

ELMF 2011 Conference Programme Launched

The organisers of the second European Lidar Mapping Forum (ELMF), to be held in Salzburg, Austria on 29th-30th November 2011, have announced the programme. The programme has an international theme with speakers from the international Lidar community representing nearly twenty countries from all over the world: UAE, Russia, Australia, USA, Canada and several European countries including Hungary, Poland, Denmark and Belgium.

With over 80 abstracts submitted following the call for papers, the committee were tasked with selecting a varied, high quality, topical and interesting programme. And with papers entitled 'Terrestrial Laserscanning & 3D visualisation of the largest ice cave on Earth', 'Lidar Scanning the Equatorial jungle of Central Africa', 'Monitoring the outmost islands of Indonesia using Airborne Lidar Bathymetry' and 'Mobile Laser Scanning - railway data collection and automated feature extraction' they have achieved just that.

The conference is supported by a showcase of more than fifty of the world's leading companies in the Lidar industry market. Exhibitors include the Lidar and complimentary sensor manufacturers, survey service and mapping companies, data processing, GIS and management specialists and the latest mobile mapping vehicles.

This event is also for novice operators, their managers and potential purchasers of equipment. There is a full series of learning workshops and demonstrations aimed at providing an understanding of the basic principles and fundamental benefits of Lidar.

There are important trends towards greater use of mapping data derived from Lidar for intelligent mobile devices, and open sourcing and easy access to vaults of Lidar data. These will have a fundamental effect on the way Lidar mapping, data processing and management will be conducted in the near future and may well influence the survival of a number of technology and service companies. These key issues are to be debated in a Plenary Panel Session where experts from all sectors of the industry will put forward their opinions for debate with delegates.

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