GSDI Small Grants Program

1. Title of Project/Activity

Course in Spatial Data Infrastructure – SDI

2. Host Institution

Center of Research and Development of Geographic Information - CIAF, Geographic Institute Agustín Codazzi.

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4. Summary of deliverables as per Grant Proposal

Thanks to the small donations provided by the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure, IGAC had the services of an international expert during the Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDI) course held from September 6th to 17th 2010. This course strengthened the institutional capacities for developing projects that promote the standardization and the management of geographic information, encouraging the construction of the SDI.

In the 2010 version, the course was geared towards the theme of risk management, taking into account the relevance for the country and the opportunity to include the participation of an international expert, who provided expertise in the subject.

In should be mentioned that a total of 10 students participated in the course, 8 from national institutions and two delegates from Argentina and Honduras.

Participants learned about the importance of SDI, its main components and experiences with it on a national and international level. Additionally, the global character of access to geographic information and the use of information technology as a mechanism to facilitate such access were emphasized.

On the other hand, practical activities allowed us to recognize the growing potential use of geographic information and SDI for support in making comprehensive risk management decisions in the field.

5. Itemized use of the Project's Budget

For this item contract No. 8383 of September 16th, 2010 was established, with Mister Rubén Darío Vargas Franco, to carry out the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the application module of the Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) in risk management, for 40 hours in the framework of the GSDI project, whose value amounted to the sum of $5.000.000.

6. Project Timeline

- Promotion of the course and receipt of applications: first and second quarter of 2010
- Selection of participants: end of second quarter of 2010
- Preparation of lectures and practices: first and second quarter of 2010
- Course development: third quarter of 2010

7. Unanticipated obstacles you encountered

Unfortunately there was not a wide participation of representatives of the region, as expected, given the limited resources for funding.

8. Do you think you have reached your goal?

The goal of having the support of international experts was achieved, allowing for an accounting of the concepts presented and their incorporation into the management processes of geographic information. Additionally, considering the theoretical – practical orientation of the course, tools were provided for implementation at the institutional level, within the framework of the ICDE.

9. Photos, maps, graphics and illustrations of Project activities

FROM RIGHT TO LEFT: Mauricio Bernal (Teacher IGAC-Colombia), Carolina Morera (Teacher IGAC-Colombia), Gloria Lucía Arango (Colombia), Gustavo Adolfo Miranda (Honduras), Alicia Noemí Duarte (Argentina), Fabián de Jesús Henao (Colombia), Rubén Vargas (Invited Expert – ITC - Holand), Yoseline Ángel (Colombia), Jorge Arias (Teacher IGAC-Colombia), María Paulina Quiroga (Colombia), Lilia Patricia Arias Duarte (Office Manager CIAF – Colombia), Daniel Alberto Velásquez (Colombia), Wilder Gálvez Buriticá (Colombia), Carlos Alberto Vera (Colombia) and Ana Alexandra Morales (Teacher IGAC - Colombia).

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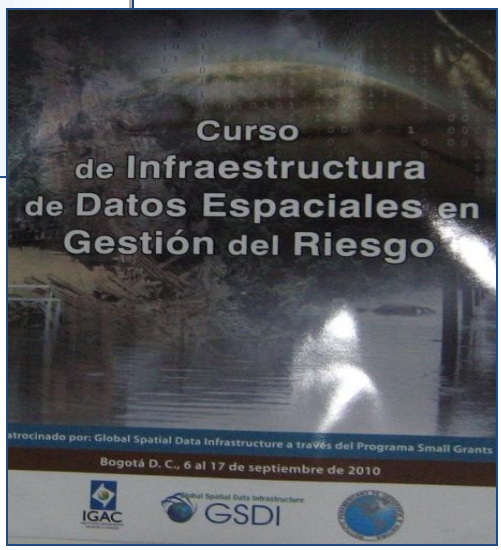
Curso en el IGAC: Infraestructuras de Datos Espaciales con enfoque en la Gestión del Riesgo

El Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi (IGAC) a través del Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo en Información Geográfica (CIAF) y con apoyo del Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia – IPGH y de la Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association - GSDI, ofrece el curso "Infraestructuras de Datos Espaciales - IDE", programado del 06 al 17 de septiembre de 2010.

Grupo IDE

El curso tendrá un enfoque en gestión del riesgo, considerando la importancia de fortalecer las capacidades de representantes de entidades de Latinoamérica y del Caribe, responsables e involucrados en la gestión integral del riesgo, respecto a la formulación e implementación de los componentes de las Infraestructuras de Datos Espaciales - IDE y esquemas de gestión de información geográfica, como mecanismos para optimizar la producción, adquisición, intercambio, acceso y uso de la información geográfica

El curso tiene una intensidad de dos (2) Créditos Académicos a desarrollarse en 2 semanas; con dedicación de tiempo completo, de lunes a viernes, en horario de 8:00 de la mañana a 5:00 de la tarde. El curso se llevará a cabo en las instalaciones del CIAF, sede central del Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi (Bogotá – Colombia).