

Information Items About Geographic Awareness Week, November 13-17, and Geographic Information Systems Day, November 15

Based on suggestions from members of the media, a selection of references and documents, website URLs, and email addresses has been assembled to assist journalists wanting to know more about the field of geography, the geography-media relationship, Geographic Awareness Week (GAW), and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day. These materials include information on the activities that Canadian universities have planned for Geographic Awareness Week and GIS Day.

The primary website for GAW and GIS Day is that of the Canadian Association of Geographers: <http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/>, and connecting to GAW and GIS Day is just a click away by going to the link **Geographic Awareness Week & GIS Day**.

That page provides access to the universities that have posted materials for viewing in regard to Geographic Awareness Week, and to GIS Day. This list will continue to add names of participating universities and daily activity reports through to the end of Geographic Awareness Week on November 17.

The same pages of the CAG website also include a link to ESRI Canada, which recently accepted the Canadian Association of Geographers as a sponsor of GIS Day, an event that is hosted by ESRI. For those wanting to go directly to the ESRI site, the ESRI URL is: www.gisday.com.

Members of the media wanting to know more about the geography-media connection can find numerous documents on this topic via a Google search. A 2005 paper by B. Wellar, *Geography and the Media: Strengthening the Relationship*, was commissioned by the Canadian Association of Geographers, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, and the Canadian Council on Geographic Education. The paper can be viewed at:

http://www.ccge.org/ccge/english/Newsletter/symposium_june2005.asp

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