

The Paris Ile-de-France Regional Centre of the Metropolis International Training Institute (EMRC-MITI) will hold its first training session from 9 to 13 December 2013 on the theme:

**“Observatories and Geographic Information Systems:
Monitoring, Evaluation and Decision Support Tools”**

This kick-off session will mark the very beginning of activity of the EMRC Centre, which covers all the Euro-Mediterranean area.

The EMRC Centre is part of IAU île-de-France and is chaired by Mr Jean-Paul Huchon, also president of Metropolis and president of Ile-de-France Region Council.

The training program addressed by international experts will develop the following topics:

- Basics of observation and observatories.
- Geographic Information Systems: concept, operating and utilization.
- Observation and urban management at the municipal level.
- Territory observation and GIS: from a national to a regional level.
- Thematic case studies on decision support tools.

This first session, limited to 15 attendees, is mainly targeted at decision-makers, elected officials and executives of the Metropolis network.

Simultaneous English and French translation will be provided.

The EMRC Centre will pay for registration fee, travel expenses within the Ile-de-France region (including airport transfers) and meals included in the program.

You are cordially invited to attend this training session and register online by consulting our website at <http://www.iau-idf.fr/crem-miti.html> home where you will find out the detailed training program and all practical information.