

Some News from Switzerland.

The year 2010 was a very important one for the Swiss Surveyors; a few of the important facts that happened are listed below:

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A new geoportal

Since the middle of this year it is possible to find on this website a lot of géoinformation especially all the maps from the federal office of cartography.

100 years of the Swiss cadastral system

During the year 2012 the cadastral system will celebrate one Century. This is an important moment for the world of surveyors and all the profession is preparing this event

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A new website

The aim of the Federal Act on Geoinformation is to ensure that geodata relating to the territory of the Swiss Confederation is made available for general use to the authorities of the Confederation, the cantons and communes, the private sector, the public and to academic and scientific institutions in a sustainable, up-to-date, rapid and easy manner, in the required quality and at a reasonable cost. The geoportal www.map.geo.admin.ch launched in the middle of this year intend to fulfill these obligations. 178 datasets are listed in the act on géoinformation and at this moment more or less seventies are available on this website. This federal portal who contents for the moment only the geodata from the federal government is a first step to a national portal, under the steering of the e-geo.ch program, able to present not only the geodata from the federal government but also geodata from cantons, municipalities and private sector. The success to the public of this geoportal is really good because this portal permit to view all the maps from the federal office of cartography, a very detailed picture, all the walking ways of Switzerland and a lot of other information like avalanches and other dangers.

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100 years of the Swiss cadastral system

In the year 1911 the civil code entered into force. This civil code was the beginning of our cadastral system with the official cadastral map, organized since 2012. This law was really a chance, not only for surveyors but also for the owner in Switzerland. It is a reason to celebrate this important anniversary and for that many acts are in preparation.

A post stamp will be printed and the illustration of this stamp will be drawn by a student in the new profession of geoinformantik.

A booklet will be edited by the association of surveyors.

A day of the measurement will be celebrated the same day in every canton. The goal of this day is to set up a mark in the geographic center of each canton.

We also intend at this occasion to promote the formation of the young people in the domain of geoinformation.

