

Comments Welcome!

Welcome to your regenerated GIM International! As I forecast last month, GIM is ready for the new decade. Did you recognise it among your mail? The magazine has undergone a facelift and we think it is refreshed, colourful, clarified and fit for 2009. What do you think? Don't hesitate to let us know via the poll on our website once you have read this issue!

But we have not simply changed our jacket. GIM of course retains its usual level of high-quality content. And we will be seeking your expert opinion and opening up to your response. To facilitate this we have created two new sections in our magazine. The first is 'Report'. Have you recently attended a conference, trade-show or other geo-event? If so, GIM International invites you to write a report for our website. The best contributions will also be published in 'Report'.

The second new section is 'Mailbox', where we provide an overview of your feedback and any comments you want to share with geomatic colleagues. On top of that, we are offering you the opportunity to send in an (action) photo of you and/or your team working in the geomatics field! The best photos will be placed in this section, and perhaps even on our front cover. So if you've always had a burning ambition to appear on the cover GIM International, this is your chance!

Further, we are looking for geomatics professionals who would like to share their experiences as a GIM blogger. You are invited to contribute your own articles and images and to let the world know what is moving you. Besides bloggers, we are providing a brand-new platform for young geo-specialists. I am proud to announce the appearance in this issue of our very first Young Geo columnist, Moreblessings Shoko. All these new initiatives are aimed at keeping pace with developments in the geomatics business as they evolve all over the world.

On behalf of the entire GIM International team, I wish you an energetic and prosperous New Year. And to those readers who celebrate the start of a new year on a date other than 1st January, our best wishes are meant for you too, both now and then. We might be based in the Netherlands, but there are no frontiers to the editorial minds at work here. We feel privileged to know that GIM International is read in more than 167 countries and we look forward to hearing back from you in all corners of the Earth!

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