



**The Vespucci Initiative
for the Advancement of Geographic Information Science
9th Annual Summer Institute on Geographic Information Science**

**Florence (Firenze), Italy: June 5 to 10 2011
“Volunteered Geographic Information”**

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

- Sunday June 5: Evening reception of attendees (Fiesole town square)
At Aurora Hotel Blu Bar, Meeting at 7:15 p.m.
- Monday June 6: Meeting at 8:15 a.m. (Fiesole town square in front of Hotel Aurora)
Welcome, Introductions and Background.
Critical look at current state of VGI.
VGI taxonomy. VGI quality issues.
Geography of Wikipedia contributions.
Tools for VGI.
Assignment of Groups and Task
5 p.m. shuttle bus back to Fiesole center
- Tuesday June 7: VGI and extreme citizen science.
Definition and roles of amateurs, experts.
Trust, validity, ethics, philosophy of science.
Begin group work.
5 p.m. tour of Fattoria di Maiano
6 p.m. shuttle bus to Fiesole
Group dinner.
- Wednesday June 8: Time critical VGI.
VGI applications in forestry.
Group work.
Afternoon “hike with Mike” (Goodchild) to stretch legs and minds.
- Thursday June 9: VGI contributions to SDI, standards, Exchange protocols VGI
Ethics, scientific responsibility, geoslavery
Incentives. Cultural geography and psychology, Gender
Uneven VGI participation, development context, visualisation
Group work.
- Friday June 10: The future of VGI: research, projects.
Group presentation preparations.
Group presentations.
Awards and certificates.
Farewell group dinner.