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International Information Symposium was conducted in the frame of the second phase of the CASCADOSS Project. It was held on 16th June 2008 and combined with 3-day International Information Workshop Symposium (on 17th-19th June). The idea of the Symposium was to bring together both professional developers and (potential) customers of Open Source technology and stimulate research & innovation and networking in this field. The target group of the International Information Symposium were:

members of organizations dealing with geo-information (GI);

scientists;

small- and medium entrepreneurs;

representatives of regional self-government authorities;

staff of institutions involved in implementation of the GMES Programme, including representatives of national GMES offices;

staff of National Mapping Authorities (NMAs);

members of the Open-Source community

The main purpose of the International Symposium was to present results accomplished by the CASCADOSS Project – results of the evaluation of available GIS&RS OSS solutions, and to demonstrate the most promising and useful applications.

The following subject had been discussed:

How can open-source software foster use of GI technologies (particularly with respect to the GMES Programme) in the public sector?

How do existing GI standards contribute to the development of open-source applications?

What are the current trends in this area?

How can GIS&RS services benefit from open source solutions and stimulate development of business-related GIS&RS applications?

During Symposium it has been also introduced various business models / added value services that can be implemented on OSS.

For the both events it was registered 105 people, 91 participated in Symposium and the during a Workshop a number of the participants has changed (ca 20 person less were present on 3rd day of the Workshop).

The Symposium Agenda was as follows:

***16 June, 2008,***

***Venue: Conference Centre PWSBiA, 9 Bobrowiecka Str., Warsaw***

| | ***Room 406 – The ONZ Aula*** | ***SPEAKERS*** |
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| | **Morning Session:** ***Approaching Free and Open Source Software for Geomatics*** | |
| 09.15 | Registration | |
| 10.00 | Opening | Jolanta Orlińska, Surveyor General of Poland<br>Andrzej Jagusiewicz, Chief Inspector of Environmental Protection |
| 10.20 | *How the GIS&RS Open Source Projects stimulate building of the communities* | Mateusz Łoskot, OSGeo Foundation |
| 10.50 | *Trends in development of Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G)* | Markus Neteler, OSGeo Foundation (GRASS) |
| 11.20 | **Coffee break** | |
| 11.40 | *How standardization influences development of FOSS4G in the HUMBOLDT project.* | Thorsten Reitz, HUMBOLDT Project |
| 12.10 | *How FOSS4G would be used for GMES?* | Jakub Ryzenko, Polish Space Office |
| 12.40 | Poster Session – opening | GISAT |
| 13.00 | **Lunch (Rest. BAJKA in bldg. C)** | |
| | Poster Session | |
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| | **Afternoon Session:** ***The CASCADOSS Project Findings*** | |

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| 14.00 | Session opening | Ngandu Mupangilai, Project Officer, EC |
| 14.10 | *Introduction to the CASCADOSS Project* | Thérèse Steenberghen, SADL |
| 14.25 | *Legal Issues – Open Source Software Licensing* | Oleksandr Pastukhov, ICRI |
| 14.50 | *Business Models* | Karel Maesen, GEOVISE |
| 15.10 | Discussion | *Moderator: SADL* |
| 15.25 | **Coffee break** | |
| 15.40 | *Evaluation Methodology* | Ádám Podolcsák, Compet-Terra |
| 16.00 | *Evaluation Results – GIS&RS OSS* | Rafal Wawer, SADL |
| 16.20 | *Evaluation Results – Environmental Applications* | Monika Rusztecka, UNEP/GRID-Warsaw |
| 16.40 | Discussion | *Moderator: SADL* |
| 16.55 | Closing remarks | |
| 19.00 | Social programme (dinner)<br>***San Antonio, Sentaroska St.*** | |

The Agenda of the Symposium was composed as a introduction to the issues presented during the Workshop. First part of the presentations (Morning Session) was dedicated to background information on Open Source Software in the context of:

open source software project organization and development,

open source software community,

open source applications for Copernicus (GMES) users,

open source for public units.

The second part of the Symposium (afternoon session) was dedicated to CASCADOSS Project findings and presentation of the FOSS4G evaluation results.

There was also organized a poster session which main objective was to present most interesting examples of open source software applications.

Each participant got Symposium and Workshop informational package. It was consisting of following materials:

Live DVD,

Workshop DVD,

Information on selected OSGeo Projects (15 brochures),

Catalogue on satellite products and services,

GMES brochure,

agenda,

orientation map of the Bobrowiecka Campus,

notepad.

In the frame of social programme all of the Keynote Speakers, special guests and CASCADOSS Team were participating in official dinner in San Antonio Restaurant.