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Calendar Events

Metadata Workshop

11 March

Spatial Data
Management Group
Meeting

19 April

Metadata Working
Group Meeting

May Date TBA

Marine Boundary
Working Group

May Date TBA

OSDM Website Updates 2005

OSDM Licence
Registration System

Data Schedule and
Auxiliary List

Members Only*

- > SDMG Agenda
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OSDM Network News - *ONN*

Easter Issue

As the Easter break has come around quickly this year so has the first quarter edition of *OSDM Network News – ONN*, and not without a packed agenda of spatial activities in the government and broader industry.

Kicking the year off in grand style, the OSDM Licence Registration System became operational in January, covering some 700 individual datasets for the easy-access, free-to-download market.

The Australian Government launched its profile of the ISO 19115 metadata standard in December. This has been the catalyst for a series of promotional workshops for our jurisdiction, as well as in conjunction with ANZLIC, and much inter-jurisdictional exchange on how to take the next step to a harmonised national profile.

This has tied in with the start of the year's conference series, including the WALIS Forum in February and the SEEGrid II Interoperability Conference in March. For those of you lining up to participate in the Spatial Sciences Conference in September get your abstracts off quickly – organisation is already underway...as is the year. So without further ado we shall encourage you to *Read ONN* to a very exciting 2005!

Spatial Data Management Policy Review

Following the December 2004 meeting of the Spatial Data Management Group (SDMG), the SDMG Chair has instructed OSDM to revise the calendar, convening three meetings per year rather than two, and to focus each meeting on achieving specific outcomes. The following SDMG meetings will now be held for 2005:

- **April** – review Strategic Plan and set priorities for Annual Work Plan for following financial year, subject to budget allocations;
- **July** – approve Annual Work Plan, receive Working Group reports, disband/reconstitute/establish Working Groups;
- **December** – review draft Annual Report, receive Working Group reports, disband/reconstitute/establish Working Groups.

The April Agenda will comprise the review of a new Australian Government – Spatial Information Strategy and associated policies (e.g. metadata, custodianship, ...) and further consideration from the December 2004 meeting of the Green Review of Spatial Data Policy Administration Arrangements and the Williamson Report on Inter-jurisdictional Coordination and Benchmarking of Spatial Data Infrastructure. The objective is to review strategies for spatial data coordination within the Australian Government and to set priorities for the OSDM Work Plan for 2005-06.

Australian Government Metadata Workshop

The Australian Government ISO 19115 Metadata Profile was endorsed on 16 December 2004 by the Spatial Data Management Group and has since been shared with ANZLIC and the different jurisdictions.

OSDM promoted the new profile at an Australian Government Workshop on Friday 11 March, briefing agencies and encouraging questions and discussion. Some 65 people registered to attend the morning workshop from 27 different agencies.

The workshop looked at the development process of the Australian Government Profile, its relationship to other standards activities, the Australian Spatial Data Directory (ASDD) as well as the activities of individual agencies in adopting ISO 19115-compliant metadata management. Presentations can be found at <http://www.osdm.gov.au/osdm/workshop0305.html> until Easter or archived in the Members' Only section of the OSDM website at <http://www.osdm.gov.au/osdm/members/metadata.html> so if you are interested in finding out more *Read ONN!*



INDUSTRY NEWS

The Spatial Interoperability Demonstration Project (SIDP) for on-demand access to spatial information for emergency management has scheduled a series of country-wide presentations in April: 20th Hobart, 22nd Melbourne, 26th Sydney, 27th Canberra, 29th Brisbane and May 2nd Adelaide, 4th Darwin and 6th Perth. These presentations will show participants, in real-time, how to use the on-demand infrastructure and to share spatial information. The sessions are free, but registration essential. See www.sidp.com.au or contact the SIDP project manager *Maurits Mvanderlugt* at Mvanderlugt@skm.com.au.

GUEST PROFILE

ANZLIC Metadata

ANZLIC hosted February metadata workshops in Perth & Melbourne with around 100 jurisdictional participants & industry representatives. One of the chief outcomes was the support to proceed with the development of a national (ANZLIC 3) ISO 19115-compliant metadata profile based on the Australian Government profile. The need for a "free" metadata entry tool was also identified as was the opportunity to work with the Australian Oceanographic Data Centre Joint Facility (AODC-JF) to develop the tool & operationalise the profile.

ANZLIC Council approved an ANZLIC Metadata Project around these outcomes on 8 March. The project will be coordinated by the WALIS office & overseen by ANZLIC. A preliminary meeting was convened on March 17. Major project considerations include existing metadata in the ASDD; XSL to translate from ANZMETA 1.3 to ANZLIC 3; validation tools; user testing/ documentation/ worked examples; & that metadata will still require strong in-house management.

Working Groups

Agenda and Minutes for all working group/ other meetings can be found at *Members Only* on www.osdm.gov.au - email OSDM for password and login details (Available to all Australian Government Employees).

Metadata Has been reconvened for the next six months with an expanded number of members registering to participate! The metadata implementation standard ISO 19139 is due for release for final comments at the end of March and the Metadata Working Group will have 2 months to review this before publication is finalised. The release of 19139 will precipitate the first Metadata Working Group meet for the year in April and will get the group rolling on 19115 profile implementation issues, Metadata Tools, the ASDD, refining ISO definitions for Australian implementations and much more.

License Concluded in November and has resulted in the successful launch of the OSDM Licence Registration System (OLRS) in January. Agency and Internet licences can now be found on the OSDM website for agencies to use and adapt, as can the MOU for the OLRs. No time to lose...if you aren't already involved in OLRs get *ONM* board!

Schedule H as been reconvened for the next six months with the ongoing terms of reference to improve the accuracy of listed dataset names, link URLs for those online and create a candidate list for new nominations. An important part of the process this year will be looking at the ISO topic categories, and the utility of mapping themes currently used to the ISO categories, to increase cross-jurisdictional interoperability for spatial data access. Surveys reviewing the fundamental data gaps identified by agencies have been circulated for comment, with responses due by the end of the month. Review of responses and directions forward will precipitate a working group meeting for May. In the meantime individual agency data audits proceed with GA and NNTT underway since the start of the year and the NLWRA lining up for April.

Marine Boundary mapping difficulties due to imprecise descriptions in legislation, and the choice of inappropriate scales or coastline definitions has precipitated this working group which will convene for the first time in May. If you are interested in getting involved email OSDM.

ANZLIC News

ANZLIC's new National Project Manager started on 3 March. Jeff Dau came from the ACT Emergency Services Authority & was previously an ABS Spatial Data Officer. Jeff's former "life" was as an operational ACT fire-fighter for 13 years. Jeff holds a BAppSc (Canberra) majoring in Land Information Systems. Welcome!

OSDM COMMUNITY

Native Title Data Online

National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) have worked in collaboration with Geoscience Australia (GA) and OSDM to deliver their custodial native title spatial datasets online, using a type of cooperative distribution model available to agencies. MoU's, with GA to host the NNTT datasets, and OSDM to maintain standardized data licensing agreements, were formalised in December 2004 and went live on the 16th February, 2005.

Peter Bowen, Manager of the NNTT's Geospatial Services, said the initiative allowed the NNTT to utilise existing Government infrastructure to increase exposure of accessible native title information through GA's website. Paul Trezise, CIO of GA, has welcomed the opportunity to make NNTT data more available and provide a model that other agencies could adopt to assist compliance with the Spatial Data Access and Pricing Policy. Four themes of native title spatial data are available, in most cases nationally. See National Native Title Tribunal products at:

https://www.ga.gov.au/products/servlet/controller?view=DEFINE_PRODUCTS

MEMBER PROFILES

News, features, projects, visitors and events?

If you have something worth sharing with the Australian Government Spatial Data Management Community let us know and we'll happily feature it in our quarterly newsletters updating you on meetings, our web site and initiatives of interest. Just email us on info@osdm.gov.au

