Geo-Wiki.org Newsletter

Welcome to our May edition of Geo-Wiki News!

In this month's edition we announce the final competition winners of our Cropland Capture Game and introduce you to our new tool "Geo-wiki pictures". Upcoming events are listed at the end.

Cropland Capture Game

The Geo-Wiki team would like to thank you all for your awesome participation in the Cropland Capture competition! It was fantastic! Thank you! The Cropland Capture competition ran for 25 weeks, with 3013 players validating in total 4,549,216 square kilometres of land!

The final prize winners of the competition were randomly chosen, by drawing their names (typed on slips of paper) from a hat containing all the names from the 3 highest ranked validators for each week of the competition. The results are as follows:

In 1st place, and winner of the Samsung Galaxy S4 Smartphone => Burkhard!
In 2nd place, and winner of the Samsung Nexus 10 Tablet => TexasRed!
In 3rd place, and winner of the Amazon Kindle Paperwhite => Nachtfrost!

Congratulations to all of you! The prizes are being prepared for posting. You should receive them shortly. If you did not win this time, do not fret. Stay tuned for the next competition! We are already working on it!

Geo-wiki pictures

Let me introduce you to Geo-Wiki's latest number 1 mobile technology – "Geo-Wiki pictures"! So what is it? It's a smartphone app that is available for all 3 major platforms (Android, iOS and Windows Phone) and is capable of taking geo-referenced photos including the possibility to classify them in the field using predefined or user-defined legends. Together with our powerful web application this may be the perfect tool to assist you in your daily work. A more detailed insight into it's functions will be illustrated in next month's edition of Geo-Wiki news.

Upcoming Events

20 – 22 May 2014: Dr Steffen Fritz is presenting a poster titled "Tools for Land Cover Validation LACO-Wiki – Integrating LAnd COver VALidation (LACOVAL) with Geo-Wiki" at the European Space Agency "Sentinel-2 for Science Workshop" in Frascati, Italy

3 – 6 June 2014: Dr Linda See is presenting two papers at the 17th AGILE Conference on Geographic Information Science; "Connecting a Digital Europe through Location and Place" in Castellón, Spain. One paper

is titled "Cropland Capture: A Gaming Approach to Improve Global Land Cover" and the other "Semantic analysis of terms related to crowdsourcing and VGI". Dr Steffen Fritz is presenting a poster titled "Enhancing the role of citizen sensors in mapping: COST Action TD1202".

6 June 2014: Dr Steffen Fritz will co-chair the 4th Mapping and the Citizen Sensor Management Committee Meeting in Castellon, Spain. This meeting, coordinated by the COST affiliated member Marco Painho, is scheduled in parallel to the 17th AGILE conference.

1 – 4 July 2014: Christoph Perger and Dr Steffen Fritz are presenting two papers at the GI Forum 2014: "Geospatial Innovation for Society" in the University of Salzburg. One paper is titled "Using student researchers to crowdsource land cover information" and the other, "The impact of contributor confidence, expertise and distance on the crowdsourced land cover data quality".

14 – 17 July 2014: Dr Steffen Fritz is giving a keynote lecture on Day 2 of the GEOCROWD Summer School in St Andrew's University, Scotland, UK.

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