

UCGIS WINTER MEETING

UCGIS has scheduled its winter meeting from February 4th through February 6th, 2001, in Washington DC. The meeting will include a Congressional Breakfast, a demonstration on Capitol Hill of GIScience applications by our member institutions, a federal agency briefing, UCGIS committee meetings and the Council meeting to elect new UCGIS officers. Details are available on the UCGIS web site.

The February 6th Congressional Breakfast is being sponsored by Congressman Kanjorski, from the 11th district in Pennsylvania. The Congressman is a member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, the Committee on Government Reform, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, and the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises. He has served in Congress since 1984. Congressman Kanjorski has been an active advocate for GIScience.

UCGIS President Bill Huxhold, and President-Elect Harlan Onsrud will brief congressional representatives and their staffs on GIScience research, education and policy issues. The breakfast will also include a demonstration of redistricting application. All UCGIS members are invited to the breakfast. Information on inviting your congressional representatives will be available soon.

The morning of the 6th will also feature be demonstrations of GIScience applications of importance to the nation and its communities. All members are encouraged to participate in the demonstrations, which will be presented in the Rayburn Building.

An important part of the winter meeting is the federal agencies briefing. Six federal agencies will present their current and future GIScience research opportunities to the UCGIS membership. This briefing provides insight into what grant opportunities may be available.

A new feature at this year's meeting will be a workshop on lobbying. The workshop will specifically cover lobbying restrictions and how to contact your legislative representatives.

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