Geospatial Research Seminar BE Conference

Bentley and Delft University of Technology (both The Netherlands) will host a half-day Geospatial Research Seminar at BE Conference Europe. The theme is "Creating Spatial Information Infrastructures," and presentations will focus on progress being made in the development of Spatial Information Infrastructures (SIIs).

Attendance at the Geospatial Research Seminar is free to all. Attendees of the full conference can register for these sessions online.

Where: BE Conference Europe, June 10-14 at the Hilton London Metropole

When: Monday, June 11, 2007, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Bentley Geospatial Research Seminar is an opportunity for those attending BE Conference Europe to be exposed to important thinking about future standards and the way in which spatial data will be shaped and organized thematically to further support software interoperability and easier data exchange. Presentations by leading technical researchers and scientists from around the world will include:

- **Keynote**: Overall Architecture of a European Spatial Information Infrastructure: INSPIRE - Alessandro Annoni, head of Spatial Data Infrastructures Unit, European Commission - Joint Research Centre, Institute for Environment and Sustainability (Italy).


- **Geosemantic Web Standards for Spatial Information Infrastructure: Nice to Have or Hopeless Without?** - Joshua Lieberman, vice president Enterprise Architecture, Traverse Technologies (United States), and W3C Geospatial Incubator.

- **Standardization and Modeling of Transportation Infrastructure Semantics; Experience from GDF, TransXML, OPAL, and Framework** - Paul Scarponcini, PE, chief scientist at Bentley Systems, Incorporated (United States).

- **How Earth Science Can Contribute to, and Benefit From, the Spatial Information Infrastructure** - Andrew Woolf, senior scientist, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (United Kingdom).

- **Opportunities and Challenges in Exploiting Semantics as an Aid to Information Integration: a National Mapping Agency Perspective** - Catherine Dolbear, leader of GeoSemantics research team, Ordnance Survey (United Kingdom).
