

Data and GIS Users Discussion Forum
Summary of Discussion
February 16, 2009

The meeting began at noon in 150 Hodges Library with 12 attendees:

UT Libraries: Eleanor Read, Moderator (Hodges/Data Services), Gregory March (Map Services)

Faculty: Joanne Logan (BESS)

OIT: Bob Muenchen, Ann Reed, Sue Smith (Research Computing Support)

CBER: Erin Middleton, Lauren Graham

SWORPS: Cathy Irwin, Janet Bockman, Mark Buckingham, Julianna Magda

Ellie Read welcomed the attendees and explained the purpose of the meeting. This is a time for data and GIS users, support staff, and other interested parties to have an informal discussion about current activities, services, resources, and support needs with regard to secondary data and/or GIS research at UT.

Ellie announced the public opinion data workshop to be held February 23, 10-12, in room 211, and the availability of information about the ICPSR summer program (<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/sumprog/>).

Greg gave an update on the Map Library (Hodges ground floor, <http://www.lib.utk.edu/cic/>, <http://www.lib.utk.edu/cic/gis@ut/>), 8 workstations are available for work with GIS software, both ESRI ArcGIS 9.2 and 9.3 are being maintained at this time, Erdas Imagine is available and is good for remote sensing analysis; three GIS tutorials are available, did a workshop in fall semester on making a basic map in ArcMap 9.2, will hold a compass and GIS workshop March 7, Arc GIS has a problem with Vista, student edition CD with several ESRI products is available with one year license, a good beginning book is Mastering ArcGIS, 4th ed., by Maribeth Price.

The TNGIC conference is March 31-April 1 in Chattanooga. Registration is \$150, student scholarships are available, learn more about the state mapping project and what other agencies are doing.

For Mac users, you can use GIS on a Mac with a windows emulator.

Bob Muenchen said that the Linux server has been upgraded to 1600 processors, 64 gb ram, and a terabyte of space.

Coming soon: Microsoft site license for all desktop products for faculty and staff.

Bob is teaching a class on the R statistical software May 4-5.

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