

## The AGI conference at GeoSolutions 2003

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# Conference chairman's welcome

by Nick Chapallaz

## The role Geographic Information (GI) is playing in enabling business improvement

On behalf of the AGI Conference Committee, I would like to welcome you to this year's conference. With more industry leading speakers and some of the strongest and most diverse papers seen to date, the 2003 conference has shaped-up to be one of the most exciting and dynamic in recent years.

The theme of "enabling business improvement" is a reflection of the need of the public and private sectors to continue their development through GI and also a recognition of the diversity of interest in GI today. The conference team have therefore looked to develop a programme, which encourages networking, and exchange of ideas within these diverse industry sectors but at the same time allows all attendees to hear the latest developments on the big issues of the day in the main plenary sessions.



The change of venue to Earls Court 1 is also significant, bringing the conference and exhibition into the same location has attracted many GI industry leaders from across government, UK and the globe to speak in keynote sessions at the conference. I'm sure you won't forget the drinks reception on Tuesday evening in the exhibition and the Party on Wednesday night. Two great networking opportunities.

Industries that are catered for include property, business, utilities and telecommunications, central and local government, crime and community safety to name but a few. This year there are also a number of dedicated technical sessions for those interested in the more detailed issues of making GI work.

I would like to thank the conference committee for putting together this excellent programme and I wish you a most successful and enjoyable 2003 event!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Nick Chapallaz'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Nick Chapallaz

AGI Conference Committee Chair 2003

# Welcome to GeoSolutions 2003

On behalf of the GeoSolutions 2003 event team it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Europe's leading event for the application and use of Geographic Information (GI).

Now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, GeoSolutions is the event for professionals to source the latest products and service solutions available in the marketplace from more than 100 exhibiting vendors.

Alongside vendor demonstrations, you can discuss key issues with leading GI related associations, organisations and experts. The free-to-attend features cover issues from a wide range of industry areas, from public sector through to marketing; and the information presented will be suitable for GI professionals/experts as well as newcomers to the industry. All will be able to gain invaluable information and advice from experts in your fields. Features include:

The Solutions Centre; Consultancy Centre; \*NEW\* Data Solutions Zone; GI for Joined up Government Zone; Space – for Science, Enterprise and Environment; Hydrosolutions Zone; and The Training Centre.

## AGI 2003 Conference

The AGI 2003 Conference has one of the strongest programmes to date, reflecting the strength and diversity of the role GI is now playing "in enabling business improvement". This year's conference has been created with the aim of bringing together communities of interest to collectively address the challenges to GI related success.

With so much going on I wish you a very successful visit. GeoSolutions offers a very unique networking opportunity to make new business contacts and meet peers and industry experts.

I would like to thank all our partners and associations who have come together to ensure your show delivers you a unique learning, networking and business form.

I look forward to seeing you there



Andy Lane  
Event Director  
GeoSolutions 2003

