

Geospatial Technologies in Higher Education: Saviour or Sideshow?

18th January 2012

Dear Conference Delegate,

We are delighted that you have registered for the forthcoming HEN Geospatial Conference and very much look forward to welcoming you all to the event which is being held at The Open University, Walton Hall in Milton Keynes on Wednesday 18th January 2012.

Arrival and parking

There is a map of the campus with the HEN meeting venue marked at the end of this document. For maps of the surrounding area and directions, click the following link: <http://www.open.ac.uk/contact/locations.aspx>. Due to the volume of staff on campus, parking spaces can be limited so we would recommend using the East Parking overspill, South West or Church car parks; please see the map for further details.

Registration

On your arrival, please make your way to the Christodoulou Meeting Rooms (see map below), where registration will commence in the upstairs foyer at 9:00 on the 18th January.

Conference Programme

Once registered, you will receive a conference booklet with full details of the conference sessions and abstracts. The conference programme will be available to download from the HEN website <http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/gsl/groups/hen>.

Sessions

There is no need to pre-register for any of the sessions. The Welcome address and both Keynote presentations will be recorded and made available as replays soon after the conference. The video footage may be made available to the public via the internet. Audience members are participants in this process. If you have any concerns please speak to a member of the HEN conference team.

Posters

If you submitted a poster for display, please bring an A1 size poster (841 x 594 mm) with you to display in the designated poster area. Details of where to display posters will be available on registration. There will be a poster display session during lunch and posters will continue to be displayed throughout the conference.

If any authors would like to display a poster during the conference, please let us know by **noon on Friday 13th January** so we can allocate a poster board to you.

Networking opportunities and IT

Delegates may request guest access to the wireless network on campus – please contact the conference team (details below). At registration you will receive, if requested, details of your guest account to access the wireless network whilst on campus. The Eduroam wireless network service should also be available for academic delegates.

Session etiquette and electronic equipment

We ask that all delegates ensure that any personal electronic equipment is used with respect for session presenters and fellow delegates; we suggest turning off mobile phones, and using electronic equipment in silent mode.

In order to maximise the conference experience we also respectfully ask that you do not use the wireless network during sessions. We ask this so that presenters and facilitators have the best network service available to allow them to deliver their presentation.

Refreshments

Meeting refreshments

Conference registration includes tea and coffee on arrival and throughout the day, as well as lunch and a wine reception after the meeting.

Drinks reception

A drinks reception hosted by eSTEEem will take place after the meeting, from 16:45 – 17:30 in Christodoulou Meeting Room 11.

Accommodation, restaurants

Delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation if required. Information regarding local hotels and restaurants is available at the following sites: <http://www.mkweb.co.uk/travel/> (top right of page) http://www.destinationmiltonkeynes.co.uk/Stay_over. The helpdesk will be able to provide a recommended list of local restaurants for an evening meal after the meeting.

If you have any queries prior to the conference please do not hesitate to contact Tom Argles (t.w.argles@open.ac.uk) or Gail Vardy (g.vardy@open.ac.uk), or call (01908) 332658.

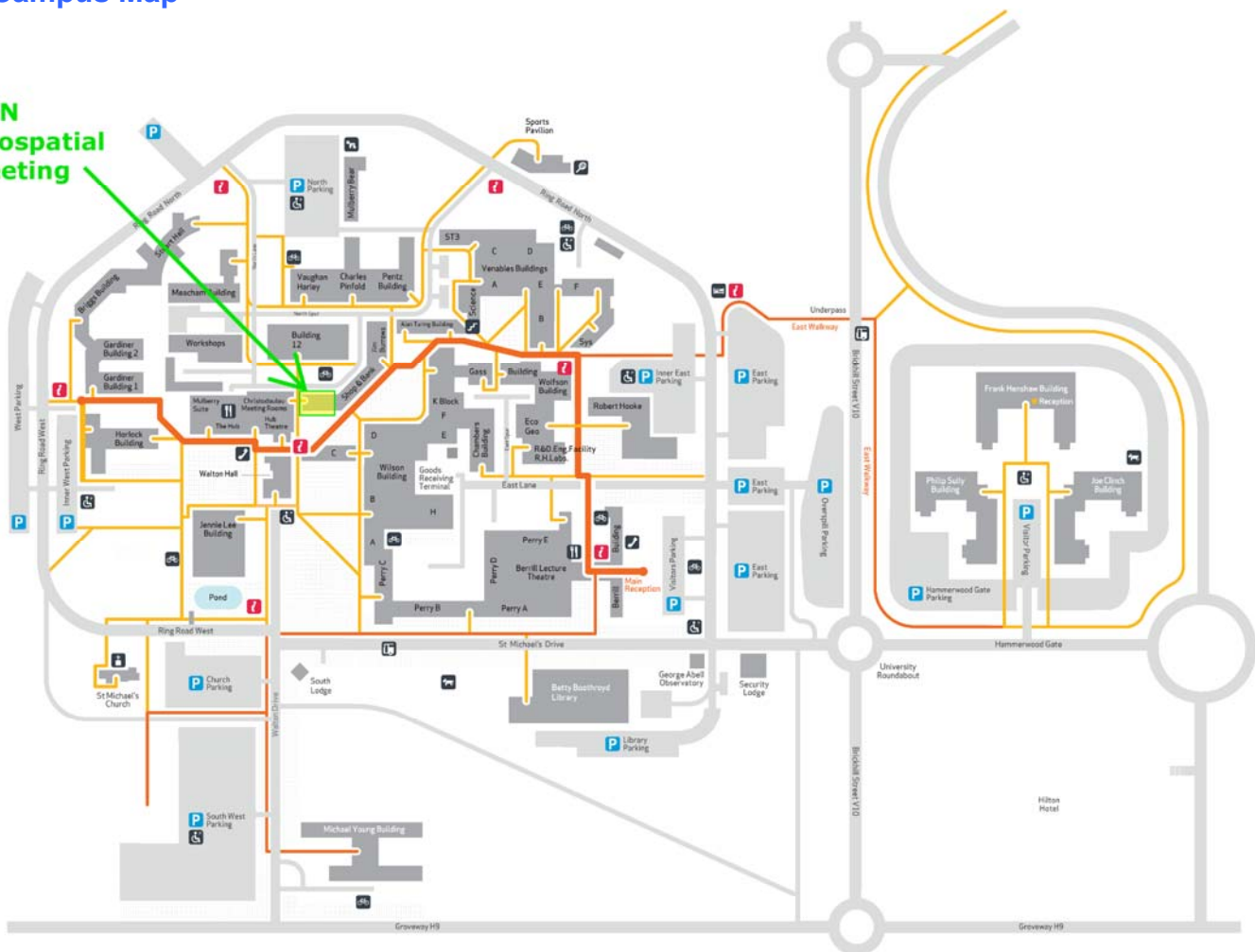
We look forward to seeing you all at the conference.

Best wishes

HEN 2012 Conference Team

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**HEN
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Meeting**



Key to Symbols

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| Bus Stop | Bicycle Parking | Dog Run | Public Telephones | Sports Pavilion |
| Car Parking | Childrens Centre | Gate | Refectory | Stairs |
| Car Parking for Disabled | Church | Information Points | Shop & Bank | Building Entrance |

Key to Walkways

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| Footpath |
| Central Walkway |