



+ Ontario Chapter +

Urban and Regional Information System Association

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URISA

- URISA International
 - Began in the United States in 1963
 - Non-profit organization focused on Information Technology education and issues
 - Currently has over 4000 members internationally
 - Sister organizations exist in Asia, Europe and Australia
 - 26 Regional Chapters in US and Canada

URISA

- URISA International has ties with over 40 other Professional Associations including GITA and APWA
- Focus is on holding chapter meetings, workshops, conferences and social events throughout Canada and the United States
- 90% of attendance from municipal and utility sectors
- Approximately 9 out of 10 URISA members have purchasing involvement for information systems products

URISA Ontario Chapter

- Established in 1987
- Incorporated in Ontario on March 31, 1992
- Started with less than 50 members – now has 500
- Strong diversity of membership
 - Public and Private sector
 - Original focus was on Education
- U-OC won the 1996 and 2003 URISA International Chapter of the Year

URISA Ontario Chapter Mission Statement

- Establishment and operation of an association of persons with an interest in the effective use of spatially related information systems technology, in both public and private sector.

Role of URISA – OC Today

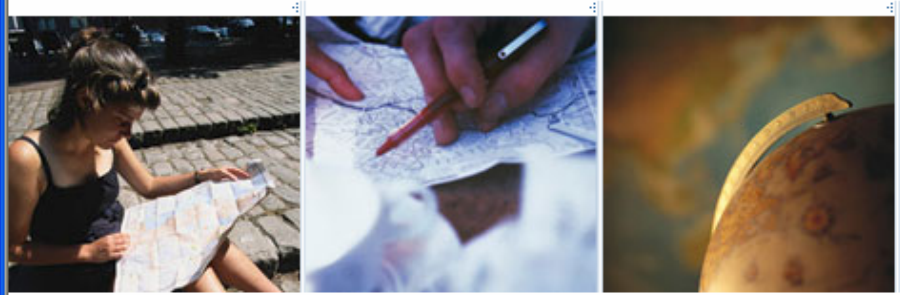
- Interdisciplinary focus provides a valuable forum for private and public sector professionals
- Focus on information technology, integration of land-related data, GIS, planning, conversation, surveying, engineering, teaching

URISA – OC: Chapter Initiatives

- Education
 - Primary focus
 - 4 programs per year
 - Annual GIS Exposition
 - Newsletter
- Member Services
 - Annual member needs survey
 - Promotion of Industry GIS/AM/FM products and services
 - Establishing partnerships with other organizations

URISA – OC: Chapter Initiatives

- Communications
 - Newsletter
 - Internet: www.urisaoc.ca
 - E-mail: urisaoc@sympatico.ca
- GIS/Spatial Data Standards
 - Data standards
 - Meta data



Be Spatial

First Week in May 2004
Annual General Meeting

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Headlines

- 10.16.03+**
 Invitation to CIG Conference Oct. 16, 2003
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 URISA - OC Members Only Area Update
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- 06.24.03+**
 Golf Day June 24, 2003
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- 06.12.03+**
 DMTI Announces June 12 Open House
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- 06.05.03+**
 June 5, 2003 - **GIS Course Queens University**
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Welcome to URISA - Ontario Chapter Interactive!

URISA (Urban & Regional Information Systems Association) is the premiere non-profit organization for the use and integration of spatial information technologies to solve challenges in government agencies and improve the quality of life in urban and regional environments.

The Ontario Chapter has over 500 individual and group members from all levels of government, GIS applications vendors, consultants, educators, students, and business professionals that provide educational programs and services related to spatial information systems and integrated solutions.

Board of Directors 2003-04

- Sandra Crutcher – Executive Director
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Membership

- Sustaining Membership
- Corporate
- Regular Member
- Student Member

Membership

- **Sustaining Members**

- URISA Ontario Chapter receives critical financial and organization support from our Sustaining Members
 - AOLS - Association of Ontario Land Surveyors
 - City of Hamilton
 - City of Kitchener
 - DMTI Spatial Inc.
 - ESRI Canada Limited
 - Forhan Rogers
 - Hansen Information Technologies - Canada
 - Intergraph Canada Ltd.
 - Irwin Consulting Services Inc.
 - LIO - Land Information Ontario
 - LIT - Land Information Toronto
 - Lou Milrad, Gardiner Roberts LLP
 - MPAC - Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
 - Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources - GeoSmart
 - PCI Geomatics
 - SANI - International Technology Advisors Inc.
 - Spatial Geo-Link Limited
 - Teranet Inc.
 - Triathlon
 - Union Gas Limited

URISA Professional Affiliations

- International
 - GITA - Geospatial Information & Technology Association (formerly AM/FM International)
 - URISA Chapters
 - IACG - The Inter-Agency Committee on Geomatics
 - GIAC - Geomatics Industry Association of Canada
 - CIG - Canadian Institute of Geomatics
 - AURISA - Australasian Urban and Regional Information Systems

URISA Professional Affiliations

- Canadian/Ontario Organizations
 - AOLS – Association of Ontario Land Surveyors
 - GITA Ontario Regional Chapter
 - ITAC - Information Technology Research Centre
 - AMO - Association of Municipalities of Ontario
 - CIIMS - Canadian Information and Image Management Society
 - MISA – Municipal Information Systems Association
 - OGRA – Ontario Good Roads Association

URISA Professional Affiliations

- Canadian/Ontario Organizations
 - OPPI – Ontario Professional Planners Institute
 - TAC – Transportation Association of Canada
 - Defense Geomatics
 - OARS – Ontario Association of Remote Sensing
 - OWWA Ontario Water Works Association

Educational Affiliations

- Algonquin College
- Brock University
- COGS – College of Geographic Science
- Fanshawe College
- McMaster University
- Mohawk College
- Niagara College
- Queens University
- Ryerson University
- Sir Sandford Fleming
- University of Toronto
- University of Waterloo
- York College

URISA – OC Events

- Annual AGM
- Annual Golf Day – June/July timeframe
 - Granite Ridge Golf Club, Milton
- Seminars
 - ½ day or full day in length
 - Topics:
 - Data Standards and Issues
 - Municipal Updates
 - Web and Wireless
 - Technology Updates

For More Information

- Visit our web site www.urisaoc.ca

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