Call for Presentations

The Sessions Committee invites abstracts to be considered as part of the 26th Annual Conference of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium, October 26-28, 2016 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center in Duluth, Minnesota. Abstract submissions can be submitted as:

- Group Presentations
- Individual Presentations
- Panel Discussions
- Posters
- Product Demonstrations
- Research
- Technical
- Web Maps

With the 2016 theme of "Your Geospatial Destiny," the Consortium is particularly interested in presentations highlighting the following topics:

- Mobile App Creation
- Field Collection
- Land Records
- Surveying
- Open Data
- Open Source
- Research
- Programming

Calling All Students & Young Professionals!

The conference offers many opportunities for students and young professionals! The registration rate for students is significantly reduced. Showcase your skills in the student poster competition and see fellow students participate in the scholarship program. In addition to learning how professionals are using GIS in Minnesota, there is a specific session on finding, applying, and interviewing for GIS jobs. Watch for opportunities to apply for the student assistant program and sign up for the mentor program to be matched with a seasoned GIS/LIS professional to network and help navigate the conference. Hope to see you there!

Lodging Accommodations

For all hotels, please reference the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium Room Rate.

Conference Headquarters Hotel:
Holiday Inn & Suites: Duluth Downtown
200 West First Street
Duluth, MN 55802
Reservations: 218-722-1202
Rates: $84 /night
Cut-off date: Sept. 25, 2016

Canal Park Lodge
250 Canal Park Drive
Duluth, MN 55802
Reservations: 218-279-6000
Rates: $99/night
Cut-off date: Sept. 25, 2016

The Inn on Lake Superior
350 Canal Park Drive
Duluth, MN 55802
Reservations: 218-726-1111
Rates: $125/night
Cut-off date: Sept. 25, 2016

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Conference Announcement & Call for Presentations

Abstract submissions due May 20, 2016

26th Annual Minnesota GIS/LIS Conference

YOUR GEOSPATIAL DESTINY

October 26-28, 2016
Duluth Entertainment Convention Center
Duluth, Minnesota

A conference for anyone interested in Geographic Information Systems, Land Information Systems or related technologies.

Session Presentations

The Sessions Committee will select presentations to represent levels of expertise and a broad topic base. Selection will be based on the value of the proposed topic to the audience and the quality and clarity of the abstract.

Are you new to speaking, or have an interesting short topic? Try the Lightning round — a quick, 12-minute presentation! The perfect intro to conference speaking, present work in progress, or give a brief overview, leaving the audience with a key point to remember.

Presentation Types:
- Lightning Round (12 minutes)
- Individual Presentation (25 minutes)
  - General Topic Presentation
  - Technical Presentation
- Panel Discussion (60-90 minutes)
- Product Demonstrations (25 minutes)
- Poster Display
  - Display area: 4 ft (height) x 8 ft (width)
  - Project-specific and cartographic exhibits welcome
- Web Map Display
  - Video submission format (.wmv), once an abstract has been accepted

Abstract submission:
- Abstracts cannot exceed 300 words
- Incomplete abstracts will **not** be accepted
- Abstract submission is online only

To submit an abstract for a presentation, panel discussion, poster, web map, or product demonstration, please visit the Consortium website and follow the instructions provided at www.mngislis.org

Product Demonstrations
Presentations by conference exhibitors that market specific products or services may be accepted as product demonstrations. Information regarding exhibit hall space will be sent to prospective vendors in early May.

The submission deadline for all presentation types is **May 20, 2016.** Abstract submissions are the foundation of the conference and early submission is appreciated.

Conference Information

The 26th Annual Conference and Workshops of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium will be held October 26-28, 2016 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center in Duluth, Minnesota. Workshops will be held Wednesday, October 26, with the conference following on Thursday and Friday. Highlights of the three-day event include:

Workshops
A combination of half-day and full-day workshops will be offered on Wednesday. Workshop participants can select from a variety of topics, ranging from general introductory issues to specialized technical-focused topics.

The Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium is pleased to offer a diverse list of workshops on Wednesday, October 26th, 2016
- ArcGIS Online
- AutoCad and GIS integration
- GIS Needs Assessments
- Intermediate Python
- Open Source Desktop and Mobile
- Parcel Fabric Data Model
- Programming/Web Development
- QGIS for Beginners
- SQL
- …and more!

Exhibit Hall
The vendor exhibit hall will showcase a redesigned layout and highlight the latest GIS-related hardware and software, GIS products and services. The exhibit hall will be open Wednesday Afternoon.

Exhibitors' Reception
Conference registration includes admission to the Exhibitors' Reception on Thursday evening. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served and a cash bar will be available. The reception will be held in the exhibit hall, providing another opportunity for attendees to visit conference exhibitors. Registration information and workshop descriptions will be available in July. Conference registration includes lunches, evening receptions and all refreshment breaks.

Conference Registration

Registration fees will be as follows:

Half-day Workshops
$135 if payment received by October 7
$170 if payment received after October 7
$180 if payment is made On Site

Full-day Workshops
$220 if payment received by October 7
$250 if payment received after October 7
$260 if payment is made On Site

Conference
$275 if payment received by October 7
$310 if payment received after October 7
$330 if payment is made On Site

Student Rate (includes all presentations and lunches)
$45

Session and Poster Presenter Rate
$230 if payment received by October 7
$310 if payment received after October 7

Presenter Rate
Session and poster presenters will receive a $45 discount from the full conference rate if payment is received by October 7. *A maximum of one discount is available for each individual presentation.* If more than one person will be presenting in a session, it is the responsibility of the session presenters to coordinate who will apply for the discount. Additionally, no discounts are available for product demonstrations.

Exhibitor Registration
Information regarding exhibit space will be sent to prospective vendors in early May. To be added to the prospective vendor list, contact Ashley Crunstedt at 651-203-7248, ashleyc@ewald.com or send your contact information to:

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