



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

Dear GnosisGIS Members,
Happy 2021.....we do need a breath of fresh air after the 2020, a year that changed the world!
It is my deep pleasure to introduce **the new GnosisGIS President (2021-2024), Dr. Sherif Amer**. Sherif is a geographer, assistant professor at the Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation of the University of Twente, The Netherlands. His research activities focus on the application of GIS/RS for spatial planning of health services. Since I have met Sherif five years ago he has been always actively engaged in our Society! Good luck to Sherif and I do promise I will continue to support GnosisGIS with unchanged enthusiasm as a member of the Executive Committee.
Stay Healthy, Keep Safe

Laura

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER



Ricardo J. Soares Magalhaes (LMV MSc PhD DiplECVPH) is Associate Professor of Population Health and Biosecurity at the School of Veterinary Science, The University of Queensland, Australia. He is an infectious disease

epidemiologist and biosecurity expert with qualifications in both human and veterinary public health. He leads the UQ's Spatial Epidemiology Laboratory (www.spatialepilab.com), a One Health medical geography group within the University of Queensland, Australia. Welcome onboard Ricardo!!!

GNOSISGIS RESEARCH WEBINAR – MAY 2021

We are happy to announce the first GnosisGIS online research webinar coming May 2021. Aim is to strengthen the connection between members of our society, in these times where we cannot meet face to face. The informal and small-scale seminar will consist of a short presentation, followed by a plenary discussion on a current geospatial health topic. The duration of the research seminar will be 1-2 hours. If successful, further research seminars will be organized with some regularity. Exact date/time will be announced soon.

Suggestions for a subject? Willing to give short presentation on your research? Please contact s.amer@utwente.nl

NEW WEBSITE – check it out!

The new GnosisGIS website was announced in the previous newsletter, but just in case you missed it, our website has a new look. Please pay us a visit at www.gnosisgis.org

If you have interesting news events to share, would like to advertise training opportunities, inform our community about conferences or webinars etc. please let us know via gnosisgis@gmail.com



GNOSISGIS SYMPOSIA 2006-2021

Since 2006, fourteen GnosisGIS Symposia have been organized annually across the globe: 2006 (Smogen, Sweden), 2007 (Lijiang, P.R. China), 2008 (New Orleans, USA), 2009 (Vietri sul Mare, Italy), 2010 (Melbourne, Australia), 2011 (Cartagena, Colombia), 2012 (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), 2013 (Napoli, Italy), 2014 (New Orleans, USA), 2015 (Basel, Switzerland), 2016 (Brisbane, Australia), 2017 (Baltimore, USA), 2018 (Moscow, Russia), 2019 (Liverpool, UK). Below the picture from our last Symposium held in Liverpool, July 2019.



GnosisGIS 2020 has been postponed until 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. We hope that the 14th International Symposium on Geospatial Health will be held in Belgrade, Serbia within EMOP. More information will be available soon (<https://emop2020.org>). It is our intention to organize GnosisGIS webinars (the first coming May 2021) with highlights on geospatial health updates.

JOURNAL OF GEOSPATIAL HEALTH

Geospatial Health Vol. 15 No. 2 (2020) available at <https://geospatialhealth.net/index.php/gh/issue/view/37>. The overture is a captivating Editorial on our first year with Covid-19 pandemic.



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First year with Covid-19: Assessment and prospects

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CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT



July 2021 UEFS Summer Class edition will be a focus on theme: *Field Epidemiology*. A wide range training in sampling, lab techniques and data analysis. More Information [here](#).

