

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS: REPORT TO MEMBERS 2001

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CHAIR'S REPORT

This year has been one of the most eventful in the AGI's history and it marks the evolution of the Association into something closer to the geographical information institute that was envisaged in Lord Chorley's 1987 report on the Handling of Geographical Information. The AGI's role as the collective voice of the Geographic Information community has been enhanced and links with both central and local government have been enhanced.

The year began with a move to new premises in Clerkenwell. The move, long overdue, became essential as it became apparent that the AGI secretariat had to expand in order to meet members' demands for services. The RICS, with which we retain a very close and constructive relationship, was unable to offer the AGI any more accommodation in its Great George Street Headquarters. The secretariat was already working in overcrowded conditions and it was not possible to take on any new staff without a move. The move was completed early in the year with a minimum of disruption to the AGI's activities, but a great deal of additional work for the secretariat.

The move provided space for a number of new appointments. Ordnance Survey kindly seconded Richard Wareham to the Association, as Events Manager, for a twelve-month period from January. Richard has worked closely with Gayle Gander, the Deputy Director, and many volunteers in the Association, to develop the events programme.

It has been a high priority for the Association to develop its member, and industry, information services based around the web site, which is intended to become 'the one stop shop for geographic information in the UK'. The generous sponsorship of: Autodesk, Cadcorp, ESRI (UK), Geodesys, Hopewiser, Intergraph, Systems Options and Terraquest; has led to the appointment of Lee Rushworth as the Association's New Media Manager and the re-launch of the AGI web site (www.agi.org.uk).

At the end of 2000 talks began with the NGDF Board about the incorporation of NGDF's askGIraffe service into the AGI. This metadata and data integration service is funded out of NIMSA (National Interest Mapping Service Agreement) funds channelled by the NIMSA review Board through Ordnance Survey. The objective of this service is to maximise the use of geographic information by providing information about its availability and characteristics. This mission was so close to that of the AGI that it was a logical step that the service should be managed by the AGI following the dissolution of the NGDF Board. As this merger involved nearly doubling the AGI's turnover it was essential that the Association should exercise contractual due diligence in its negotiation. It had been hoped that the process would conclude by the end of the financial year in March, however the process took longer than anticipated and a final contract was signed by Mark Linehan, the Director of AGI and Vanessa Lawrence, Director General and CEO of Ordnance Survey, at the AGI 2001 Conference in September. The process of integrating the askGIraffe operation into the AGI is now underway and benefits greatly from the work put in by Lionel Elliott, who had a foot in both camps as the manager of askGIraffe at NGDF (on secondment from Ordnance Survey) and as Secretary of the Association.

The senior consultative function of the NGDF Board will be taken on by a new Strategic Alliance of senior figures in the GI industry. The formation of this Alliance is currently being managed by Sheila Drew-Smith. The Alliance is currently separate from the AGI, although the Director of AGI is invited to meetings as a participating observer. The future relationship of the AGI and the Alliance will be determined by the eventual constitution and terms of reference of the Alliance.

In another constitutional experiment, discussions are under way about the formation of an Environmental Data Association, which would bring together major producers and distributors of environmental data, possibly under the umbrella of the AGI and sharing AGI secretariat services.

The year has been marked by a number of sad events. The untimely death of Sean Leslie, as a result of a walking accident in the Lake District, earlier in the year and the death of Tom Waugh, a former treasurer of the Association in the summer, left the GI community shocked and saddened.

Less sad, but nevertheless a great loss to the Association was the departure of Gayle Gander, Deputy Director, at the end of September, to a new post with Getmapping. Gayle had been with the Association for over 7 years (more than half the life of the Association). Gayle did much to create the style and the substance of the Association as it is today by enthusing volunteers and developing the events and conference programme that is central to the Association's activities. A new Deputy Director is being appointed and an announcement about the post will be made soon.

The Association's annual conference, run in collaboration with CMP and the annual GIS exhibition, was very successful this year, marking the third consecutive year of growth in delegate numbers. The conference committee this year was chaired by John Glover and thanks are due to him and his committee as well as Gayle Gander for the delivery of a successful event.

The Association's events programme has grown this year and contributes increased revenue. However, the growth has been less than was hoped for and it is clear that developing a proactive, rather than a reactive programme of events will be a longer task than had been expected. The programme relies heavily on commitments from volunteers in the association, who give generously of their time, however an expanded programme will require firmer commitments which are more tightly managed in order to ensure that the Association can deliver what it promises with the limited resources available in the secretariat.

This year is also marked by changes in the Chairmanship of all the main committees of the Association. Chris Corbin has relinquished the Chair of the Corporate Affairs Committee, in preparation for becoming Chairman of the Association next year. His place has been taken by John Alderson, Chairman of Informed Solutions, who has also been elected to Council. Chris's indefatigable approach to corporate affairs has benefited the Association enormously and he is pleased to hand the committee over to a new chair with a fresh outlook. Because of new professional commitments, Richard Ley has left the Chair of the Direct Action Committee after many years of effective Chairmanship. The character of the committee has reflected Richard's crusading zeal in GI and the committee will now be chaired by Peter Clegg, an independent consultant with strong links to local government and SOCITM. In addition to the lively activities of the new Local Government Special Interest Group, this change of leadership reflects the increasing importance of local government as both a supplier and user of Geographic Information. The Education Committee chair has also changed with Julian Swindell of the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester – a long time member of the committee taking up the chair.

Another significant change of personnel this year will be the departure of Dr Helen Mounsey from the post of Treasurer following our AGM. The Association has been very fortunate to have its financial health looked after assiduously and responsibly by Helen for many years. She has ensured that the activities of the Association were never curtailed, within the limitations of adequate prudence. She has also worked closely with Mark Linehan, Michelle Brissett, the Association's Financial Controller and the auditors, to implement a new system of management accounting that allows Council to monitor the Association's budget much more easily and with far clearer information than was available before. Helen's combination of a doctorate in a GI related field and a directorship with Price Waterhouse Coopers made her a perfect candidate for Treasurer, however professional commitments in Ireland make it impossible for her to continue.

The general services provided to members are heavily dependent on the contribution of Claire Huppertz, the Association's administrator. Claire has been with the Association for just one year, and, in that time has learnt to handle the very complicated day to day administration of a busy and hard to understand organization with enormous good humour, diligence and tact. It is a tribute to our Mark, our Director, and his new, fresh very hard working and enthusiastic team, that the Association has made the substantial progress that it has this year. Our thanks go out to all of them.

DR. ROBERT BARR
AGI CHAIR

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report provides a short commentary on the audited accounts for the financial year 2000 (1 January – 31 December).

Overview

At our strategy weekend in November 1999, the Management Committee faced some tough decisions on the proposed budget for the year 2000. On the one hand, we wished to continue our policy to invest in the Association's activities to provide a secure platform for growth in the GI marketplace. Set against this, 1999 had proved an extremely difficult year for us, resulting in a significant deficit and further drain on our reserves. Eventually, and after much discussion of priorities, we agreed another deficit budget (-£23k), but one which we hoped would allow us to continue to build on our earlier investments, and which with careful financial management would mark a turning point in the Association's finances.

I am extremely pleased, therefore, to report a surplus on the year of £9k, which represents a variance of +£32k against budget. My thanks go to everyone who helped achieve this excellent result, particularly to the members of the Secretariat for keeping us on track during the year. The following table summarises our results for 2000:

Income	£321,451
Expenditure	£316,280
Operating (deficit) / surplus	£5,171
Bank interest receivable	£4,764
(Deficit) / surplus on activities before taxation	£9,935
Reserves at year end	£68,099

Income

Membership subscriptions contribute our major source of income each year. Detailed comparisons against budget for 2000 are difficult, as the methods by which we account for subscription income changed in several areas. However, overall our membership numbers rose by approx 200 to 1400 at year-end, and our annual income increased to £168k (1999: £137k). Income from the annual conference and exhibition fell slightly to £56k (1999: £64k). However, the seminar programme showed a significant improvement to £60k (1999: £35k), representing a good outcome for our increased efforts in this area during 2000. Finally, publications and other sundry income contributed £42k to our total income for the year.

Expenditure

On the expenditure side, there were no major exceptional items during the year. We welcomed on board two new members of the Secretariat. A commensurate increase in the salaries budget, plus increases in administration and seminar expenses to cover our expanded programme raised our overall fixed expenditure, but this still remained in line with budgeted expectations. A new format for the conference dinner and party helped us to contain expenses and avoid a repeat of the 1999 loss on this event. Committee chairmen were able to manage within the tight budgets set for them at the outset of the year, whilst covering an extremely diverse range of activities.

And finally ...

... to end on a personal note. The vagaries of life as a management consultant have now dealt me a couple of years in Dublin. In the light of this, I shall be standing down both from Council, and the role of Treasurer, at the end of December. I would like to place on record my great thanks to all members of the Secretariat, Management Committee and Council who have helped me to carry out my role over the last seven years. The Association has changed enormously during that period, and we have faced some tough challenges. However, I believe I am handing over to my successor sound financial foundations on which to build over the coming years.

HELEN MOUNSEY
TREASURER

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Introduction

2001 was always going to be an ambitious year for the AGI. Expanding the programme and developing new services have almost doubled the turn over of the Association during the year. At the AGI Management Committee's strategy weekend towards the end of 2000, when the work programme for the following year is established, a number of new developments were agreed.

askGiraffe

There was a strong feeling within the industry that the AGI, as the umbrella body for geographic information, would be the appropriate home for the services that at that time came under the auspices of the National Geospatial Data Framework (NGDF). The GI metadata gateway and the UK Standard Geographic base, launched in 2000 as the askGiraffe services, were housed within Ordnance Survey and managed by the NGDF Board. After discussions with the board and negotiations with Ordnance Survey, a contract was signed in September of this year for askGiraffe to be transferred to the AGI, initially with seconded staff, but with the long-term goal of full integration into the AGI.

Web site

At the end of 2000 it was also decided that the time was ripe for an overhaul of the AGI web site. The Association needed a site that better reflected the dynamic nature of the GI community, whilst also allowing the delivery of more services and information to members on-line. This work required the recruitment of a full-time New Media Manager, made possible by the kind sponsorship of a number of AGI members - Autodesk, Cadcorp, ESRI (UK), Geodesys, Hopewiser, Intergraph, Systems Options and Terraquest. Lee Rushworth joined the AGI in April this year and the new site went live in August. We recognise that there is significant work to be done in further developing and improving the site, particularly in delivering benefits to members, but much progress has already been made.

Events programme

It has long been recognised that the AGI's events and seminar programme compliments the annual conference and is very much valued by the membership. The ability to deliver events on wide range of topics throughout the year and around the country makes the AGI accessible and relevant to its members. In order to expand this programme, we approached Ordnance Survey at the end of last year with a view to them seconding a member of staff to the AGI for 2001. Richard Wareham joined the AGI in January as Events Manager for an initial period of six months. This was extended to twelve, and we are pleased to confirm that he will be with us for a further three months to affect a proper hand over to his successor in 2002.

Expanding the programme has been a difficult challenge, and has been a major draw on the secretariat resources. However, a number of lessons have been learnt, particularly over giving members better and clearer notice of forthcoming events, and these will be applied during 2002.

Premises

The AGI's offices at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors had always been on the small side. The expansion of the programme and staff team meant that finding new accommodation was a priority for 2001, and in March we moved to our new offices in Farringdon Road. The move went relatively smoothly and with the minimum of disruption to the day-to-day running of the Association. It is pleasing to see that the RICS still remain an active sponsor member, despite the move, and still provide the AGI with important HR support.

Membership

AGI membership has remained healthy during 2001, and it will be a challenge to maintain this during 2002 if the predicted economic down turn materialises. However, the past year has seen six organisations join as sponsor members, or upgrade their membership status to that category – Getmapping plc, Hopewiser, Navigation Technologies, Ordnance Survey Northern Ireland, Richards Gray and Sitescope Ltd.

Lobbying and Influencing

Throughout 2001, the AGI has continued to raise awareness of geographic information and its benefits within government, and at GIS 2001 a new initiative was aimed at senior decision makers within both central and local government. Sixty-two delegates - including senior civil servants, elected members, and chief executives - attended a VIP seminar and heard presentations from the DTLR, Medway Council, the National Assembly for Wales, DEFRA, ONS, SOLACE, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and Ordnance Survey. The seminar was opened by Sally Keeble, MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Housing, Planning and Regeneration. This event gave the AGI the opportunity to spread the word beyond its usual constituency, and will be repeated in 2002.

The AGI has submitted a response to the House of Commons Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of inquiry into Ordnance Survey. We are also in the process of compiling our response to the HMSO's consultation on the licensing of Crown Copyright, and will submit this in the New Year.

Secretariat

In addition to new members joining the secretariat to deliver the expanded programme during 2001, there have been two other changes in personnel. Claire Huppertz, the first

point of contact for many of our members, joined as Administrator at the beginning of the year, replacing Kritee Apajee who left at the end of last year.

After seven years with the AGI, Gayle Gander decided the time was right to move on to new challenges within the industry. In September, after again playing an instrumental role in delivering a successful annual conference, Gayle joined Getmapping leaving a big hole to fill at the AGI. However, I am delighted that Sallie Payne will be taking up the post of Deputy Director in January, joining the AGI from Ordnance Survey, where she is currently manager of the virtual research unit. Previously, Sallie was the NGDF Co-ordinator, so she comes to the role with good experience of the GI community.

I would like to thank all the members of the secretariat for their hard work during a very busy year, and to also acknowledge all the hours of work our volunteers put in on a regular basis, particularly Helen Mounsey, who stands down after seven years as Honorary Treasurer due to work commitments in Dublin.

MARK LINCHAN
DIRECTOR

CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The CAC has had another active and successful year. It has held 5 meetings, all of which have been hosted, by the HM Land Registry. Special thanks go to Cheryl Onraet and Pauline Leadbitter of HM Land Registry both of who handled the logistics related to hosting the CAC meetings at the HM Land Registry.

The committee has during 2001 been served by 22 members (see the list at back of report). During the year 3 existing members retired from the CAC: Richard Goodwin, Philip Madeley, Peter Smith and the CAC thanks them for their service. The CAC during the year welcomed five new CAC members: John Alderson, Bob Ashwin, Liz Hobman, Alan Pearsey, and Robin Waters.

During the year the Chair of the CAC was smoothly handed over from Chris Corbin on 30th June 2001 to John Alderson who took over the responsibility for the CAC as of 1st July 2001. Chris Corbin who served as CAC Chair from January 1997 through to July 2001 has continued to serve on the CAC for the remainder of 2001.

During the year Peter Smith of the HM Land Registry retired both from the HM Land Registry and the CAC. Peter served as the CAC Chair for the period 1995 to 1996 and was a long serving and active member of the CAC. The CAC thank Peter for his constant support and for his positive contributions to the CAC and the AGI and wish him well in his retirement.

The CAC throughout the year has on behalf of Council monitored the AGI's corporate image and reported and or made recommendations to Council where necessary. The CAC has submitted written reports to each Council meeting during the year detailing the progress made on the agreed CAC work program that supported the AGI strategy for 2001.

Membership Affairs

The publication in June 2001 of the AGI Membership Benefit Handbook brought to a conclusion an in depth review undertaken by the CAC on the benefits enjoyed by each category of AGI membership. The report which was adopted by Council at its June meeting has been used by the Secretariat as a basis for a number of AGI brochures that have been produced which have supported the membership recruitment campaign throughout the year.

The AGI membership subscriptions were also thoroughly reviewed and a number of proposals were put to Council in April and June. The objective of the proposals were to simplify the membership categories and to provide a firm understanding on the algorithms used to determine the membership subscription rates. Council at its June meeting approved these proposals together with a proposal for the subscription rates for 2002.

Parliamentary Affairs

The CAC in recognition that there was a need for a document that summarised the GI issues the AGI wished to use when lobbying formed a sub group under the stewardship of Paul Sommerfeld. This group produced a draft policy paper on AGI lobbying aims, which was presented to Council in June 2001. The Council approved this policy paper in outline and asked for the lobbying aims to be refined. The sub group was widened to include both CAC and Council members; they have produced several iterations of the paper. The paper has been refined to cover the issues and actions that should be suggested to government to stimulate the use of GI. Thanks go to CAC members Dave Lovell, Liz Hobman, Robin Waters, Tony Vickers, Paul Sommerfeld and Gayle Gander for maintaining the momentum on this activity, which will when completed sustain the AGI's lobbying activities into the future.

The CAC has been present at a number of the monthly PITCOM meetings held in the House of Commons throughout the year.

The London Initiative

The London Initiative came to a successful conclusion at the end of January 2001 following a very successful event held at the Greater London Authority (GLA) headquarters in central London. The Deputy Mayor for London opened the event, which was very well attended and received.

The London initiative, which was born out of ideas within the CAC back in 1998, met most of its objectives as set out at the beginning of 1999. This was made possible by the many contributions made by members of both the AGI and the RGS-IBG. The CAC in particular wish to thank Paul Sommerfeld Chair of the London Initiative steering committee for his excellent stewardship over the three-year period which made the initiative a success and to all the members that served on this committee.

The London Initiative web site was widely used by schools during 2000. The schools requested Via the RGS-IBG who led the educational component of the London Initiative that the web site be maintained as an educational resource available on the World Wide Web. This request unfortunately was not met due to a lack of financial resources, which would have enabled the London initiative web site to be relocated and hosted on the AGI web site.

The London Initiative successfully engaged the GLA politicians, which included the GLA Deputy Mayor Nicky Gavron who attended a number of events and made presentations at the final event and at the AGI Conference opening plenary session.

Back ground support has been given to the Deputy Mayors office since January 2001 with regard to planning a structure that would oversee the development of a GI Strategy for London.

European and International Affairs

(a) EUROGI

Professor Ian Masser was successfully re-elected unopposed for a second term as President of EUROGI for the period April 2001 through to March 2003. The AGI representative on the EUROGI Executive Committee was also re-elected for a further three-year period from April 2001 through to March 2004.

The CAC through its representative Chris Corbin on the EUROGI Executive Committee has supported the AGI funded EUROGI President Professor Ian Masser. The CAC representative has attended four EUROGI meetings during 2001 and has submitted reports on each of these to Council.

The AGI has actively supported a number of key EUROGI activities during the year which included:

1. the EC Funded GINIE project which runs for two years from November 2001. This project takes forward the development of a GI Strategy for Europe as outlined in the EUROGI consultation document published in October 2000 *Towards a strategy for Geographic information in Europe*.
2. the planning associated with the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Conference that will be held in Budapest in September 2002.

During January the AGI provided an in depth historical report on the AGI as input to the EUROGI project *Models of national GI associations in Europe*. The AGI was chosen as one of the models. This comparison of GI Associations is available from EUROGI and can be found on the EUROGI web site www.eurogi.org

The AGI has been represented at two of the EUROGI workshops held during 2001:

1. Robin Waters attended the *Cadastral data as a component of spatial data infrastructure in support of agri-environmental programs* which was held in Budapest during June.
2. Chris Corbin attended the 2nd EUROGI ETeMII workshop on European Reference Data held in Rome during October.

(b) AGI European Special Interest Group

The CAC has continued to support the European SIG throughout 2001 via John Leonard and Ian Masser both of who serve on the European SIG management committee.

(c) European Commission

The CAC organised and chaired a workshop at the AGI Conference in September 2001 on *How to get money from Europe*. The workshop looked at the opportunities under the 5th Framework Program, the eContent program and the CPA 3 GI Action lines.

The CAC has continued to monitor European Commission directives and communications which have included the Environmental European Spatial Data Infrastructure, the Exploitation of Public Sector Information and the 6th Framework program that will come into being in 2003.

Publicity and Communications

(a) AGI Newsletter – Geographic Information

The CAC took responsibility for the AGI newsletter during 2001. The CAC has supplied copy on its activities to the Editor and Publisher Gayle Gander for inclusion in the AGI's newsletter. The newsletter has appeared three times during 2001.

(b) Partnerships

The CAC has supported the Secretariat in the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding between the AGI and SOCITM (SOCiety of Information Technology Managers). The CAC wishes to thank Peter Drew and Mark Linehan for facilitating this Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU).

AGI annual events

(a) AGI Awards

Gayle Gander up until her departure from the AGI Secretariat at the end of September 2001 led the AGI awards activity with the support of the CAC members when required. Since October Mike Curtis has taken this activity forward. The CAC thanks both Gayle and Mike for their contributions to the AGI award scheme.

This year awards were made for the Journalist of the year, the Student of the Year, Technological Progress, Local Government award, Central Government award and the Past Chair's award. Five panels of judges assessed the nominations. All the award categories apart from the Past Chair's award were sponsored. The CAC thank both the sponsors and the panels of adjudicators for their contributions and support, which made the awards possible.

(b) Annual Lecture

The sixth AGI annual lecture as in previous years was presented after the AGI AGM and was given by Len Cook, the Chief Statistician and Registrar General for England and Wales. The CAC thank Len Cook for supporting this annual event.

(c) Annual dinner

The AGI Annual dinner was organised by Roland Cunningham with active support from the Secretariat. The dinner was held at the Insurance Hall in the City of London on the 15th November 2001 and was well attended and received.

We thank all members of the CAC for their time and the valuable contributions that they have made throughout 2001 which has ensured that the AGI as a whole has successfully met its 2001 work-programme. The CAC also thanks the HM Land Registry for sponsoring and hosting the CAC meetings throughout 2001.

JOHN ALDERSON AND CHRIS CORBIN
JOINT CHAIR CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

We all know that last year the IT sector was particularly hard hit, especially in the stock market. This sudden down-turn in the technology market impacted a wide range of marketing activities in 2001, such as exhibitions and conferences. In fact CMP, our conference partners, informed us that on average we could expect a 15-20% fall in attendance!

I am therefore pleased to report that attendances were actually up by 8% and that the AGI also benefited from a slight increase on revenue over the previous year. As the Conference Chair, I was obviously very pleased with this outcome, especially as it reflected directly on the quality of the programme put together by my Committee members. One of our guiding principles behind the construction of the programme is, that you the members will continue to derive a real benefit from attendance and participation in the UK's leading GI event. Only by providing real value will you continue to support this unique event.

The theme of AGI 2001 was 'Location, Location, Location', and this thread allowed us to reflect on the significant value of GI in both public and private sector decision-making. It also allowed us to embrace the new market of Location Based Services into the AGI Community and look at new ways to exploit the vaults of digital mapping currently squirreled away. Of course, the conference success was also due to the quality and quantity of VIP speakers who added a strategic and visionary view of how our industry could assist both service value and commercial return.

You will be pleased to learn that my committee and I are already planning for AGI 2002, and our challenge is to improve on last year. Tough indeed!

As expressed above, I would like to thank: -

- You, the AGI members for your support.
- The speakers and VIPs that contributed so much.
- The on-site support from our helpful 'Yellow Shirts'.
- CMP our partner and event organiser.
- The AGI Conference Committee.
- and especially Gayle Gander, Deputy Director of the AGI.

I look forward to seeing you all at AGI 2002.

JOHN GLOVER
CHAIR CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

DIRECT ACTION COMMITTEE

On 2 April 2001, Peter Clegg took over from Richard Ley as Chair of DAC. DAC would like to record their thanks for Richard's very effective chairmanship over the last four years. Other changes on the committee include the resignation of Gesche Schmid as DAC Secretary and her replacement by Andy Wilson. DAC would also like to thank Ralph Smith who is also standing down from DAC Committee after a fruitful period as SIG Coordinator. Ralph will, however, continue as Chair of the Health SIG.

The DAC would also like to record its thanks to Ordnance Survey for hosting DAC Committee meetings throughout the year at no cost to the AGI.

Perhaps the major activity for DAC was the establishment of the Local Government SIG under the dynamic chairmanship of Gesche Schmid. This got off to an excellent start at its inaugural meeting on 12 December 2000, *Where Next for GI in Local Government*. A second meeting in Newcastle on May 16th, *Are You Being Served*, which focused on Call Centres, drew a smaller but equally enthusiastic audience and demonstrated support for events away from London and the South East. The LG SIG has also set up an LG SIG website including an interchange/forum area where Local Government members can share experiences and provide mutual support. This has been done in close liaison with Lee Rushworth and is integrated with the main AGI site.

Other SIGs have also held successful events, most notably: an Address SIG meeting on the theme of *Address Geography - How Joined up?* in London on 14th June, which was so popular that the AGI had to turn a number of people away; and a Health SIG meeting on *Opportunities for Joint Working* in Birmingham on 20th June.

DAC also arranged, through the SIG Co-ordinator, a meeting for all SIG chairs to raise and resolve a number of issues surrounding the working relationships between the DAC, the SIGs and the Secretariat.

DAC identified a need to ensure close working with askGIraffe and they are now represented on the DAC committee. This is beginning to ensure greater integration with the AGI's work on standards and has also born fruit in the collaboration of the LG SIG and the IDeA to set up a Local Government askGIraffe Node.

The Standards Committee have undertaken their usual wide range of activities. In the UK, the IDeA has been promoting the idea of a 'people' standard or 'N-People Initiative', BS8766, to support the Government's rolling electoral register. It would appear, however, that this has stalled awaiting further clarification as to its purpose from the IDeA. Some of the ISO/TC 211 Working Groups have been closed, including WG3, which was convened by Rob Walker on behalf of the OS. DAC have agreed that the UK should instead convene the new working group on location-based services. There are also difficulties between OGC and ISO over the divergence of GML from ISO/TC211's encoding rules.

The UK has been requested to lead on an international project to promote the certification and qualification of Personnel. DAC agreed with standard committee's suggestion that we do not lead, as there was no value in the UK for professional certification, beyond the qualifications already available academically. Standards committee will however remain engaged with the project to monitor developments and will supply examples of established nationally recognised qualifications.

For next year, DAC is looking to continue with an extensive programme of SIG events and to develop an overall strategy for developing the web site as a major information tool for the GI community.

Finally, the Remote Sensing Society has asked DAC to convey an open invitation to AGI members to join the RSS GIS SIG and help bring the GI and Remote Sensing communities closer together.

PETER LEGG
CHAIR DIRECT ACTION COMMITTEE

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The education committee met 4 times during the course of the year. It has had a broken run this year as it started with a new chairman (Jim Petch), who then had to resign part way through the year to be replaced by a new chair (Julian Swindell). The change in Chair along with the departure of Gayle Gander, has led to a fairly disjointed programme over the year.

CPD Programme

This programme has been under review. A few people have registered but there were concerns that it had not been promoted as fully as possible. A suggestion has been put forward by the chair of the CPD committee that the running of the CPD scheme would best fall under the Corporate Affairs Committee, now that the initial setting up is complete. This is still under discussion. There has also been consideration of linking the AGI CPD scheme more closely with the CPD scheme for the Geomatics faculty of the RICS. This is still under review.

Schools Prize

An enormous number of entries for the schools prize have been received, far more than in the past. A panel will judge this in the near future. Many thanks to the sponsors of this prize, Ordnance Survey and ESRI UK. It is hoped to exhibit a selection of the entries after the judging.

GA conference

The AGI had a "presence" at this year's Geographical Association conference. This proved very successful and so next year we will be running a full stand under our own name at the conference, which is to be held at UMIST in Manchester in April.

GISRUK

The committee sponsored the GISRUK 2001 conference this year, as it has done in the past, and proposes to continue to do so in the future. An approach is to be made to the organisers to see if it would be possible to hold abstracts of the papers on the AGI web site. If this could be done and a similar archive of abstracts from the AGI conferences were added, this would prove a very valuable resource. There may be insurmountable copyright problems with this idea.

TC 211 response

The initial stance of the committee was to reject the proposals covered in this standard, but this position seemed to be shifting towards the end of the year. This matter is still under discussion.

Committee budget

The main item on the budget is travel and subsistence, brought about by the wide geographical spread of the membership. To try to keep this under control, the committee is looking into the possibility of using an on-line discussion system to tie the group together, supported by possibly fewer face to face meetings.

JULIAN SWIND-ELL
CHAIR EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AGI CYMRU

Steve Gill, AGI Cymru Chair, reports on a year in which the tragedy of foot and mouth disease brought the value of GI to the fore in Wales

2001 in Wales has been dominated by one major issue of immense proportions, which has had deep and widespread impacts socially, economically and even environmentally. Foot and mouth disease brought GI and GIS to the fore and proved their value beyond all doubt. It also highlighted the need for agencies and organisations to work together to resolve problems and to deliver joined-up services. Even though the incidence of new cases has ceased, the effects will be felt for a long time to come. Coordinated spatial planning, applying the best GI techniques available, will help us overcome the problems and move forward.

As we approach the climax of our year, the annual national GI Conference in Cardiff City Centre, there is an invigorated air of cooperation and optimism regarding the collection of data and the application of appropriate information to address both strategic and local issues. AGI Cymru is working closely with all sectors, but especially welcomes closer relationships with the various divisions within the National Assembly.

Programme during 2001

The Steering Group was very active throughout the year and was involved in the following events:

- GISRUK 2001 (18–20 April, Glamorgan and Cardiff Universities)
- akGiraffe Metadata Seminar (6 July, Caernarfon)
- Coastal Management/Remote Sensing (11 July, Porthcawl)
- Regional Forum of the National Land and Property Gazetteer (19 July, Builth Wells)
- Common Land/Right of Access Seminar (26 July, Builth Wells)
- Formal national launch of LandMap (26 October, Builth Wells)
- Annual GI Conference (4 December, Cardiff)
- OS MasterMap Seminar (5 December, Cardiff).

Programme for 2002

The Steering Group is now putting together an interesting programme of events for the coming year, to be finalised in January. These will include:

- GI/GIS in Education (venue and date to be announced)
- GI/GIS in the Health Sector (venue and date to be announced)
- Environmental Management with GI (venue and date to be announced)
- GIS 2001 – Poster Session and Reception (September, London)
- Annual GI Conference (December, Cardiff City Hall).

Next meeting

Following the December conference, which once again boasts a line-up of top quality speakers, the Steering Group is due to meet on 8 January at the Environment Agency Offices in Bangor.

**STEVE GILL
CHAIR AGI CYMRU**

AGI SCOTLAND

The group in Scotland continues to make steady progress with the current activity programme agreed at the beginning of the current calendar year.

As previously reported the programme includes a wide range of topics and has met with reasonable success so far in view of the voluntary nature of the input required.

askGiraffe – Scottish Node – development work continues with input from Edinburgh University, Scottish Executive and the AGI London team to refine the process for linking into the askGiraffe service. Following the transfer of responsibility for the operation and development of the service it is hoped to confirm the optimum means for engagement in the near future. Thereafter AGI Scotland intends to actively promote and encourage widespread participation from the Scottish GI community.

AGI Scotland – Web Site – substantial content for the refreshed Scottish site is continually being compiled and is in the course of being channelled through London on account of a dedicated webmaster role being created. This measure is viewed as a positive step forward and will assist greatly in achieving a more regular maintenance cycle and a higher level of currency for all information held and accessed.

AGI Scotland Literature – in order to support traditional hard copy literature channels a range of material has been produced to promote a ‘Scottish’ theme to promote the existence and activities of the group.

Rural Project – Housing in the Countryside – Although still to be fully developed this project intends to promote the use of GI technologies and spatially referenced data to inform better policy making for the housing needs of the more remote parts of Scotland.

Location Based Data for Scotland – a useful, easily understood, layman’s guide has been produced to explain the various geographies which can be employed to record, manage and analyse location based information. This is due to be incorporated in the Scottish AGI web site.

Private Sector Promotion – despite an early study into the ways in which we might successfully engage the private sector this effort was largely short lived. Early feedback from many contacts within the commercial community within Scotland was disappointing and indicated a lack of willingness to participate on such issues due to fear of losing any competitive advantage.

GI in Local Authorities – a firm interface with the local authority community in Scotland has been established and continues to be effectively maintained. Key issues under active discussion centre on addressing standards and the creation of an

NLPG for Scotland. Increased involvement in the deliberations of the AGI and topic based focus groups is also being pursued.

Scottish Parliament GI Promotion – while some progress has been made in this sector problems still exist in being able to fully engage the parliamentarians on the GI front. Plans are afoot to persevere and tackle the matter head on through a number of channels relating to the modernising government agenda etc.

Case Studies – In addition to a revision of our existing case studies a number of new subjects have been identified and new reports commissioned. Once complete these will all be ported to the web site in due course.

Over the past few months most of our attention has been applied to planning for our forthcoming annual seminar and exhibition, which was held on 28th November. Entitled ‘Scotland: Investing in Location’ this was our third such event and was held at the Hibernian FC ground in Edinburgh.

Over 120 people attended with good representation from all aspects of the GI community in Scotland along with a healthy number of new faces. Around 20 different organisations from both the public and private sector exhibited in the parallel trade fair.

Building on feedback from earlier events we agreed to structure the programme to allow attendees sufficient time to network, visit the stands of exhibitors and directly participate in two separate workshop sessions.

The opening session saw the delegates welcomed by the Chair of AGI Scotland and an overview of the past year’s work programme as detailed above. Reflecting on the key objectives of the AGI the chair then set the scene for the day by encouraging everyone in attendance to make a deliberate attempt to network in order to maximise the benefit of their day. Everyone was asked to try and seek out two new faces during the day rather than stick with known contacts.

The next session included a unique exhibitors showcase where all organisations represented in this context were given a 2-minute slot to highlight their respective services and wares.

The following details the subject matter for each workshop which, was informed in advance by provisional attendees, and included three optional topic streams run in parallel. They were all chaired by technical and policy experts in the relevant fields of discussion.

The morning session dealt with: -

Getting Started with DNF – Dave Stewart

Aerial Photography – Roger Kirby

Investing in Scottish Neighbourhoods – John Maslen

Followed in the afternoon by: -

Web Mapping & XML – Bruce Gittings

Building & Maintaining a BS7666 compliant Address Base for Scotland
- Rob Walker
Rural Development Issues for Scotland – Stephen Curtis

The day was then rounded off with a Panel discussion, which included a summary report from each of the workshop chairs. A healthy debate then ensued based on the various discussion points the following topics were specifically identified for further action by AGI Scotland in 2002. Given the complexities of the topics many felt that additional dedicated workshops would be extremely useful.

DNF – the opportunities / implications

Aerial Photography - potential applications

Scottish Geographical Framework – supporting and promoting common geographies

Our day concluded with a few drinks and further informal chat about proceedings and all things nice about GI. Views received by myself and many of my fellow group members were positive. It seemed that although we perhaps should allocate time for one formal presentation most in attendance liked the interactive flavour of the day. The exhibitors were for obvious reasons, especially attracted to the showcase session which represented good value for exhibition costs and seemed to help guide attendees to stands of particular interest.

All relevant feedback from the seminar will be considered at our next meeting during a planned de-brief session to assist in further progressing the current work programme and inform any new activities we ought to embark upon during the next calendar year.

On a personal Yuletide note I would like to express my gratitude to all members of the current AGI Scotland Group. Considering the heavy workload many of the team have in their main employment it is heartening to work alongside so many who are willing to give a good amount of their own personal time in furthering the aspirations of the AGI here in Scotland.

MIKE TRAYNOR,
CHAIR AGI SCOTLAND

AGI ADDRESS GEOGRAPHY SIG

The AGSIG exists to provide information and promote development in the important area of address geography.

The AGSIG was created in 1998 out of the AGI Postcode Round Table. However, its remit is wider and extends to the geography of all kinds of addressable objects. The focus of the SIG is about the location of addresses, rather than the addresses themselves. The SIG aims to highlight the benefits of attention to this area and the possible consequences of neglect and poor quality.

The SIG Web site is available, and includes:

- A [resources list](#), containing references to papers and WWW material on address geography.
- A [newsletter](#), currently in its third edition.

The Web site and resources list are maintained by Prof. David Martin of Southampton University. Nick Walker of Dolphin Consulting is the Newsletter editor.

Harry Bruhns of the Developments Sub-group has been monitoring developments in the methodology of spatial referencing, and made two detailed submissions to BS7666 reviews. He has also recently joined IST/36 Technical Panel 3. This panel provides technical guidance in the standardisation of geographic data administration; evaluates relevant standards developed by international organisations and is responsible for the maintenance of BS7666.

A successful seminar was held in June 2001 at the Imperial War Museum. Entitled *Address Geography – How Joined Up?* it was attended by over 120 people, and considered the status of the various address geography initiatives and whether they are all working together in the common interest.

It is intended to arrange further seminars in future. Ideas for topics would be appreciated. Membership of the SIG is not formal. The meetings and Web site are open to anyone with an interest in the subject. Hopefully, the interest will grow, and people will seek to contribute and extend the effectiveness of the SIG.

HUGH NEFFENDORF
(CHAIR EDUCATION SUB-GROUP)
HARRY BRUHNS
(CHAIR DEVELOPMENT SUB-GROUP)

CRIME AND DISORDER SIG

Introduction.

The AGI Crime and Disorder SIG was formed in early 2000 in recognition of the increasing use of geographic information and desktop mapping applications for the measuring and analysis of patterns of crime and disorder. The aim of the SIG is to share expertise on crime and disorder mapping techniques, discuss concepts, present best practice, exchange ideas, and offer leadership and guidance on the use of geographic information, crime mapping methods, geographic profiling and crime pattern analysis.

The SIGs target audience are local community safety partnerships, intelligence management reporting units and crime analysis units/personnel who employ or have a need to employ GIS and mapping technology. The Group is user focused, with vendor input where the SIG's community can benefit from knowledge of new technology and application developments.

In its second year the Crime and Disorder SIG has continued to develop, offering a wide range of services to its members. Achievements of the SIG this year include,

- The launch of the SIG's website
- A well attended seminar
- Feedback on the Home Office Review of Crime Statistics

Website.

In October the SIG launched its website – www.agi.org.uk/cdsig/. The website has been designed to fit with the overall objective of the AGI website to act as a first stop shop for crime and disorder geographic information.

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If you have any questions about the Crime and Disorder Special Interest Group please contact the Group's Chair.
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Seminars.

The SIG has held one well attended seminar.

October 2001 – *More than just a pretty hotspot map*, Church Hall, London. This was the third seminar held by the SIG since it was formed. Over 75 people attended the seminar. Presenters included Detective Sergeant Neil Trainor (Geographic Profiler) from the National Crime Squad, Mark Patrick (Metropolitan Police), Detective Chief Inspector Ian Sampson (West Yorkshire Police), Spencer Chainey (InfoTech) and Adrian Mckeon (Infoshare). The SIG would like to thank QAS for their kind sponsorship of the seminar and those other companies that supported by setting up stands in the exhibition area.

Consultation on the Home Office Review of Crime Statistics.

In last year's report we described the contribution that the SIG membership made to the Review of Crime Statistics. The feedback on all consultation was published earlier this year and makes a specific point in thanking the AGI for its contribution (see below). The full document can be viewed at:

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crimprev/repreconcrimestats.htm

Developing Problem Oriented Statistics

Recommendation 20 supports the development of geographic information on crime. The group particularly welcomed the comments from the Association for Geographic Information and requested that they be involved in further work in this area. The group also noted issues of data protection, and the presentation of local data, and asked that these be taken into account. In particular, the need for appropriate denominators was paramount.

Source: Home Office Report on the consultation on the Review of Crime Statistics

The year ahead.

Crime mapping and geographical crime analysis continues to demonstrate its value in supporting law enforcement and community safety services. Recent developments in this area include the creation of the Jill Dando Institute of Crime Science. The Institute's first seminar to be held in February 2002 will be on 'GIS and Crime Science'. For more details about the seminar see:

http://www.ucl.ac.uk/spp/jdi/events_pubs.htm

The AGI will be supporting the promotion of the event and will be offering speaking contributions from Dr. Robert Barr and Spencer Chainey. The afternoon workshop sessions are to be convened by Nick Ross.

The SIG plan to hold two seminars next year, one in approximately March/April and the other in October. In addition, the SIG has teamed up with the Local Government SIG to host a seminar on Neighbourhood Renewal and better information on the 3rd March 2002. For more details see:

<http://www.agi.org.uk/public/events-news/frames.html>

Expanding the management committee.

By the end of 2001 the management committee will have lost two of its members. We thank Cliff Nicklin for his contribution to the SIG and continue to look forward to supporting and working with him on geographic information interests for the UK's police forces.

As Chair of the SIG, I have also decided to step down to concentrate on my role as Senior Vice Chair of the AGI in 2002. I would like to thank all those that have supported me in my time as chair and in particular to the time, effort and commitment of the SIG's management committee, the AGI Secretariat and all those that have contributed to the SIG's seminars since it was formed. The SIG's new chair will be appointed in early 2002.

The SIG's management committee has also decided to expand the membership of the committee. If you would like to contribute to the SIG through the management committee, please contact Sallie Payne at the AGI for details.

Members of the SIG management committee during 2001 were:

- Spencer Chainey (Chair) - Infotech Europe
- Mark Patrick – Metropolitan Police
- Phil Spivey – Crawley Borough Council
- Sue Harley – Surrey Community Safety Partnership
- Romy Conroy – East Sussex Police
- Dr Alex Hirschfield – University of Liverpool
- Cliff Nicklin – Cambridgeshire Constabulary

The management committee meets every four months to agree and task its action plan for delivering services to its SIG community.

SPENCER CHAINEY
CHAIR CRIME AND DISORDER SIG

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The Environmental Special Interest Group (ENV.SIG) is an established group of over 200 members within the Association of Geographic Information (AGI). This is a very active SIG, organising meetings and visits for its members, keeping members informed through its web pages and assisting AGI at the annual conference etc.

Our Mission

To facilitate the application of Geographic Information Systems to natural environment issues and related information.

Our Objectives

1. Provision of advice on the potential of GIS in the implementation of existing policies.
2. Liase with other environmental groups, nationally and internationally.
3. Increase awareness of GIS applications in the natural environment and its relationship with the built environment.
4. Facilitate access to environmental information, both analogue and digital.
5. Act and advise any existing and future environmental agency on the need, content, cost and quality of environmental data.

To help facilitate these aims the committee meets 3 or 4 times a year to discuss and organise future activities of the SIG. This year our committee has seen many changes, with new committee members from different organisations.

Committee members (November 2001)

Nigel Brown	Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
Brian Wilson	Environment Agency, Thames Region
Dan Glading	Consultant
Rob Deakin	Sir William Halcrow & Partners,
Micky Allen	Layla Resources Limited
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Site Visits

One of the most successful roles of ENV.SIG is to co-ordinate a series of site visits to organisations that work within the environmental field. The year 2001 has seen a series of visits. Below is a description of our visit to Scott Wilson.

Scott Wilson, Basingstoke - Friday 7th December, 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Scott Wilson is a multi disciplinary consultancy with offices in over 50 countries. Traditionally, concerned with civil infrastructure, the profile of the firm has changed to encompass all aspects of development and sustainability.

The Information Systems Department of Scott Wilson was formed in 1985, with the objective of developing and harnessing potential applications of satellite imagery for use in capital construction projects undertaken by the Firm, and in-house GIS software. Since then the department has grown into a group that deals with all applications of Information Technology within the company.

The department works in two different capacities; as a service area providing support to other departments and as a discreet department managing its own projects. The scale of jobs varies enormously from short one-week assignments to long-term contracts, which span several years. The work is also diverse in the number of disciplines utilising information systems. A brief portfolio of current projects includes 3D fly-throughs, system design, habitat mapping, asset and facilities management, database design, aerial photography interpretation, and environmental impact assessments.

The success of the site visits has been due to the hard work of Tim Brewer, the AGI Secretariat and the organisation's which host the visits. Many thanks to everyone involved.

Web Site

The ENV.SIG web site has been looked after by a succession of people over the last couple of years and is an important feature of the groups activities. Micky Allen has now taken over this activity. We use it primarily to keep members, and future members, informed of what we are doing. It contains information such as details of our latest site visits, membership and contact details of our committee members, our mission statement and a list of useful links to relevant web sites.

We aim to update the web site after each quarterly committee meeting and are always looking for suggestions on how we can improve this service. If you have any ideas, news or information, which you would like to see posted on the web site, then please contact us.

Env.Sig Membership

There are currently over 200 members of ENV.SIG from a wide range of organisations. If you are interested in joining email Nigel Brown at njbr@ceh.ac.uk. If you would like to become more actively involved, then please do volunteer to become a committee member. The committee meets every quarter, usually in London, and currently has a dozen active members. This gives me the opportunity to make my usual plea for volunteers to become committee members.

The ENV.SIG could not be so successful without the combined efforts of the committee. All this work is undertaken voluntarily and with good humour! My thanks to all the committee members for their contributions. I look forward to a future of continued involvement with the Environmental GI community and hope we can continue to be of benefit to all our members.

NIGEL J BROWN
CHAIR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SIG

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Since the launch of the local government special interest group (LGSIG) one year ago, the Group has had a busy year. The LGSIG staged two regional seminars, the first one entitled “*Where Next for Geographic Information in Local Government*” was presented to a full house in Birmingham. The seminar demonstrated needs and ways forward to manage information within Local Authorities to address N-initiatives and e-government. The second seminar in Newcastle on “*Are we being served: Does GI hold the key for delivery of customer services*” addressed issues surrounding how to provide up-to-date information to serve the customer. In addition, many local authorities visited the LGSIG drop in centre at the AGI stand during GIS 2001 where LGSIG members gave advice and handed out a small guide on how to implement GIS in local authorities.

Thanks to Tim Gibbs, the LGSIG hosts its own website (www.agi.org.uk/lgisg) providing case studies, seminar presentation and links to other organisations. In addition to the website, the LGSIG aims to keep the members informed by publishing a newsletter twice yearly.

The LGSIG also contributed to the set-up of a local government askGiraffe HUB to publicise metadata about geographic information held in local authorities.

The chair of the LGSIG wishes to thank all members for their contribution. The agenda for next year will be equally ambitious and aims to foster closer relationships with other government organisations such as IGGI and IDeA. To improve the website so it becomes a one stop shop for GIS applications and implementation in LA’s. Any contributions of case studies or voluntary membership would be greatly appreciated.

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MARINE & COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT GIS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The proposed FutureCoast 2001 Event Practising Coastal Zone Management *Who, What, Where, When & Why?* 15th-16th May 2001 Falmouth Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Centre did not take place this year due to last minute cancellation and unfortunately it was not possible to reschedule this event for this year. In 2002 it is hoped that it will be possible to host a small SIG event in the London area and subsequently to provide an AGI forum for FutureCoast at the Littoral 2002 event in Portugal in September. In the meantime, between the 18th-20th December 2001 we are hosting a visit by eight Chinese delegates from the Chinese Academy of Science to the Centre for Marine and Coastal Zone Management (CMCZM) at the University of Aberdeen on behalf of the AGI MCZM GIS SIG. We were contacted through Professor David Rhind, Vice Chancellor City University, London.

DAVID GREEN

CHAIR MARINE AND COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT SIG

STEPHEN D KING

CO-CHAIR MARINE AND COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT SIG

SCHOOLS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

During the year we have hosted a number of successful SIG meetings in London, and will be hosting some more in the New Year. David R. Green attended the GA Conference and Exhibition in Brighton, UK where we were fortunate enough to share the stand of the USGS (courtesy of Joseph Kerski) to distribute some SIG and GIS leaflets, whilst making some useful contacts. Thanks are due to the OS for providing our stand with a supply of the AGI/OS GIS Schools Prize flyer, as well as ESRI UK (via their Cambridge office) for copies of the Map Explorer CD. It is hoped that we will be able to host a small 'hands-on' event for school teachers in the London area in the New Year. In the meantime, plans have already been made to attend the GA Conference and Exhibition in 2002.

DAVID GREEN

CHAIR MARINE AND COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT SIG

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AGI SEMINARS AND SPONSORED EVENTS DURING 2000

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January	26/01/01	Unlocking Strategic Power Of GLA	London
February	08/02/01	Where Next For GI In London?	London
	19/02/01	Showing You The Direction	Northampton
March	16/03/01	Euro SIG Meeting	London
May	02/05/01	Golf Day	Pyrford
	16/05/01	Are You Being Served	Newcastle
June	14/06/01	How Joined Up?	London
	20/06/01	Health GIS Opportunities For Joint Working	Birmingham
	21/06/01	A Midsummer's Night	London
August	30/08/01	First London Social Session	London
September	03/09/01	GIS Tools for Measuring Space Time	
	18-20/09/01	GIS 2001	London
	19/09/01	Conference Party	London
	20/09/01	VIP Session	London
October	09/10/01	More Than Just A Pretty Hotspot Map	London
November	13/11/01	AGI/OS MasterMap - Epsom	Epsom
	15/11/01	AGM	London
	28/11/01	Annual Scotland – Investing In Location	Edinburgh
December	04/12/01	Annual Cymru – Joining Information Geographically	Cardiff
	05/12/01	AGI/OS MasterMap – Cardiff	Cardiff
	07/12/01	AGI/OS MasterMap – Manchester	Manchester
	07/12/01	Environment Special Interest	Basingstoke

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