



Geographical Fair Nov. 12 Features Maps, Planetarium Show, NASA Images

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The 10th annual Geographical Information System (GIS) Day Conference at the University of New Hampshire will be held Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008 between 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m.

This year's conference will include a 200-piece GIS Day 10th Conference Anniversary Exhibition featuring stunning NASA satellite images, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ocean mapping images, and UNESCO World Heritage Site satellite images. Antique maps from the Library of Congress will be on display as will maps from the National Geographic Society, the U.S. Geological Society, and the U.S. National Park Service.

Also featured will be a unique new planetarium show entitled *Ice Worlds* that will be shown on a portable dome. Funded by the National Science Foundation and created by scientists from the UNH Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space in partnership with others, *Ice Worlds* explores the critical relationship between ice and life at the two poles of Earth and on other ice worlds in our solar system.

The GIS Day exhibition includes a 150-piece NASA 50th Anniversary Photo Exhibition portraying five decades of NASA's aeronautics, space, and Earth science research, applications, and exploration. There will also be a professional map and poster exhibit featuring cartographic works from up to one hundred local and regional geo-spatial science professionals from planning, education, emergency management, resource management, science, government, and industry.

As always, GIS Day includes a professional geo-spatial science vendor hall and a regional geo-spatial science college fair with representatives from many of the leading firms and educational institutions within the industry. The GIS Day store will feature geo-merchandise such as atlases, globes, compasses, navigational software, and GPS units.

Public GIS Day events will be held at the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space in Morse Hall on the UNH campus in Durham between 12:00 noon and 5:00 pm. Anticipated attendance at this year's event will reach into the hundreds and will include professionals, students, and members of the general public. Admission is free.

Major funding for this year's GIS Day 2008 Conference and College Fair is provided by NASA's New Hampshire Space Grant Consortium, the Complex Systems Research Center, and the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space.

For more details visit: <http://gisday.sr.unh.edu>.

