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CAGONT 2010 Plenary Speaker Announcement

The CAGONT 2010 organizing committee is very pleased to announce that **Dr. Nigel Waters** has accepted our invitation to be the plenary speaker at CAGONT 2010.



The title of his talk will be:

Including Diversity: GIS Methodologies and Paradigms in the Big Tent

In June 2007, Dr. Waters was appointed as the Director, Geographic Information Science Center of Excellence (GISCE) and a Professor of Geography and Geoinformation Science at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. In addition, he is a Professor Emeritus of Geography at the University of Calgary. He has also been appointed the Henrietta Harvey Distinguished Lecturer for Fall 2010 at Memorial University in St. Johns, Newfoundland.

For his academic studies, Dr. Waters received the Downing College Prize in Cambridge, and the McIntosh prize from the University of Western Ontario. He was nominated twice for the Master and Superior Teaching Awards at the University of Calgary, and has conducted numerous studies in GIS, modelling, spatial analysis and transportation geography. He is a former President of the Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographers (WDCAG), and an associate editor of GeoWorld where for 21 years he has contributed the Edge Nodes column. At the University of Calgary he was the Founding Director of the Masters in GIS Program (MGIS) and of the Transportation Theme School and Transportation Studies Major. Prior to leaving the University of Calgary, he participated in two GEOIDE research projects, leading a SSHRC Project and was working with the Nobel Peace Prize winning Carter Center in Atlanta as the Technical Director of the Mapping the Media in the Americas Project (www.mediamap.info).