

## Editorial

There should be something for everyone in this issue's fairly mixed bag. Ian White from ONS continues his series of articles detailing progress towards the 2011 Census, while Keith Dugmore argues the case for Microdata output (Statistics of Anonymised Records, or SARS, in old census terminology) from the next census. Keith's paper was commissioned by the Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research (CCSR) at the University of Manchester, so there are some big hitters in play.

Any one who is interested in more background details of the proposed end-to-end methodology for the production of 2011 census population estimates (not counts, note) might be interested in papers presented at a meeting of the Census Study Group of the Royal Statistical Society on 1st June which can be downloaded as pdfs from the RSS website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/l7d8rw>

Geographical information and mapping are the subject matter for a second group of articles, ranging from the Environment Agency's airborne laser technology operated by their Geomatics Group; to Cornwall's more down to earth crime information analysis and dissemination product.

We also report on BURISA's 2009 Annual Conference held at The Royal Society in May, under the main heading of Location, Location, Location. The subtitle 'Whither Geographical Information'

proved to be an apt description of the topics covered by the nine presentations which are summarised here. Copies of the presentations will be available from the BURISA website.

Migration is frequently a news-worthy topic these days, and our second main report comes from the UK Statistics Authority, who organised a one day meeting in April to discuss the Agency's Interim Report on Migration Statistics. The report includes a proposed framework for international and internal statistics.

### BURISA Workshop

Following the success of last year's joint BURISA/UPTAP Workshop, a similar event is proposed for late September or early October in London, with contributions from current UPTAP Fellows. (UPTAP is the Understanding Population Trends and Processes initiative coordinated by the University of Leeds). Full details will appear on the BURISA website shortly.

### Long URLs

Long URLs with a line break in Newsletters on the BURISA website have not been functioning. These are now replaced (on web versions only) with shortened URLs via:

<http://Tinyurl.com/>

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