



# **GIS Research UK 2006**

## **The University of Nottingham**

### **Young Researchers' Forum**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2006**

The Young Researchers' Forum (YRF) is designed to bring together research students and other research workers in their early years of applying GIS in their home disciplines, or who are researching principles which form foundations for GIS, to

- raise awareness of key research topics in GIS;
- encourage and support GIS and applied GIS research;
- improve the quality of dissemination of the results of research and
- offer career guidance and highlight future opportunities for funding and research.

This is achieved through facilitated discussion groups and plenary presentations, covering topics including current research issues, publication, research funding, spatial data issues and career development. Discussion groups are facilitated by mentors of standing in the wider GIS community, including YRF plenary session speakers. In recent years, mentors and speakers have included Nick Chrisman, Pete Fisher, Pip Forer, Chris Gold, David Maguire, Waldo Tobler and Dave Unwin. Some topics have been presented by the non-academic GIS community, for example, by representatives of the Ordnance Survey and John Wiley & Sons (Publishers). Care is taken to ensure that presentations acknowledge the world context in which GIS research is undertaken and the YRF has drawn attendance from many European countries, in addition to Ireland and the UK. The YRF is organised by Peter Halls (University of York) with assistance from Glen Hart (Research and Innovation Unit, Ordnance Survey).

The YRF is designed for people beginning research studentships leading to doctoral awards but is also suitable for Masters students considering a research career and for people in industry at a similar stage in their careers. Attendance has been acknowledged as a part of the research student's training programme by several UK universities.

The YRF will last one day, starting at 2pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April and finishing with lunch immediately prior to GISRUUK itself on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Overnight accommodation and evening meal is provided in Hugh Stewart Hall of Residence. It is expected that YRF participants will also be attending GISRUUK, and may include some who have had presentations accepted for GISRUUK. Registration for the YRF is handled alongside GISRUUK registration, please see the 'Register Here' tab on the main GISRUUK 2006 website for more details and an online booking form.