for the first IGU meeting in many years in Latin America. Please reserve the conference dates on your calendar and start to plan now to join geographers and kindred scholars from the entire world in Santiago. I look forward to seeing you there.



GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Geography in the New World has a long past. Its traditions, while co-existing with the questions and issues handled in the older continents, have pursued different paths: geography in Latin America has its own life, interests and points of view. Its essence is, logically, found in the various ways in which human communities here relate to their surroundings, thus creating unique spaces which give the region as a whole a variety in its natural and human aspects that is found only in this hemisphere.

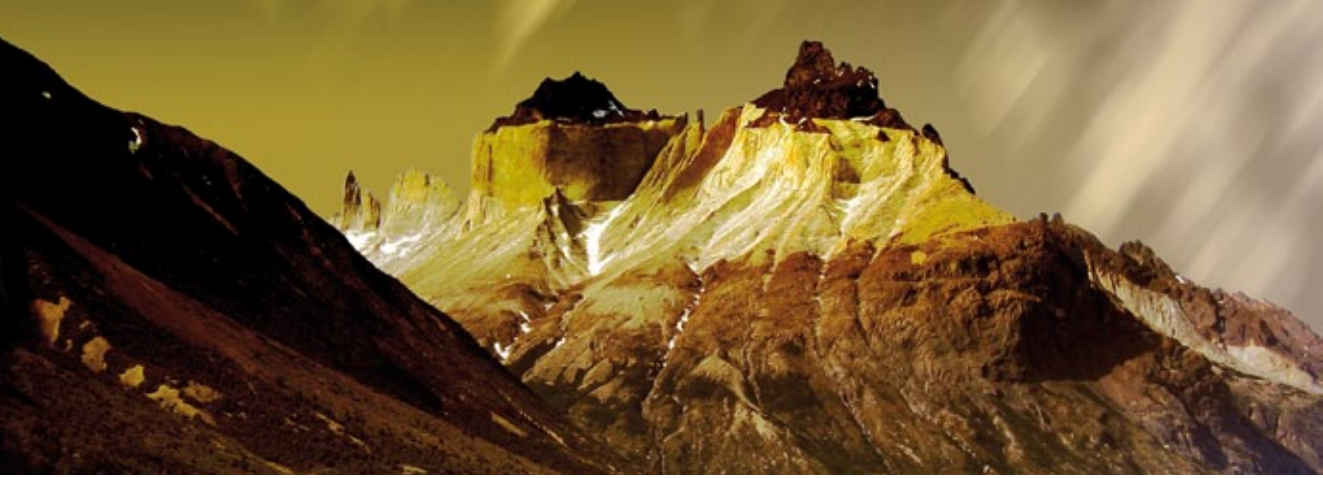
Chile, having a long-standing relationship over many years with the IGU, has earned the privilege of hosting one of its regional conferences. In November 2011 we will receive the geographers and all of those professional persons involved with the geo-sciences, in an event that will enable a scientific gathering and friendships to develop around geography.

United and integrated with the world: communications have, for a long time, been making frontiers between countries ever more permeable, so making comparative advantages more important, causing technological, cultural, economic, academic, environmental and social exchanges that have a direct impact on the evolution of our societies.

The invitation has been made, while the IGU as one of the organizers of this conference provides the backing and identity under which UGI 2011 is being set up and structured. The Commissions and Task Forces are invited to meet in Santiago, where participants from Latin America and the world are expected to gather. The program includes presentations in session rooms, posters, exhibitions, field trips and of course the possibility to tour the various geographic scenes Chile offers.

CHILE

A BIO-GEOGRAPHIC ISLAND



Chile offers a very wide variety of natural environments and gives life to a unique set of flora and fauna. Owing to the diversity within its territory, to be seen in the Atacama desert, the Andes mountain ranges, the southern ice fields and the Pacific Ocean, Chile is considered a bio-geographic island. For this reason, the process of evolution has given a high number of endemic species their origin.

Being located at the south-western end of South America, Chile possesses a wide variety of environments. The driest desert in the world is in the north of this country, where highly interesting geomorphological formations have developed.

Further south, in central Chile, there are zones with mediterranean and temperate climates, including fertile valleys, substantial production of wine and major skiing centers. This is the most densely populated area of the country, featuring its capital, Santiago.

In southern Chile there are ancient forests, lakes, rivers, thermal hot springs, volcanoes and glaciers, all of which enable a wide variety of activities. At the extreme south of Chile there is Patagonia, a place of exceptional beauty and

indomitable nature, from which it is possible to visit the Antarctic continent.

In the Pacific Ocean facing Chile there are diverse species of fish and marine mammals along the coast, influenced by the Humboldt current. To the west, 3600 kilometers from the mainland, there is Easter Island, a site of unique geographic and archeological importance.

The Andes mountain chain interacts with most of the processes that shape the relief of this territory, and one can appreciate the variation in the morphology by moving latitudinally.

The population of Chile is currently more than 16 million inhabitants whose origins lie mainly in the integration of Spaniards with the native american peoples, increasing later through successive waves of immigration from other parts of the world.

Chile is a republic with a democratic regime. The economy of this country has remained stable and is open to other markets around the world. It has a firm base in exports of raw materials, mainly mining products, forestry and timber, fruit and vegetables, wine, marine species such as salmon, and other products.



SANTIAGO

IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ANDES



The capital of Chile, its financial and commercial center, is located just an hour away from the ski resorts of the Andes Mountains and from the Pacific Ocean coast. Its modern architecture lies alongside traditional buildings and it has numerous parks and squares. It is home to about six million inhabitants.

The city offers variety to meet all tastes and requirements in terms of price, location, quality and service. With high quality convention facilities, a variety of restaurants, excellent hotels and modern shopping malls, added to the hospitality and professionalism of its people, **Santiago is the perfect place to host this conference.**



CONFERENCE VENUE



The venue for the Regional Cartographic Conference is the “Liberator Bernardo O`Higgins” Military School. The site belongs to the Army of Chile and is one of the centers for the training of military officers. The conference will be held in the main buildings, located on part of the 32 hectare site belonging to the Military School. Located in the borough of Las Condes in the eastern part of the Santiago urban zone, the Military School is close to Hotels, the urban transport network, several local restaurants, stores and services.

The conference venue will have:

- Auditorium chamber, for ceremonies and plenary sessions.
- Rooms for technical sessions and meetings.
- Courtyards and spaces for exhibitions and registration area.
- Rooms with equipment for access to Internet.
- Cafeteria area for lunch service.
- Parking space for vehicles.
- Safe, secure conditions for attendees.



CONFERENCE VENUE



LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)

UGI 2011 is organized by the IGM through LOC UGI 2011, with the assistance of the firm FISA S.A. as partner in charge of the commercial management and general production. The scientific program is being set up by coordination between the IGM and a series of Chilean organizations involved

with geography. LOC UGI 2011 is responsible for supervising, coordinating and the general management of the conference, working with other bodies at national and international levels. LOC UGI 2011 is structured thus:

UGI 2011 LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	Name
President (Director of the IGM)	Col. Juan Vidal Garcia-Huidobro
General Secretary (Head of IGM Geographic Secretariat)	Col. Alvaro Hermosilla Jarpa
Coordinator	Mr. Pedro Mahuzier Garcia
Executive Secretary	Mr. Rodrigo Garcia Gonzalez
Secretary	Miss. Valentina Segura Gandur



LOC - SCIENTIFIC SUB-COMMITTEE (SSC)	Name
SSC President	Dr. Belisario Andrade Johnson
SSC Executive Secretary	Dr. (c) Hermann Manriquez Tirado
Member of SSC	Dr. Rodrigo Hidalgo Dattwyler
Member of SSC	Dr. Francisco Ferrando Acuna
Member of SSC	Dr. Andres Moreira Muñoz



OTHER LOC SUB-COMMITTEES	Name
Design of web site and publications	Miss. Paula Olguin Olate
Public relations and protocol	Miss. Marisol Basso Chacon
Communications	Mr. Edwin Hunt Wallis

CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSIONS

These sessions, related to the conference slogan “United and Integrated with the World”, will present figures of great international prestige in scientific and other domains, invited as keynote speakers.

SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

These are presentations of scientific submissions in technical sessions and a poster exhibition. The full schedule will be posted 60 days before the start of the conference in the conference web site (www.ugi2011.cl). Potential authors are invited to prepare their research and projects for submission to this major event.

SEMINARS

There will be seminars with special theme titles; the schedule for these will be announced in advance.

MEETINGS OF IGU COMMISSIONS

All the Commissions and Task Forces of the IGU are invited to hold their business and coordination meetings. Convenors should communicate their requirements to the local organizers by October 1st, 2011.

CORPORATE PRESENTATIONS

As a complement to the scientific conference, the program includes a series of interesting talks and presentations on technical and corporate issues, organized by the entities participating in UGI 2011 as sponsors. The program of speeches and presentations will be announced on the conference web site.

FIELD TRIPS

A programme of field trips made away from the conference venue to the main sites of geographic interest in Chile will be available.

TECHNICAL - COMMERCIAL TRADE SHOW

UGI 2011 will be a major opportunity for the institutions and business organisations linked to the geosciences to present to the world their mission, services, projects, products, solutions and technical applications.

GEOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

This competition is aimed at promoting knowledge of Geography. Participants will compete to be awarded a special recognition at the end of the conference.

TECHNICAL VISITS

Several visits lasting one day or half a day will be offered, enabling attendees to visit institutions involved with geography and spatial information.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The social events planned will include the Welcome Cocktail, Equestrian Display and the Gala Dinner.



PROGRAMME
ACTIVITIES



Background and progress made to date	
May. 2008	Meeting of IGU Executive Committee, Moscow, Russian Federation: Santiago, Chile, was designated host of the regional conference to be held in 2011.
Dec. 2009	Local Organizing Committee set up (LOC - UGI 2011)
Jan. 2010	On the internet, conference web site and contact e-mail set up for UGI 2011

Important Dates for the Conference	
30 Mar. 2010	First Conference brochure and first Call for Papers issued.
30 Nov. 2010	Second Call for Papers; full conference brochure with complete information.
10 Mar. 2011	Deadline for submitting abstracts for papers and posters.
10 May. 2011	Acceptance of submissions for the conference to be communicated to authors.
29 Jul. 2011	Change of registration rate from “early” to “late” for registrations.
30 Aug. 2011	Deadline for payment of registration by authors of papers and posters. Deadline for submission of full text of accepted papers.
15 Sep. 2011	Publication of the preliminary full conference program.
01 Oct. 2011	Deadline for IGU Commissions to request rooms for work meetings.
7 - 13 Nov. 2011	Arrival of attendees, pre-conference field trips and tours. Setup of booths in the trade show sector.
14 Nov. 2011	Inauguration ceremony and welcome cocktail. Technical - commercial trade show open from this date.
14 - 18 Nov. 2011	UGI 2011 conference activities.
18 Nov. 2011	Closing ceremony.



GUIDE FOR AUTHORS



SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS FOR SCIENTIFIC PAPERS AND POSTERS

Abstracts will be assessed by the Scientific Sub-Committee of LOC - UGI 2011. During the second half of 2010 an on-line system (linked to the conference web site) will be placed at the disposal of authors for them to submit abstracts.

GENERAL FEATURES OF SCIENTIFIC SUBMISSIONS

Submissions can be made in either Paper or Poster categories.

A paper has three fundamental components:

- Abstract (in accordance with the established format).
- Text of the full paper to be published in the conference proceedings.
- Oral presentation, with Power Point display (15-minute speech, then 5 minutes for audience questions).

Authors submitting posters for the conference will exhibit their work in the panel exhibition area.

Abstracts, full papers and the text elements included in posters should all be written in either English or in Spanish, the two official languages of this conference.

CONDITIONS FOR PUBLICATION AND PRESENTATION OF SUBMISSIONS

The procedure for accepting scientific submissions is the following:

1. Upload the abstract into the “Scientific Management System” (SMS), which will be available through a link from the UGI 2011 web site.
2. The author will receive by e-mail confirmation that the abstract has been received, together with a password that enables access back into the system as an author.
3. The Scientific Sub-Committee will start to assess the abstract received.
4. The result of the process of evaluation will be given to authors and published on the web site on the date set in the calendar.
5. Authors of papers should upload into the SMS the full text of their paper in the format specified and by the deadline established.
6. The final requirement, before the oral presentation (paper) or exhibition (poster) can be scheduled, is for the author (or one of the authors) to pay for registration by the deadline set for this.

Abstracts and full papers can be submitted only through the SMS.

An author can present at the conference a maximum of two submissions only (two separate papers in oral sessions, or the exhibition of two separate posters, or one paper and one poster).

Payment of registration as attendee enables the inclusion (into the conference schedule) of a maximum of two submissions only.

Submissions will be classified into the following themes, which coincide with the names of the Commissions and 2 Task Forces of the IGU:

01 Applied Geography	13 Geography of Governance	25 Land Use and Land Cover Change
02 Arid Lands, Humankind, and Environment	14 Geography of the Global Information Society	26 Local Development
03 Biogeography and Biodiversity	15 Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change	27 Marginalization, Globalization, and Regional and Local Responses
04 Climatology	16 Geomorphic Challenges for the 21 st Century	28 Modeling Geographical Systems
05 Coastal Systems	17 Global Change and Human Mobility	29 Mountain Response to Global Change
06 Cold Region Environments	18 Hazard and Risk	30 Political Geography
07 Cultural Approach in Geography	19 Health and Environment	31 Population Geography
08 Dynamics of Economic Spaces	20 History of Geography	32 Sustainability of Rural Systems
09 Environment Evolution	21 Indigenous Knowledges and Peoples' Rights	33 Urban Geography and Emerging Urban Transformations
10 Gender and Geography	22 Islands	34 Water Sustainability
11 Geographical Education	23 Karst	35 Geoparks
12 Geographical Information Science	24 Land Degradation and Desertification	36 Megacities
		37 Other

Each author should relate their abstract to one of the 37 themes; the LOC Scientific Sub-Committee and the IGU Commissions will also be able to propose a thematic relationship. The final, definitive classification of a paper or poster in its respective theme (and therefore in the corresponding track among the thematic conference sessions) will be confirmed in mid-2011.



FORMAT OF ABSTRACT

The format of the abstracts for all scientific submissions (papers and posters) is the following:

TITLE AND AUTHOR IDENTIFICATION

The following information should be entered through the on-line SMS interface:

- **Title in Capitals**
- **Name of Author**
- **Name of author's institution**
- **2 (two) E-mail addresses of the author**
- **contact telephone number**

SUBMISSION OF THE MAIN TEXT - The abstract main text will be entered into an edit space included in the interface of the SMS.

DIMENSIONS OF THE MAIN TEXT - The number of words should be between 300 (minimum) and 1,000 (maximum). It should not include any footnotes nor insets containing pictures, images, graphs nor tables.

STRUCTURE OF THE MAIN TEXT - In order to facilitate the assessment, there should be a space of one line between each paragraph. The text should be structured as follows:

1. Introduction and / or general background
2. Objectives/purpose and scope of the study or project
3. Methodology of the work, research or project
4. Analysis and/or results, conclusions

FORMAT OF FULL PAPERS AND POSTERS

Full instructions for the papers and posters will be announced in the second Call for Papers, on the web site and in the SMS. Here are some of the most important features of the formats:

PAPERS:

- Presentation format: "Times New Roman" letter style, letter size 12. Letter-sized page format with margins of 2 cm left and right.
- Structure: (i) Title and id data of authors (ii) Abstract (iii) Main text of paper (iv) Bibliography.
- The main body of the paper can include figures, images, insets and tables, with their own titles and numbering system, also foot notes.
- Maximum size of main body: 12 pages.

POSTERS:

- One printed sheet for display on a panel.
- Maximum dimensions; 180 cm (vertical) x 80 cm (horizontal).



FIELD TRIPS

INTRODUCTION:

The field trips are structured with the aim of studying the geography of the country that is hosting the conference; these have been a traditional component of this type of conference and are of special significance in the case of UGI 2011 because of the great geographic variety of Chile.

Currently LOC UGI 2011 is working on an attractive schedule of field trips. Each trip will be lead by professionals and experts acting as guides. The field trips can be divided into two groups; the pre- and post- conference trips and the trips held during the conference.

The full, detailed program of field trips will be published in the second circular and in the

conference web site. Registration and payment for these will be through mechanisms associated with the system for registration as conference attendee.

PRE AND POST CONFERENCE FIELD TRIPS:

These trips will have a variable duration. A few will be run during the days immediately before the start of the conference (returning to Santiago on the 13th of November), the others on the days immediately following the end of the conference (starting out from Santiago on the 19th of November). The itinerary in these cases includes stays in hotels chosen along the route of the trip.

FIELD TRIPS DURING THE CONFERENCE:

These trips will last about one day of field studies, starting out from the conference venue.

TOURS

Attendees will have the option of signing up for tours offered by LOC - UGI 2011 in collaboration with a professional operator in tourism services. Full information about the tours will be provided in the conference web site.



TECHNICAL VISITS

The LOC for UGI 2011 will offer a series of technical visits during the course of the conference to institutions involved with geography, the earth sciences and the management of geo-spatial information. In general each visit will be of a variable duration with four hours as the maximum. Each visit will have its own special features and attractions; in general there will be

a presentation of the activity and mission of the institution visited and a tour of the premises.

To participate in these visits an additional cost should be paid, nevertheless the prices will be moderate and include the transport. The full program of the technical visits and its associated rates will be announced soon.

GRANTS

The IGU has assigned funds to finance small grants intended as support to young students and to attendees from developing countries, in order to assist their participation in the UGI 2011 conference. The application and judging process, will be managed by the IGU; so persons interested in applying as a candidate for a grant should

contact the General Secretary and Treasurer of the IGU, Mr. Professor Woo-ik Yu of Korea, through the e-mail address iguseoul@snu.ac.kr, copying to info@ugi2011.cl, yuik@snu.ac.kr, and rabler@aag.org. The details of the grant process will be announced in the Second Call for Papers, also in the conference and IGU web sites.



REGISTRATION OF ATTENDEES

REGISTRATION RATES

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES	Payment of registration before 28 th of July, 2011		Payment of registration between 29 th of July and 9 th of November, 2011		Payment of registration at the venue between 14 th and 18 th of November, 2011	
	Chilean Pesos	USA Dollars (approx.)	Chilean Pesos	USA Dollars (approx.)	Chilean Pesos	USA Dollars (approx.)
Participants	240,000	461	260,000	500	280,000	538
Seniors & Students	115,000	221	125,000	240	145,000	279
Accompanying person	75,000	144	95,000	183	115,000	221
One day	55,000	106	65,000	125	75,000	144

PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION CHARGES

The values here are defined in Chilean pesos because LOC will receive payments in this currency. The values in dollars reflect the exchange rate at the date of this Call for Papers; take into account the fact that these values will vary in line with the official Chilean conversion rates in force at the date attendees pay. Further information is available at www.bcentral.cl/eng/index.htm

1 Dollar = 520 Chilean pesos in March 2010
Source : Banco Central

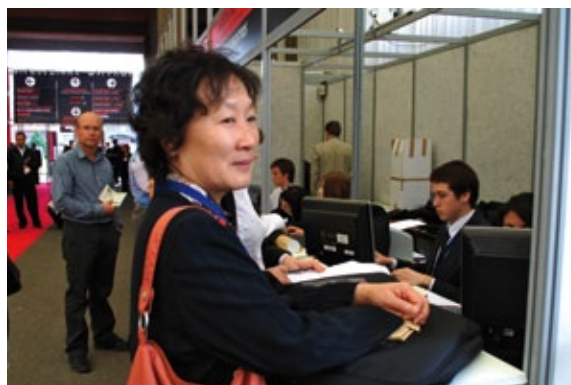
For payments in advance and on line, there may be minor variations between these rates and those applied by the credit card companies or local banks of the attendees, so attendees should check with their company and bank to determine the corresponding conversion rate and bank charge.

The conference web site will be linked to the system for registering and making the registration payment. Attendees are strongly recommended to pay before the 28th of July, 2011, to obtain a better rate.

REGISTRATION FOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Some of the events and activities of UGI 2011 require attendees to register for these separately from the basic registration for the conference; these are:

- Inauguration ceremony and welcome cocktail (free of charge)
- Field Trips
- Technical Visits
- Gala Dinner
- Equestrian skills display



REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

DEFINITION OF THE REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

- **Participant:** standard category of attendee at UGI 2011.
- **Senior:** attendees whose age is more than 65 years (men) or 60 years (women) on the first day of the conference. When registering in this category, an official document proving age or date of birth must be provided.
- **Student:** attendees who are students in a further education establishment. When registering in this category, an official document from the educational establishment proving that the attendee is studying there must be provided.
- **One day:** An attendee in this category can participate for one day only, in all the activities on the day chosen to be registered for. If registration is done some time in advance, a one-day attendee can later, but still before the conference itself, change the date registered for, in accordance with his/her interests.
- **Accompanying person:** intended mainly for spouses of attendees registered in the “Participant”, “Senior” and “Student” categories. Accompanying persons can not register independently of the attendee registered in the other category.

BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

	Participants	Seniors and Students	1 Day	Accompanying person
Options available for participating in all the scientific and social activities, field trips, presence at technical-commercial trade show, IGU meetings, and ceremonies	✓	✓	✓	✓
Attendee categories for authors presenting scientific submissions	✓	✓	✓	No
Receive certificate of attendance	✓	✓	✓	No
Receive bag. For Participants, Seniors, and Students only, this includes full program and conference proceedings	✓	✓	✓	✓
Categories for which documentation should be presented to prove status	No	✓	No	No
Attendees who can register 1 (and only one) accompanying person	✓	✓	No	No



INVITATION TO ORGANISATIONS AND BUSINESSES

The UGI 2011 LOC, together with the IGU, is very pleased to be able to offer substantial opportunities to business sectors and a wide range of organizations around the world to participate in this event. These organizations may be of any of the following types:

- Corporations, companies, firms and businesses, in the private sector.
- Academic organisations (universities, institutes and other training and research centers).
- Public institutions (Ministries, agencies, services, local government, among others) related to the earth sciences
- International organizations.

Those organizations and businesses which have some involvement with the fields of geography, geo-spatial data management, the environment, and the earth sciences will have at UGI 2011 an excellent opportunity to promote their products, services, projects and mission to an audience of interested specialists in the geosciences. However, the ICC is open to the participation of organisations in almost any sector that wish to share their experience.

TECHNICAL - COMMERCIAL TRADE SHOW

UGI 2011 will feature a technical - commercial trade show, an exhibition area of about 1,000 m², where businesses and organizations related to the geosciences will have the opportunity to make contact with the hundreds of conference attendees and thousands of local visitors to the trade show who come to see the solutions and efficient applications.

Those organisations requiring a booth should communicate with the firm FISA S.A., which is responsible for the production and commercial management of this trade show. Contact Ms. Victoria Belloni at vbelloni@fisa.cl.

BENEFITS FOR SPONSORS

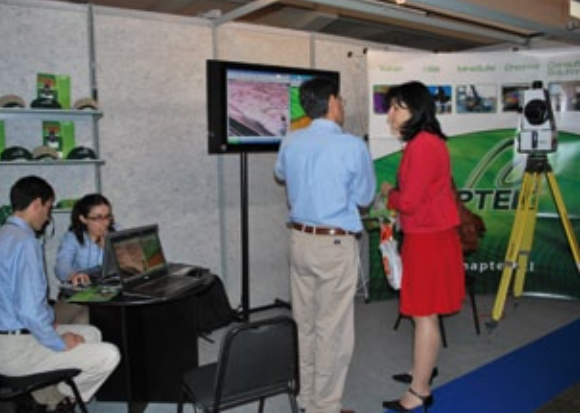
In general terms participating organizations and businesses will be able make their presence known at the conference and raise public awareness of their corporate image. The benefits being offered to the sponsors will vary in size according to the level of participation; they include the following, among others:

- Publicity pieces within the conference bag
- Opportunity to place a manned booth in the technical-commercial trade show
- Opportunity for organizing a corporate presentation or workshop during the conference
- Logo on the conference web site
- Publicity notice on the invitation and conference schedule
- Brief corporate description included in the conference program
- List of contact data of the conference attendees
- Special recognition at the Inaugural and Closing Ceremonies
- Logo on the envelope holding the CD of the Conference Proceedings.

Sponsors will be classified into a series of categories depending on the amount of sponsorship provided. Sponsors are recommended to contact LOC well in advance; this makes some of the benefits easier to grant.



TECHNICAL - COMMERCIAL TRADE SHOW



SERVICES FOR ALL ATTENDEES

The attendees registered in all the categories will have access to the following services:

- Catering; Attendees will have the option of catering services at a cafeteria in the conference venue with convenient prices.
- Interpreters; at the oral presentations of papers, inauguration and closing ceremonies and the plenary sessions, attendees will be able to use the service for simultaneous translation from English to Spanish and Spanish to English.
- Internet; there will be rooms equipped with computers connected to the internet.

- Parking; attendees will be able to park their vehicles in spacious and safe parking areas.
- Reception, registration and information services area; at the conference venue, there will be an efficient system of services for registration, accreditation and information.

SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Services providing administrative, logistical and technical support will be available to satisfy the specialized needs of authors, attendees, sponsors and trade show exhibitors.





INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC UNION

The IGU is the main entity active in geography at the highest international level. Its mission is to support studies and research in geographic matters, directly and through international coordination, the exchange of data and geographic documentation, and the standardization of the methodologies used, among the member states.

The IGU regularly gathers to present to the world the latest tendencies and progress made, doing this through a series of international conferences which includes UGI 2011. The IGU is performing a fundamental role in organizing this conference.

Further details at the IGU web site www.igu-net.org.

MILITARY GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE OF CHILE



The Military Geographic Institute (IGM) is the official authority representing the State in all matters involving geography, surveying and the creation of the cartography of Chilean territory. The IGM represents State of Chile before several international organizations, including the International Geographic Union (IGU), the International Cartographic Association (ICA), the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS), the International Union for Geodesic and Geophysics (IUGG), among others.

The IGM has hosted several major international meetings, in particular the Ninth International Conference of the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure held in 2006 and the 24th International Cartographic Conference in 2009. The achievements and the level of efficiency attained in these events has been recognised by the international scientific community, so the IGM has demonstrated its capability for taking on these challenges and satisfying the expectations of attendees and fulfilling the requirements of this kind of event.

Further information is at the IGM web site www.igm.cl.

FISA S.A.



FISA is the prime organizer of international trade shows and conferences held in Latin America. At the UGI 2011, working together with the IGM, it is responsible for the commercial management of the event. Its duties include managing attendee registrations, sale of trade show booths and coordinating the services for attendees such as catering, hotels and tourism. It also handles the conference infrastructure: audiovisual equipment, accreditation systems, interpreters, among others.

See their web site at www.fisa.cl.

PATRONS

The LOC of UGI 2011 is currently setting up agreements with Chilean and international organizations for them to be patrons of this conference. These entities are from the academic sphere, professional societies, public or state

entities and Armed Forces institutions. The list of patrons will be announced soon through the conference web site and the second Call for Papers.



INFORMATION

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO CHILE

CURRENCY AND FORMS OF PAYMENT:

The Chilean peso (\$) is the currency of Chile. Most payments must be made in Chilean pesos; US dollars can be used in payment only in the duty-free area of the Airport. However, there are numerous exchange houses and banks where major currencies such as US dollars and Euros can be easily converted to pesos. Credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and major shops; the credit card payment involves subsequent conversion to Chilean pesos.

CLIMATE:

Santiago has a Mediterranean climate, with average temperatures of 20 °C/68 °F in the month of November

ELECTRICITY:

The power supply in Chile is 220 volts, 50 hertz.

TIME:

Local time is GMT (-) 3 hours in the southern hemisphere summer.

TRANSPORTATION WITHIN CHILE:

Chile has a very good road network, together with first class long distance bus/coach transportation. Most major car rental companies have representatives in the capital, additionally Santiago boasts one of the most modern and efficient subway systems in Latin America - the Santiago Metro.

TELEPHONES:

Direct dial telephones can be found the length of the country and the mobile phone communications infrastructure is well-set up.

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Santiago has a large, modern airport, one of the safest and most efficient in the world served by a wide range of airlines.

VISAS:

The second call for papers will include information about visas and matters relating to entering Chilean territory.

HOTELS AND ACCOMMODATION

Santiago has a wide range of Hotels, including most of the international chains. There are many four and five star hotels.

LOC is currently working on agreements with the hotels, specifically on a system of special rates and

reservations oriented specifically to registered attendees. This system will be announced soon on the conference web site. To get an approximate idea now of the services and charges currently available, look at the web sites of the following hotels:

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Name	Web Site	Name	Web Site	Name	Web Site
Diego de Almagro	www.dahoteles.com	Radisson Plaza	www.radisson.cl	Hyatt	www.santiago.grand.hyatt.com
Director Suites	www.director.cl	Santiago Park Plaza	www.parkplaza.cl	Crowne Plaza	www.crowneplaza.cl
Los Españoles	www.losespanoles.cl	Torre Mayor	www.hoteltorre mayor.cl	Marriott	www.marriott.com
Panamericano	www.hotelpanamericano.cl	Fundador	www.fundador.cl	Kennedy	www.hotelkennedy.cl

Note: This is only a tentative and partial list of some of the Hotels that may be suggested for UGI 2011.

CONTACT

CONFERENCE WEB SITE AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference web site, www.ugi2011.cl, is undergoing continuous expansion and updates. Participants are recommended to watch this site frequently, as the information being added will include everything needed or of interest.

In complement to the web site, LOC UGI 2011 will issue a Second Call for Papers and conference brochure in November 2010 as the main publication on paper about UGI 2011; it will include full information (much more than here in this first brochure).

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