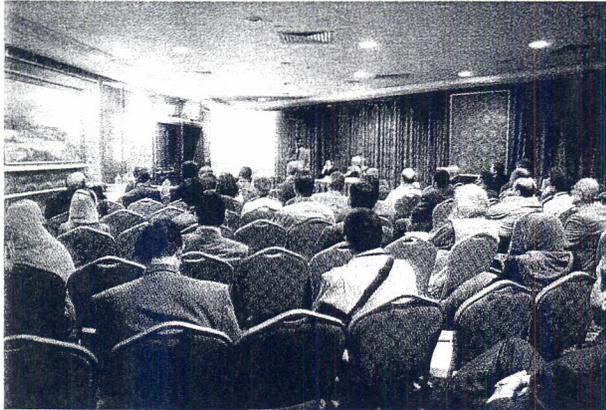


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FIG Working Week 2005 and GSDI-8 was held in Cairo, Egypt 16-21 April 2005. This conference, jointly organized by the Egyptian Committee for Surveying and Mapping (ECSM), the Egyptian Survey Authority (ESA), the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure (GSDI), collected

participation in the Global Mapping from Arabic and African countries, was held on 21 April as one of technical sessions.

At the Part I of the session chaired by Prof. Dowman, 5 papers were presented on overview of Global Map, global land cover development, applications of Global Map. At the very beginning of the session, Eng. Nasr, Chairman of ESA, made a welcome address and handed the application document formalizing participation of ESA in the Global Mapping Project to Prof. Taylor.

The Part II, chaired by Prof. Taylor, was panel discussion with 5 panelists, namely, Mr. Land (EuroGeographics), Mr. Mwero (Survey of Kenya), Mr. Hansen (INEGI), Mr. Chhatkuli (Nepal Survey Department) and Mr. Donnelly (USGS). Five panelists presented various issues on the Global Mapping Project such as: What have been achieved? What challenges remain? What affects had the project had on sustainable

more than 900 participants from more than 80 countries.

The program of conference was very abundant, namely, it included plenary sessions, technical sessions, panel discussions, a poster session, exhibitions and other various meetings. Especially, 55 technical sessions were held with 5 of them concurrently and about 270 papers were presented.

Regarding Global Mapping related presentations, Prof. Taylor, Chair of the ISCGM, presented "The History and Development of Global Map" and Dr. Kline, Assistant Secretary General of the ISCGM "The Digital Divide and Global Spatial Data and Users." Moreover, Global Mapping session, organized by the ISCGM in order to enhance

development? What impact has this had on national mapping organizations and agencies? How can the goals and objectives of the project be more effectively disseminated to increase collaboration? These presentations followed by very active discussions among about 80 participants.

Currently slides of these presentations are available at TS48 and TS51 of http://www.fig.net/pub/cairo/tech_programme.htm



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