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Dear Colleagues

Subject: Venue for NCWG3 - follow-up to Letter 07/2016

We received only two offers of venues for NCWG3 (16-19 May 2017) in response to NCWG Letter 07/2015. These were from the New Zealand hydrographic office in Wellington and from the ESRI headquarters in Redlands, California, USA. On your behalf, I thank them both for their offers of hospitality. Italy is considering offering to host NCWG4 in 2018.

Meetings of the CSPCWG and NCWG have previously been mainly held in Europe (where the majority of members are located) but it has always been a principle to accept invitations to other continents from time to time, to facilitate travel arrangements for those members not residing in Europe. For this reason, we have previously been to Australia, South Africa, South Korea and New Zealand. We have never had a meeting in the Americas, so I am pleased to accept ESRI's invitation to Redlands. I hope in the future Italy and New Zealand will offer to host us in 2018 and 2019.

I hope this will enable you to start planning for a trip to California next year and to apply for travel permissions well in advance if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Mikko Hovi,
Chair NCWG