

CGKN Update #1 (October 2000)

At the CPG/NGSC meetings in Toronto, there were a number of requests for regular and concise information on CGKN issues and projects. This email will initiate a regular series of 1-page CGKN email updates.

1) NGSC Agency Representatives

The approved CGKN management structure approved in Toronto includes a Steering Committee that will include a representative from each survey agency.

ACTION: Could you please email the name of your representative to John Broome (broome@nrcan.gc.ca) by October 6.

2) CGKN Data Catalogue Project

The first priorities for CGKN development are creation of a comprehensive catalogue containing consistent metadata describing all government geoscience data and implementation of an Internet search engine. This project has been funded by the Targeted Geoscience Initiative. Part of the TGI funds will be used to help each agency prepare a data catalog that is compliant with the CGKN metadata standard. Depending on the status of agency metadata, this may involve metadata creation, metadata upgrading, or Web enabling of existing data catalogs. The new CGKN search engine will allow searches for data and publications based on a user-specified text or geographical query and direct the user to the source of the data.

The deliverables for this project are:

- a CGKN metadata standard
- a set of tools for creation of agency data catalogues
- a workshop for training of agency representatives on the data catalogue tools
- a searchable data catalogue at each agency
- an CGKN web site allowing searches of agency data catalogues (Jan. 2002)

The project leader is James Rupert (GSC) (jrupert@nrcan.gc.ca) and a federal-provincial project working group has been formed. A CGKN metadata standard has been created and is currently being circulated for comment. A survey of each agencies present level of metadata will be conducted this fall to determine the resources requirements of each agency.

3) CGKN Website

Additional information about CGKN can be found at the CGKN Home Page (<http://cgkn.net>)

4) CGKN Workshop Report

The workshop report has been completed and printed. NGSC agencies and workshop participants will receive their copies during early October.