

**Information to the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG)
about the intended international symposium on the peaceful use of GNSS and DGNSS,
November 2007, Berlin, Germany**

First Meeting of the ICG, organized by the Office for Outer Space Affairs, 1-2 November 2006,
Vienna, Austria

In autumn 2007 (probably end of November) the Senate Department for Urban Development, Berlin, Germany and the International *EUPOS* Steering Committee (ISC) intend to organise an International Symposium with the aim to promote the world wide use of the Global Navigation Satellite Systems in general and specially in the combination with the ground-based augmentation systems such as *EUPOS*.

The Berlin Senate Department and the *EUPOS* ISC are very well aware of the great importance of the topic for the economic and environmental and therefore also social development of the regions. The symposium shall inform about the Global Navigation Satellite Systems, about ground-based augmentation systems, particularly about the realisation of *EUPOS* in the member countries but also about other augmentation systems and about the wide range of possible applications as well as about scientific results in order to inform and to create awareness. The participants shall discuss the benefits and how to promote the intensive use of this modern technology. The lectures and discussions will be accompanied by a smaller exhibition and some excursions.

The Berlin Senate Department for Urban Development runs the Berlin part of the German multi-functional, ground-based augmentation system *SAPOS*[®], which was always one of the furthest developed DGNSS reference station systems. Furthermore the Office of the *EUPOS* ISC (ISCO) is located at the Senate Department and the Head of the ISCO, Mr. Gerd Rosenthal represents *EUPOS* in the ICG. Therefore Berlin in the middle of Europe is designated as venue for an international event dealing with the peaceful use of GNSS and DGNSS.

The symposium will be held for about 400 participants from all over the world. Conference language will be English. As venue the wonderful Berlin Town Hall in the Eastern city of Berlin is designated.

In order to minimize the attendance fee, to strengthen the importance of the event and to reach more effectively the striven target, the Berlin Senate Department and the *EUPOS* ISC are looking for institutions on European and world-wide level, which are interested to become further organizers.