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**ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSAL
RELATED TO THE GLOBAL NETWORK ON GNSS
APPLICATIONS IN AGRICULTURE AND
MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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1. INTRODUCTION

During the last International Meeting on the Use and Applications of GNSS (Vienna, December 2003), the working group on Agriculture and Management of Natural Resources came up with the recommendation of the **establishment of a Global Information Exchange Network on GNSS applications** in those fields, aiming at **to increase awareness**, by means of disseminating relevant information to a broader community and **to promote capacity building**.

We also recommended the **establishment of a specific board** on the applications of GNSS in Agriculture and Natural Resources. The board would prepare a series of **four regional workshops**, to be followed by one wrap-up meeting, to discuss and disseminate the concept for establishing a framework of the network.

By the beginning of March 2004, after an evaluation of the project by OOSA, we should have received a response about our proposal, as well as a work plan for 2004/2005, but, for some reason, it did not happen. Only in September we were informed that we should work more on our proposal in order to make it more effective.

2. SOME IDEAS (TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING)

We think that it is possible to keep the original idea, with some changes, taking advantage of the recommendations of the Action Team (10th Meeting, June 2004):

- A) Series of workshops: together with the future regional workshops proposed by the Action Team;

B) Board on Ag & Nat Resources: part (sub-committee) of the International Committee on GNSS (IGC).

3. MAIN OBJECTIVES

To "spread" the idea of the network;

To find contacts (institutions/people), covering the four regions: to be the links of the network.