



EuroGeographics General Assembly, Iceland, 12 – 14th September 2005

85 delegates representing the National Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registry Agencies from 30 European countries met in Iceland for the 5th EuroGeographics General Assembly. The 3 day event was hosted by the National Land Survey and Land Registry of Iceland who are two of the 47 members of EuroGeographics – the European Association that represents the mapping, cadastral and land registry organisations.

At the heart of the discussions was the role these agencies are playing both nationally and at the European level to support the land & property market, implementation of government policies, creation of new value adding businesses in the private sector and opening up access to public sector information for individual citizens. In short, their role in supporting sustainable development.

The key outcomes from the meeting were:

- Increased investment in the activities of the association during 2006 and beyond;
- Increased investment in the implementation of a forthcoming European directive called INSPIRE, which will support the development of national and a European geographic and land information infrastructure;
- Increased commitment to making the geographic and land information collected and maintained nationally, available for the European market.

The meeting also elected a new President of the Association – Prof. Dr. Zeljko Bacic from Croatia taking over from Prof. Dietmar Grünreich of Germany. In addition, Magnus Gudmundsson, Director General of the National Land Survey of Iceland and Kestutis Sabaliauskas, Director General of the State Enterprise Centre of Registers of Lithuania, were elected to the Management Board of EuroGeographics.

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