



# The DSinGIS News

## Highlights

- ❖ Scientific conference
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> review meeting

- ❖ Actions for the next calendar year

## Project goals

The DSinGIS project aims to support Uzbekistan in sustainable development by GISc focusing on the PhD level of the educational system: the project offers a PhD programme and methods to deliver. The demand on establishing a Doctoral School in the field of Geoinformatic Science is in line with the aims of the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education of Uzbekistan (MHSSE); consequently, as a major breakthrough, the establishment of the Doctoral School has already been initiated and registered by the Supreme Attestation Commission under the Cabinet of Ministers (VAK) as a state-recognized PhD course.

For PhD students participating in scientific conferences is key element in their scientific career therefore one of the project aim was to support students with organizing conferences where they can have an opportunity to meet other researchers and share their recent researches.

## Scientific Conference

The first scientific conference was organized under the umbrella of DsinGIS project in Tashkent in 19-20 October 2018.

The conference participants were greeted by

- A.R. Marakhimov– Rector of the National University of Uzbekistan
- A.Kh. Abdullayev– Chairman of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Land Resources, Geodesy, Cartography and State Cadastre
- U.Sh. Begimqulov– Deputy Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- U.P. Umurzakov - Rector of the Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers

- Mrs. A.K. Abdurakhmanova – National ERASMUS+ Office coordinator

- Dr. L. Földvary – Coordinator of the DSinGIS Project .

On the first day of the conference participants had the possibility to visit four plenary sessions connected to GIS technology, open data, geodesy etc. and one special session devoted to land administration, cadastre and real property registration. (19



The second day (21) there were 5 parallel sessions connected to topics such as geoinformatics in geodetic operations and application of geoinformation technologies in architecture and construction; thematic mapping, web cartography and services and its application; Geospatial analyses and modelling processing and analysing remotely sensed data; GIS in education and the role of GIS in earth sciences; and the most popular topic with 14 presenters was cadastral services in management of natural resources, GIS in environmental protection, land use .

Within the first project year, the following key events has been organized:

### 1<sup>st</sup> review Meeting

21 – 23 October 2018, Tashkent



During the meeting the following issues were discussed and agreed by the project partners :

Quality evaluation, recommendations to improve management and administration were looked through and refined, report on WP6.2 Workshop on learning support methodologies was discussed and the decision is that Moodle server of PLUS will be used for the development of the courses.

The report on WP6.3 Doctoral candidates studying EU. During the interviews: “Motivation / Research plan / English skills” were examined and scored (max. 30 points). For the first cohort: Mamanbek Reymov, Zokhid Mamatkulov, Medetbay Uteuliev and Yakhshimurat Khudaybergenov were selected. It will be organized from 1 November 2018 till 28 February 2019.

Second cohort: The applicants on waiting list will be taken into account. Research topics will be updated by 1 November by IAMO and the new call is to be published for the period of 1 March – 30 April 2019.

Third cohort: 1 October – 30 November



## KEY ACTION FOR THE NEXT YEAR - Internationalisation

The aim of the self-evaluation process is to help the institutions with recommendations from the DSinGIS partner institutions and external evaluation 4/5 board members to increase the efficiency and quality of their internationalization activities.

Some of the most important internationalization areas are listed below:

- o university leadership for internationalization (mission statement, promotion and publicity, budget, leadership positions, promotion and tenure, student recruitment),
- o internationalization strategic plan (goals, objectives, inputs, activities, timelines and targets),
- o institutionalization of international education (committees, accountability structures),
- o Infrastructure (professional units and staff)( international students and scholars, study abroad, international exchanges, projects, grants, contracts),
- o internationalized curriculum (international majors, international minors, international courses, languages, scholarships and awards, resources),
- o international students and scholars (international student recruitment, international student support, integration of university students into university life),
- o study abroad (academic study abroad, work and tourism abroad, specialized academic study abroad, study abroad requirements, exchange agreements, student support),
- o faculty involvement in international activities (faculty support, exchange agreements, international grants and contracts),
- o campus life / co-curricular programs (campus life offices, student organizations, campus programs),
- o quality assurance of the internationalization activities (performance assessment process, performance indicators).



## WEBSITES

Two project websites are operated and updated regularly. The English site is available at

<http://www.dsingis.eu/>



The Uzbek site is available at

<http://geoinformatics.uz/dsingis/>



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