



# **Socio-Economic Research and Geographic Information Systems**

## **A EuroConference on Geographic Information for Health and Environment**

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*Spa, Belgium, 9 – 14 May 2003*

Chair: **Markku K. Löytönen (FIN, University of Helsinki, FIN)**

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### **Speakers will include**

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**Graham Bentham** (U. of East Anglia, Norwich, UK)

**Massimo Craglia** (U. of Sheffield, UK)

**Maria Alexandra Fonseca** (Instituto Geográfico Português, Lisboa, P)

**Frauke Kraas** (University of Köln, D)

**Markku Löytönen** (University of Helsinki, FIN)

**Ian Masser** (European Umbrella Organisation for Geographical Information, NL)

**Bettina Menne** (WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, I)

**Theresa-Marie Rhyne** (North Carolina State University, US)

**Oral presentations will also be selected from abstracts submitted by young researchers.**

**No poster sessions are planned.**

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### **Scope of the conference**

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The conference will focus on environment and health with special emphasis on the use of geographic information systems (GIS). The term environment refers to the both the natural environment and the human-made environment including socio-economic aspects.

We welcome papers dealing with various aspects of health and environment that:

- address theoretical and methodological questions of how to develop GIS
- are based on the use of GIS in research
- are based on the use of GIS in planning

We are also looking forward to new and innovative uses of GIS as regards health and environment. The geographical scale addressed can vary from the local to the global.

The conference is open to researchers world-wide, whether from industry or academia. Participation will be limited to 100. The emphasis will be on discussion about new developments. The conference fee covers registration, full board and lodging. Grants will be available, in particular for nationals under 35 from EU or Associated States.

**Deadline for applications: 28 February 2003**

**Scientific Programme and on-line Application at: <http://www.esf.org/euresco/03/sc03111>**