Sparx Systems Sponsors INSPIRE Award

The CEN/TC 287 Award for Academic Excellence within INSPIRE was presented at the annual INSPIRE conference in Istanbul.

Creswick, Australia, October 4th, 2012 – Sparx Systems a leading vendor of modeling tools based on open standards has once again sponsored the CEN/TC 287 Award for Academic Excellence within INSPIRE, which was recently awarded at the INSPIRE conference in Istanbul, Turkey.

The award aims to promote academic excellence within the European geospatial community, specifically in the development of interoperability standards. It is open to all students who are undertaking a development or research project in geospatial information. This year the award went to Ines Soares from the Lisbon Superior Engineering Institute (ISEL) and her mentor Paolo Martins.

Martin Ford the CEN/TC 287 Secretary noted, "This is the second year of the award and it is gratifying to see the INSPIRE community recognise the outstanding work of their colleagues in the promotion and ongoing development of geospatial standards." He added, "On behalf of CEN/TC 287 and the European Commission Joint Research Centre, we extend our appreciation to Sparx Systems for the generous support provided to the INSPIRE community in sponsoring this award, and we look forward to the 2013 INSPIRE conference where the award will again be presented."

"We congratulate ISEL on winning the second INSPIRE Award as well as the project author Miss Soares and Mr Martins," remarked Sparx Systems Business Development Manager, Ken Harkin. " Miss Soares work contributed to the 'Road Transport Network' part of INSPIRE theme Transport Networks (Annex I theme 7). Her work will bring the goal of interoperability closer to realisation and deliver time saving solutions to those developing solutions based on INSPIRE data.

In Miss Soares' winning project, ISEL developed a web service that included information about the Portuguese national road network that accorded with the INSPIRE Directive specification. Mr Martins as her mentor was also recognized for his support of the project and shared the award.

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