



**Memorandum of Understanding
between the
University Consortium for Geospatial Information Science (UCGIS) and the
International Cartographic Association (ICA)**

March 2014

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a collaborative relationship between the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) and the International Cartographic Association (ICA). Both parties to this MOU share the goal of developing collaboration opportunities for academia, industry, and government organizations on a global basis in the fields of Geographic Information Science (GIScience) and Cartography.

Both organizations HEREBY AGREE to endeavor to intensify their co-operation for mutual benefit. The following steps, among others, will be taken:

1. The relevant academic, scientific, or operational groupings of the two organizations, such as task forces, commissions, committees, or working groups that each organization has established will liaise closely with each other and invite representation from each other where it is agreed that it would be appropriate.
2. Each organization will inform the other of its program of proposed scientific, academic, or professional activities such as conferences, seminars and workshops to enable joint participation should it be of mutual benefit, and publicize and inform its members of these events as appropriate.
3. Both organizations will identify opportunities to organize specialized seminars or workshops under joint sponsorship, and may also seek to promote joint publications.
4. The Research Agenda of ICA and of the UCGIS will be scrutinized to determine specific areas of common interest. Collaborative research and education activities in areas such as geospatial core databases, spatial data infrastructures, standards and open software, cartographic and geographic information modelling, cartographic and database generalization, data quality, development of curricula and bodies of knowledge are addressed by UCGIS institutions and a number of ICA Commissions and Working Groups, and collaboration will be sought especially within these areas.
5. Collaboration to provide expertise and support for the establishment of Open Source Geospatial Laboratories and Research Centers within UCGIS member institutions and to provide support for building and supporting development of open source GIS and cartographic training materials.
7. This Memorandum will not of itself give rise to any financial implications for UCGIS or ICA;

8. This Memorandum may be modified or amended by written agreement between UCGIS and ICA;

9. This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by the authorized representatives of UCGIS and ICA and may be terminated by either UCGIS or ICA by written notification to the other party six months in advance of the date of termination.

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IN WITNESS WHITHIN, the parties hereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the 15th day of March 2014.