

## Proposal for pre-conference workshop – AGILE 2017 Wageningen, Tuesday 9 May 2017

<http://www.agile-online.org/index.php/conference/conference-2017>

### 1. Workshop name/title (and acronym if applicable)

Successfully publishing high-impact GIScience journal papers, examples from IJGIS

### 2. Description of the workshop by listing topic(s), objective(s) and planned outcome(s)

#### 2.1 Topic(s)

1. Presentations by authors of highly cited GIScience papers
2. Discussions in small groups on factors positively influencing the impact of GIS papers in preparation
3. Details on IJGIS submissions, review procedures and publication

#### 2.2 Objective(s)

1. To discuss ideas and guidelines for GIScientists, especially young scientists, to publish papers with a high-citation potential.
2. To provide a forum for interactive discussions between editors, authors and readers of scientific publications with examples and insights from IJGIS.
3. Clarify the IJGIS manuscript processes and publication prospects.

#### 2.3 Planned outcome(s)

The participant has acquired insights on how to write a highly cited next GIScience paper.

The participant is prepared for the IJGIS manuscript processes, which may serve as example of those in place also at other relevant journals.

### 3. Abstract

*This is how you want your workshop to be presented on the conference webpages*

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Scientific impact—as measured by the number of references to a published paper—may be conceived as a proxy for potential societal impact. Based on experiences made in the International Journal of Geographical Information Science (IJGIS), this half-day workshop aims to discuss ideas and guidelines, particularly useful for young scientists, to publish a highly cited paper in a GIScience journal. Prior to the workshop, participants will be offered copies of selected successful IJGIS publications. Invited authors of these papers present their work as well as their view on what made their paper stand out. Next, participants are divided into small groups to discuss factors positively influencing the impact of their forthcoming GIScience papers. In a subsequent plenary session the results of the group discussions are reflected upon. We then have a conversation among authors, reviewers, readers and editors to discuss the IJGIS submission and review processes, do's, don'ts, concerns and suggestions.

**4. Short description of the intended length (half or full day) and the format of the workshop**

This half-day workshop consists of three main components:

1. Plenary: invited authors of successful IJGIS publications present their work as well as their view on what made their paper stand out. Prior to the workshop, participants will be offered copies of the papers concerned.
2. Break out: participants are divided into small groups to discuss factors positively influencing the impact of their forthcoming GIS papers. In a subsequent plenary session the results of the group discussions are reflected upon.
3. Plenary: conversation among authors, reviewers, readers and editors to discuss IJGIS submission and review processes, do's and don'ts, concerns, and suggestions.

**5. Brief statement of the relevance of the workshop for AGILE**

The International Journal of Geographical Information Science is one of the major outlets for papers authored by GIScience researchers, and is seen by many as the lead journal of this domain. This workshop —specifically directed towards young and perhaps less experienced researchers— shares best practices of publishing and reviewing from the IJGIS perspective.

**6. What is the approximate number of expected participants?**

25

## 7. Names and e-mail addresses of the organizing member(s)

*Leading AGILE member (or sponsor) and contact person:*

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*Organizing Committee (if applicable): -*

*Programme Committee (if applicable): -*

## 8. Additional information about previous workshops, if held.

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## 9. Expected resources needed

*Explain here if you have any special needs (e.g. internet connection, break-out room(s), etc.), what are the expected resources needed. Please take into account that the fee for the workshop (1 day) is fixed at 50€ and this should cover the basic expenses made (coffee breaks, ...). If you need additional support, this request should be directed towards the AGILE Council, but this support cannot be guaranteed.*

Internet connection, LCD projector. In a separate mail the AGILE board has been asked for the following support:

1. We aim to invite authors of two successful IJGIS papers to exchange thoughts with workshop participants on why their paper received many citations in a short time. To reduce costs we plan to ask authors participating in the AGILE conference. Can you please share data on registration if we provide you with a shortlist of potential invitees?

## 10. Other information

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Submission by e-mail to: [Agile2017@wur.nl](mailto:Agile2017@wur.nl)