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LONDON SHOWCASE

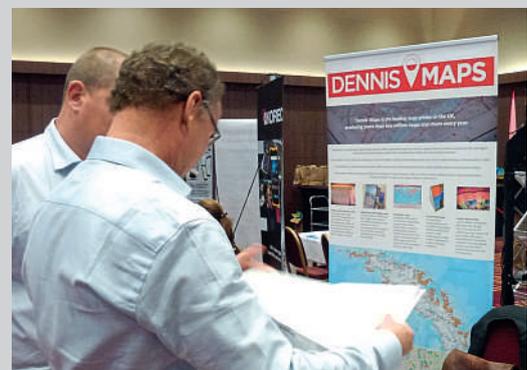
A warm welcome awaited those who braved a late November chill to attend this ever-popular annual event

Following earlier events in Glasgow and Dublin, the ILEC Conference Centre in London's Earsl Court was, once again, the venue for this one-day gathering, organised by GeoAware, the training and events arm of Verisk Geoinformation.

Despite a somewhat smaller attendance than in previous years, a three-track conference programme, with an opening keynote from David Wood, Government Head of Geography, featured topics ranging from 3D cities to mobile mapping, aerial surveying to Open Source GIS, and from exploiting

geodata for risk management in the insurance sector to Augmented Reality support for the sharing of location intelligence.

A 34-strong contingent of exhibitors kept visitors abreast of the latest developments, while a GeoQuiz and other interactive activities were on offer. And with mulled wine and mince pies to send them on their way, visitors would not have left disappointed. All photos GeoConnexion except where stated.



'Hot off the press from Dennis Maps was the new London National Park City map. This large-format, folded publication was crowd-funded by Urban Good, which works to improve the urban environment.'



Skyline Software Systems demonstrated the latest version (7.1.1) of TerraExplorer for Web. New features of this 3D GIS viewer include a viewshed tool, contour and slope maps, and enhancements to the area tool. The latest version also offers increased support for feature, elevation and 3DML layers, and a GUI redesign. Photo: GeoAware



David Pegg and Pascal Coulon from SCISYS UK were demonstrating Cartosys, an OGC and INSPIRE-compliant toolkit that integrates a user's existing Open Source and COTS products. The Managed Service was used by UK Power Networks to build a replacement for its Distributed Generation (DG) Mapping Tool in just 10 weeks



Cadline was showcasing the completely re-designed and refreshed user interface that comes with the latest version (v3) of its DynamicMaps WebGIS



KOREC Group's Darrell Theobalds and Lucy Hamilton were promoting the Nomad 5, Trimble's newest Android mobile handheld for GIS data collection



Personnel from 42 Engineer Regiment (Geographic) were on hand to explain the role of Geographic Technicians in creating products and data that military commanders can use to make informed decisions



A comprehensive range of exhibits complemented the conference programme. Photo: GeoAware

OCEANWISE MARINE DATA MANAGEMENT AND GIS WORKSHOP

Attracting delegates from across the marine industry, this annual event proved as popular as ever



More than 80 delegates attended the event whose speakers included (pictured from L-R) OceanWise MD Dr Mike Osborne, Leigh Dodds, Warren Vick, Martin Jones, Nick Lambert and Dr. Katie Medcalf. Photos: GeoConnexion

Convened in central London at the end of November, this free-to-attend, one-day gathering hosted by OceanWise often kick-starts important discussions around marine data developments, technological advancements and GIS implementation. This year was no exception, with Warren

Vick of Europa Technologies outlining his vision of a 'true' map of the UK, i.e., one where land and sea join seamlessly. The goal: an interleaved, vector-based map that preserves as much cartographic convention as possible and which is offered as a service.

Another priority is to ensure that

the marine community's 'voice' is heard and heeded in important developments such as those spearheaded by the Geospatial Commission. Indeed, it was Captain Martin Jones from the Cabinet Office who updated delegates on current activities, including the receipt of some 230 responses to the Commission's call for evidence – twice as many as he expected.

In further presentations, Nick Lambert from NLA International, Dr. Katie Medcalf from Environment Systems and Jonathan Craig from Peel Ports covered topics ranging from smart ports to hydrographic chart production and the creation of storm models. Leigh Dodds from the Open Data Institute offered his thoughts on "Treating Data as Infrastructure" while Robert Proctor of OceanWise brought delegates up-to-date on developments in portable tide gauges, real-time wave sensors and air quality modelling at ports and harbours at home and abroad,

Presentations from the day's proceedings can be found on the OceanWise website at https://www.oceanwise.eu/ldn_workshop_18/ and the next event is scheduled to take place in London on the 26th November 2019

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