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SPACE TECHNOLOGY**

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Introduction

Topographic/ thematic mapping of spatial features or resources on Earth, typically involves: a) project planning including choice of standards such as scale, projection, etc.; b) acquiring the imagery of the surface being mapped, c) gathering precise control point positions, d) photogrammetric processing of the remotely sensed images, e) delineating the features from them, f) visiting the field for *collecting missing information, names of features and quality verification*, and g) cartographic presentation of the resulting raster, vector and other textual information according to selected referencing schema, map projection & media options.

These activities require interactions between different teams of people from government departments, contracted agencies, geographically separated field parties and end users. These teams belong to different scientific and engineering disciplines. The interactions among them are becoming more and more complex due to various reasons, which include a) rapid technology development, b) need for different types of maps with different content options, c) types of media or online delivery. Traditional ways of preparing maps by the governmental mapping agencies have become less viable for the required terrestrial and coastal coverage, and to keep the information current, towards meeting the ever increasing end-user requirements.

This phenomenon has led to the development of a new concept for the preparation of maps, namely the *collaborative mapping*. In this collaborative mode of mapping, the end users, the technology providers, and various local bodies work together for the generation and use of the maps. Collaborative mapping is facilitated by the use of the latest technological services: a) the Internet GIS, b) satellite based instant navigation and communication, c) high resolution remote sensing images, etc. These technologies help in specifying the requirements, collecting and processing the images to generate the maps, updating them with field information and delivering them in a short time. Simplistic examples of this mode of mapping are provided by Google Earth and Wikimapia.

Space technology is proving to be a natural partner to the collaborative mapping. Current day space technology not only offers remotely sensed images for mapping but also supports efficient field data collection, integration and quality verification, involving a sizeable number of teams. Current day requirements on mapping have become multifold. These include variety in information content, scales, extents, multi-temporal data sets from hybrid sources, as well as dissemination and practical navigational map usage by all end users, through the GPS and satellite communication offerings. Specifically Space augmented information and communication technologies enable collaboration by different stakeholders in the process of initial map generation, keeping them

current and updated, and using them for different applications on the field, be they static or mobile.

Keeping these developments in view it is proposed to hold the 28th INCA International Congress under the umbrella theme of **Collaborative Mapping & Space Technology**. Seven different themes are proposed to be discussed each addressing a number of streams within them with the objective of providing a common forum to facilitate interaction among all stakeholders to this issue.

Technical Programme

The technical programme consists of the following themes:

- S1. Concept, Requirements, and Architecture – The Big Picture
- S2. Enabling Technologies
- S3. Standards, Tools, and Techniques
- S4. History and Societal Impacts
- S5. Capacity Building
- S6. Collaborative Mapping for Service Industries
- S7. Case Studies & Applications

The tentative list of streams that will be covered under each theme includes:

S1. Concept, Requirements, and Architecture – The Big Picture

- a. Mapping with mass participation
- b. Hardware and Software Tools
- c. Spatial data integration in Standard Formats
- d. Continuous Updates and Time Composites
- e. Web hosting
- f. Quality Checks & Certification

S2. Enabling Technologies

- a. High Resolution Imaging
- b. Terrestrial & Satellite Communications
- c. Satellite based Navigation
- d. Photogrammetry & Image Processing
- e. Information Technology

S3. Standards, Tools, and Techniques

- a. Internet GIS
- b. Spatial Data Infrastructure
- c. Service-oriented Computing Infrastructure
- d. Data mining
- e. Data security
- f. Grid computing
- g. Interoperability & Mapping Standards
- h. Visualization Techniques for Spatio-temporal maps
- i. Open source software
- j. Mobile Mapping & Instrumentation for Field Use
- k. Mapping with limited/no control

S4. History and Societal Impacts

- a. History of Collaborative Mapping
- b. Local Neighborhood Mapping
- c. Involvement of Future Generation

- d. Navigation for Visually Impaired
- S5. Capacity Building**
 - a. Online Tutorials & Teaching Material
 - b. Satellite class-rooms
 - c. Assimilation of Collaborative Mapping in Mainstream Education Curricula
- S6. Collaborative Mapping for Service Industries**
 - a. Vehicles & Vessels Tracking & Monitoring
 - b. Mapping for Courier Service Industry
 - c. Health GIS
 - d. Insurance Risk Management
 - e. Tourism Mapping
- S7. Case Studies & Applications**
 - a. Wikimapia
 - b. Open Street Maps
 - c. Microsoft's Virtual Earth
 - d. Google Earth
 - e. TerraView
 - f. TerraLib
 - g. Planetary Navigation & Mapping
 - h. Real-time Mapping Applications
 - i. Village Resource Centres and Rural Area Mapping
 - j. Hydrographic Survey
 - k. Topographic Mapping

Todar Mul Lecture

A very prestigious lecture programme known as Todar Mul memorial lecture series has become a hallmark of INCA congresses. Prof. UR Rao, Prof. Yashpal, Mr. TN Seshan, Mr. YS Rajan and Mr. Kiran Karnik are some of the prominent speakers who have delivered lectures in the earlier INCA congresses. Dr. G. Madhavan Nair, Chairman, ISRO & Secretary, DOS has kindly consented to deliver the lecture in this year's Congress.

Prof. S.P. Chatterjee Memorial Lecture

Another important lecture series during INCA congresses is the Prof. S.P. Chatterjee memorial lecture. Distinguished Professor A.R. Dasgupta of Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG), Gandhinagar has kindly consented to deliver the lecture in this year's Congress on *Ubiquitous Mapping*.

Panel Discussion

It is proposed to hold a panel discussion with eminent personalities on the main topic of the Congress, preceding the valedictory session.

Call for Papers

The topic of the Congress will be discussed through invited and contributed papers under the seven themes in plenary and at most three parallel sessions on each day, addressing the various streams mentioned above. Technical papers are invited on the topic of the Congress under any of the seven themes on the specified or allied other streams for oral or poster presentation.

Extended abstracts of papers (for oral or poster sessions) of about 750 words should be submitted electronically through the Congress website or through email on or before **July 31, 2008 (June 30, 2008)** for consideration for Grants for Young Researchers). The abstract should clearly state the purpose, methodology and the findings. Acceptance of abstracts for oral/ poster presentation will be communicated on or before **August 31, 2008**. (For abstracts sent for consideration of Young Researcher Grant, acceptance will be intimated within **July 31, 2008**).

Guidelines to Authors

Authors of accepted abstracts should develop them into full papers and send them electronically on or before **September 30, 2008** (on or before **September 15, 2008** for consideration for Young Researcher Grant) through the Congress website or through email. A template for the Abstract and Full Paper will be available for download from the Congress website. Length of full papers should not exceed six A4-size (21 cm x 29.7 cm) pages in Verdana 10-size font for contributed papers and ten pages for invited papers. A clear margin of 2 cm on top, 2.5 cm at bottom and 1.5 cm on right and left sides should be kept. Authors are advised to provide their full affiliation and contact address including telephone, fax and email on both abstract and full paper.

Oral Presentation of Papers

Accepted papers for oral presentation will be given about 15 minutes time for both presentation and ensuing discussions. Facilities will be provided for MS-Office Powerpoint multi-media application presentations using an MS-Windows operated computer having USB, CD-ROM and DVD interfaces in all the oral presentation venues at the Conference site.

Poster Presentation

Display space of size 90 cm x 60 cm will be provided for each paper. Poster script must be selective in salient print, highlighting the objective, methodology, analysis and findings. Authors' names, affiliation and contact details should be added at the bottom of the paper. Posters will be organised in broad sections as per the Conference themes and streams in consultation with the authors.

Grants for Young Researchers

Grants ranging from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 10,000/- each for about ten persons, are planned for best papers received under this category. To be eligible for this grant, the paper should have been authored either solely by a young researcher or he/she being the first author; who is either (a) a post-graduate or (b) a research student or (c) who is in the teaching profession or (d) in a research organisation, who is of age less than 35 years. Those who are desirous of contesting for these grants should send their abstracts within **June 30, 2008** and full papers within **September 15, 2008** after the abstracts have been accepted. Notification of short-listed papers for the grants will be communicated within **September 30, 2008**. First

author should necessarily present his/her paper at the Congress and also produce a bonafide certificate signed by competent authorities from their institution to the Congress secretariat, for availing this grant.

Copyright and Contact Addresses

Copyright of the papers accepted for presentation and/or publication in the proceedings after a peer-review procedure will rest with INCA and the consent to this effect is assumed. Contact addresses for correspondences related to the technical programme and paper submission on one hand; and registration, accommodation, sponsorship or any other general queries on the other, are respectively:

1. Secretary, Programme Committee, INCA 2008; and
2. Secretary, Organising Committee, INCA 2008
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Space Applications Centre, ISRO,
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Phone : +91 – 79 – 2691 4723/ 4335
Fax : +91 – 79 – 2691 5827
Email : inca2008@sac.isro.gov.in
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Registration

The registration fees charged are as under:

Category	Fees for Indian Delegate Rs.		International Delegate US\$	
	Up to Sep30	After Sep30	Up to Sep30	After Sep30
INCA Life Member Delegate	2000	3000	125	175
Regular Delegate	2500	3500	125	175
Student Delegate	1500	2500	100	125
Accompanying Person	2000	2000	100	100

***Note:** Registration of early interest for availing the reduced fees is available to delegates on payment of Rs. 100/- or US\$ 10/- till **July 31, 2008**.

There will be no registration fee for senior INCA member-delegates who are above the age of 65 years and actively engaged in the profession of cartography or allied disciplines. Student delegates will have to provide authorization from their college or University department for availing the registration fee concession. Accompanying persons will be entitled only for general hospitality.

Special Technical Sessions

Proposals are invited from individual professionals/ Industry for organising special technical sessions on latest specific areas of scientific interest as part of the Congress on any of the themes mentioned pertaining to the topic of the Congress. Last date for submission of proposals to the Secretary, Programme Committee is **May 31, 2008**. Confirmation for selected proposals will be sent on or before **June 30, 2008**.

Pre-Congress Workshop/Tutorials

Proposals are invited from individual professionals for organising three parallel one-day Workshops/Tutorials on themes related to the Congress topic for a limited number of less than 50 participants, preceding the Congress on **November 03, 2008**. Suggested topics are:

Internet GIS;

Collaborative Mapping using HR Images; &

Any specific Application Case Study.

Proposals should include information on the following: a) Topic; b) Content details; c) Workshop/Tutorial Focus & Attractions; d) About the organising individual's professional experience and qualifications; e) Concurrence of parent organisation of the proposer for conducting the Workshop/ Tutorial; and f) any other relevant information. Last date for submission of proposals to the Secretary, Programme Committee is **April 30, 2008**. Details of selected three Workshop/Tutorials will appear in the Congress website before **May 31, 2008**.

Registration fee for the one-day pre-congress Workshop/ Tutorial is Rs. 2000/- (or US\$ 100) per person, to be paid on or before **September 30, 2008**. After this date the

Tentative Programme

Nov	0930-1100	Tea	1130-1300	Lunch	1400-1530	Tea	1600-1730	Evenings	
03	Pre-congress Workshops/ Tutorials (parallel)								
04	IS + TM		TS (p)		TS (p)		TS (p)	SP	Dinner
05	Plenary		TS (p)		TS (p)		SS (p)	Cultural Programme+ Dinner	
06	Plenary		TS (p)		TS (p)		PD + VS	High-tea + INCA AGM	

Notes: IS – Inaugural Session; TM – Todar Mul Memorial Lecture; TS – Technical Session; SP – SP Chatterjee Memorial Lecture; SS – Special Session; PD – Panel Discussion; VS – Valedictory Session; INCA AGM – INCA Annual General Body Meeting; (p) – Parallel sessions.

Registration at the Congress venue: **Nov. 03:** 1500-2000 h & on **Nov. 04-06:** 0830 – 0930 h.

registration fee for the one day Workshop/ Tutorial will be Rs. 2500/- (or US\$ 125). There will be a concession of Rs. 500/- (or US\$ 25) in the Congress registration fee for combined registration for both the Congress and the pre-congress Workshop/Tutorial.

Exhibition

An exhibition of software, hardware and comprehensive solutions for mapping problems or enabling technologies related to the Congress topic will be organised during the Congress at the Congress venue. Space required by the intending exhibitors should be specified separately through a letter on or before **August 31, 2008**. The exhibition space is limited and hence shall be allotted on first come first served basis. Details of space, tariff etc. may be obtained from the Secretary, Organising Committee.

Sponsorship

Proposals for sponsorship are solicited in different categories, details of which are available on request from the Secretary, Organising Committee or the Congress website.

Souvenir-cum-Abstracts

A souvenir will be brought out and released during the inaugural function of the Congress. Intending advertisers may please contact the Secretary, Organising Committee for details on advertisement tariff.

Publication

It is proposed to publish the abstracts along with the souvenir. Selected peer reviewed papers will be published in the *Indian Cartographer, Vol. 28 (ISSN: 0972-8392)*. Papers which are not presented at the Congress will not be considered for publication in Indian Cartographer.

All the accepted abstracts will be available on the Congress website for access by registered participants.

Reception

Reception counters will be arranged at Ahmedabad airport and Ahmedabad & Gandhinagar railway stations for the delegates of the Congress. Delegates are requested to reach these reception counters for guidance. Conveyance will be arranged from the reception counters to the place of stay. Delegates arriving after 1000 h on November 04, 2008 are requested to reach the venue of the Congress on their own. Registration counters will start functioning on November 03, 2008 from 1500 h till 2000 h at the venue of the Congress. A **control room** will function at the Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG) at Gandhinagar from **November 02, 2008**.

Transport will be arranged for the out-station delegates from the place of stay to the venue and back, on each day of the Congress.

Venue & Accommodation

It is decided to hold the congress in a resort at Gandhinagar, the capital of Gujarat state adjoining the major city Ahmedabad.

Arrangements are being made to avail discounted rates for the comfortable stay of delegates, either at the Congress venue or nearby hotels. Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad has all kind of hotels ranging from budget to star facility. Guest house accommodation will be available on payment and on first-cum-first served basis depending upon the availability. The period from October to December being the peak tourist/ festival season at Gandhinagar, the accommodation during this period is scarce and costly. The accommodation has to be booked well in advance, as the last minute availability is not guaranteed. Block booking at negotiated rates is being arranged. Please watch the Congress website for more details on availing these special arrangements.

Excursion

It is planned to organise excursions in and around Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar for those delegates who are interested in sight-seeing during November 2-3 & 7-8, 2008 in collaboration with Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Limited and M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited at Ahmedabad. Following websites can be seen for further details:

<http://www.gujarattourism.com/>

<http://www.balmerlawrie.com/>

Weather/ clothing

Gandhinagar weather during the month of November will generally be very pleasant. Normal cotton clothes are suggested for the day and light woolen clothes for the evenings.

Language

The official language of the Congress is English. The spoken language in Gandhinagar is either Gujarati or Hindi, or English to a limited extent.

Congress Organisers: Indian National Cartographic Association

INCA - Indian National Cartographic Association, is a non-profit making professional body of Cartographers, established in 1979 at Hyderabad (India) with the following Aim: a) Fostering cartographic research in India promoting academic interaction within an inter-disciplinary frame; b) Co-operate with professional organisations of cognate disciplines; c) Foster co-operation amongst various organisations for advancement of cartography; d) Create "Map Awareness" amongst the public; & e) Secure for cartography its legitimate place in national life and to strengthen among cartographers a sense of responsibility and professional efficiency. For more information on INCA, visit: <http://www.incaindia.org>

Hosts: ISRO & Space Applications Centre

The prime objective of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is to develop space technology and its application to various national tasks. ISRO has established two major space systems, INSAT for

communication, television broadcasting and meteorological services, and Indian Remote Sensing Satellites (IRS) system for resources monitoring and management. ISRO has developed two satellite launch vehicles, PSLV and GSLV, to place INSAT and IRS satellites in the required orbits. For more information on ISRO, visit: <http://www.isro.gov.in>

Space Applications Centre (SAC) is responsible for realising the satellite payloads and to pursue the applications-oriented programmes of ISRO in the areas of Satellite Communications, Satellite based Navigation, Remote Sensing of Earth and Planets as well as Meteorology and Oceanography. Major activities of SAC include: a) Design and development of payloads for communications and remote sensing satellites; b) Development of ground systems including earth stations for communications and data reception and software for image data products generation; c) research & development on *satellite communications, navigation, remote sensing* and *meteorological* application domains; among others. For more information, visit: <http://www.sac.gov.in>

About Gandhinagar

Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar are neighbouring cities, the latter being the capital of Gujarat state and a planned city raised after the state formation in 1960. More information on these cities may be found from the following web-sites among others:

<http://www.ahmedabadline.com/>
<http://www.gujaratguideonline.com/>

Congress website

<http://www.cmap.org.in>

The Congress website will be the primary mode of communication with all Congress delegates, sponsors and other stakeholders for up-to-date information, including the accommodation allotments of individual delegates, which will be accessible to registered participants after a login provision.

Mode of payment

The preferred mode of payment for all transactions is through direct bank transfer to the Congress account, details of which are provided below:

"XXVIII INCA International Congress"

— **[Full Name of Sender]** must be indicated on the bank statement/ receipt.

Bank Name: STATE BANK OF INDIA

Branch: Jodhpur Tekra (ISRO), SAC Campus, Ahmedabad – 380015, Gujarat

Account Name: XXVIII INCA International Congress

Account Number: 30323401549

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SWIFT Code: SBININBB252

Transactions: In India, persons having SBI account can directly deposit the money into the Congress account by giving the INCA 2008 account number. While other persons not having the SBI account, can direct their respective bank to transfer money by giving INCA 2008 account name, number and IFS Code number. From abroad, persons may pay using the SWIFT code, account name & account number. In order to confirm the transfer, a copy of the bank transfer receipt is to be sent by email to both inca2008@sac.isro.gov.in and inca2008@rediffmail.com or by fax to (00)91 - (0)79 - 2691 5827. If the receipt is not received, registration will be considered incomplete. Please also indicate purpose (registration, sponsorship, donation, stay etc.) and name and other details in your email/ fax communication.

Important note: The registration fees do not include bank commission charges.

Important Dates

Milestone Event	Last Date
Submission of Proposals	
For conducting a Pre-Congress Workshop/ Tutorial	Apr. 30, 2008
For holding a Special Technical Session	May 31, 2008
Notification of Acceptance of Proposals	
For conducting a Pre-Congress Workshop/ Tutorial	May 31, 2008
For holding a Special Technical Session	Jun. 30, 2008
Abstract Submission	
For Young Researcher Grant	Jun. 30, 2008
Regular	Jul. 31, 2008
Registering the Intent for Participation (for availing concessional registration fee)	
	Jul. 31, 2008
Abstract Acceptance Notification	
For Young Researcher Grant	Jul. 31, 2008
Regular	Aug. 31, 2008
Request for Exhibiting	Aug. 31, 2008
Full Paper Submission	
For Young Researcher Grant	Sep. 15, 2008
Regular	Sep. 30, 2008
Young Researcher Grant Selection Notification	Sep. 30, 2008
Request for Advertising in Souvenir-cum-Abstracts	Sep. 30, 2008
Early Registration	
For any one of the Pre-Congress Workshop/Tutorial	Sep. 30, 2008
For participation in Congress	Sep. 30, 2008
Last date for Registration	
For any one of the Pre-Congress Workshop/Tutorial	Oct. 31, 2008
For participation in Congress	Oct. 31, 2008
Main Events	
Pre-Congress Workshop/ Tutorial	Nov. 3, 2008
INCA 2008 Congress	Nov. 4-6, 2008

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1. Prof. / Dr. / Mr. / Ms. _____
2. Surname _____ Initials _____
3. Date of Birth _____
4. INCA Member - **Yes/No** (If YES Membership No.- _____)
5. Affiliation

6. Mailing Address

_____ PIN _____
7. Country _____
8. Telephone (O) _____ (R) _____ Mobile _____
Fax _____ E-mail _____
Alt-Email _____
9. Are you participating as Paper presenter - **Yes/ No**
10. If presenting paper – Title of the paper

11. Accompanying person(s)
Surname _____ Initials _____
Surname _____ Initials _____
12. Payment Amount _____ **Both Congress & Tutorial/ Only Congress / Only Tutorial**
13. Mode of Payment – **Bank Transfer (SBI A/c No.–30323401549, IFS Code –
SBIN0003967, SWIFT Code – SBININBB252)**

Details of Bank Transfer - **Person Name/Date/Bank/Number/Amount**

14. Mode of Payment – Demand Draft (In favour of "XXVIII INCA International Congress"
Payable at Ahmedabad)
15. Details of Demand Draft - **Date/Bank/Number/Amount**
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16. Any other information _____
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ACCOMMODATION FORM

1. No. of persons for whom accommodation is required _____
2. Type of accommodation (**Single/Double**) _____
3. Preference for accommodation (**Please indicate approximate range of tariff**)
- _____
4. Please Make Choice of hotel (**Budget /Deluxe/Resorts/Three stars/Five star**)
(Please refer Ahmedabad/Gandhinagar details on Congress website)
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Additional information for Foreign Delegates only

- a) Nationality: _____ b) Date & place of birth : _____
- c) Parentage : _____ d) Passport Number : _____
- e) Date & place of issue of Passport : _____
- f) Validity of Passport : _____
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