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Newsletter of the Association of Geography Teachers of Ireland

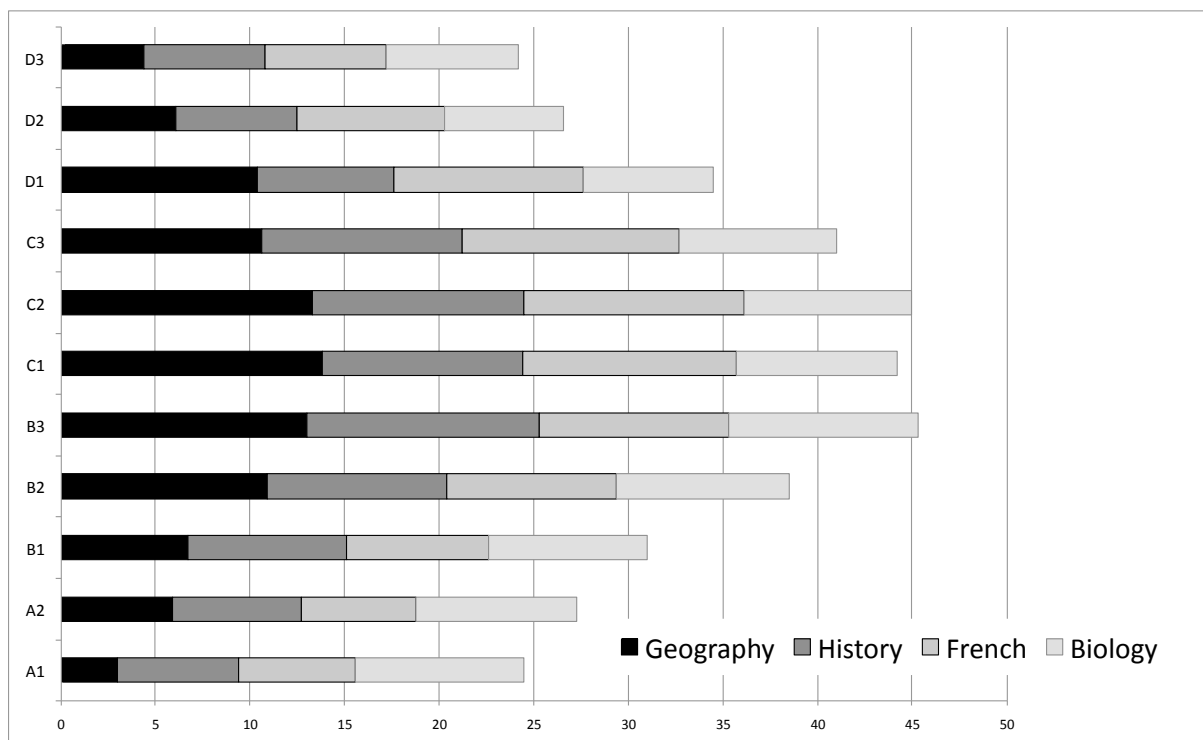
## Welcome Back

Welcome to the first issue of GeoPoint of the new school year. Hopefully you are well settled in to the new year. This years **National Conference** is hosted by our South East Branch and will be held in **Kilkenny City**. We have 2 venues this year. On Friday evening we launch the conference in the **Design Centre**. On Saturday, the venue switches to the Parade Tower of **Kilkenny Castle**. We have arranged two tours as part of the conference. A range of exhibitors will also be on site. I want to thank Paul Cuddihy of Kilkenny College and SE Branch for all his work in organising the conference for us. Details of the conference are printed overleaf. I look forward to meeting with you at the conference.

Peter Lydon  
President, AGTI

## Leaving Certificate Results 2010

The graph below compares the percentage of grades A1 to D3 attained in 4 choice subjects from the Leaving Certificate examinations 2010. The numbers of students taking each the exams varies. 7,722 took history, 14,359 took French, 20,971 took Biology and **20,184 took Geography**. A1 grades continue to be under-represented in the statistics. (source: [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie))



# **AGTI 36th National Conference Kilkenny City**

## **Friday 1st October 2010**

7.30pm Registration in the **Design Centre, Kilkenny**

8.00pm Opening of Conference

Introduction by Paul Cuddihy, South East Branch  
Welcome by Cllr Martin Brett, Mayor of Kilkenny City

Guest Speaker  
Mr. Jack Burchaell  
**'The Landscapes of Kilkenny'**

Followed by reception



## **Saturday 2nd October 2010**

9.00am **Registration in the Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle**

9.30am - 10.30am **'Primary Resources in the South East - Lisheen Mine'**

10.30am Tea & Coffee

10.45 - 12.00 pm **Parallel Session**

**a. CSO - 'SAPMAP' and Census 2011**

**b. Walking Tour of Kilkenny - Pat Tynan**

12.00 - 12.30 **AGTI AGM**

12.30 - 2.00pm Lunch in the Design Centre Kilkenny

**Tour of Period Rooms 1.30pm to 2.00pm**

2.00pm - 3.00pm **Parallel Session**

**a. Walking Tour of Kilkenny - Pat Tynan**

**b. Lecture to be decided**

3.15pm - 4.15pm **'Human interaction with Rivers - Flood Control on the River Nore'**

4.15pm - 5.00pm **Plenary Session - News and Views**

South East Branch AGM follows after the Plenary Session

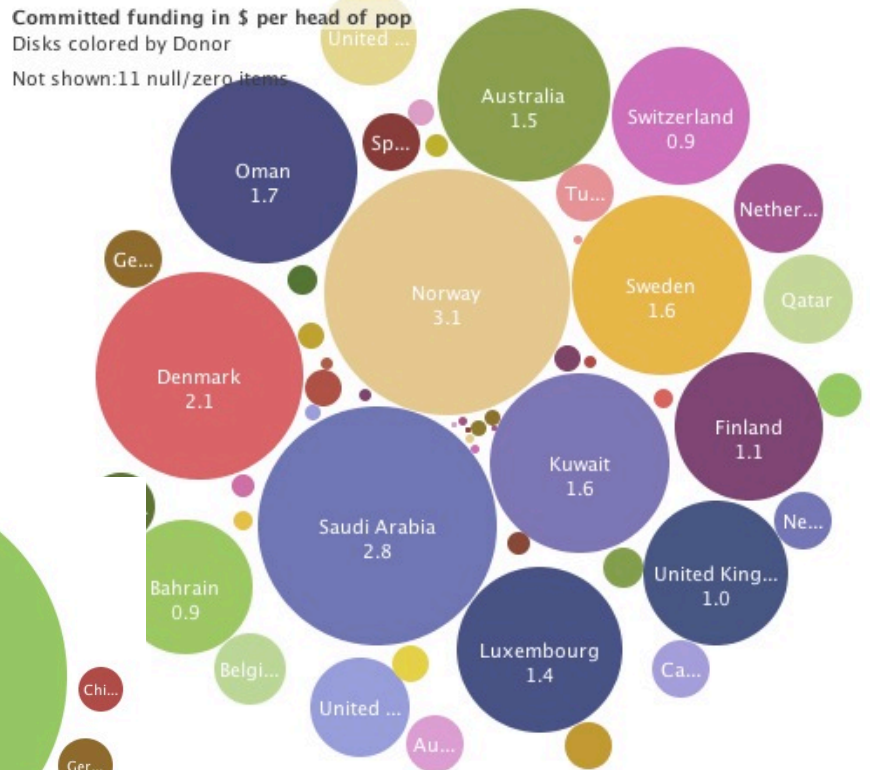
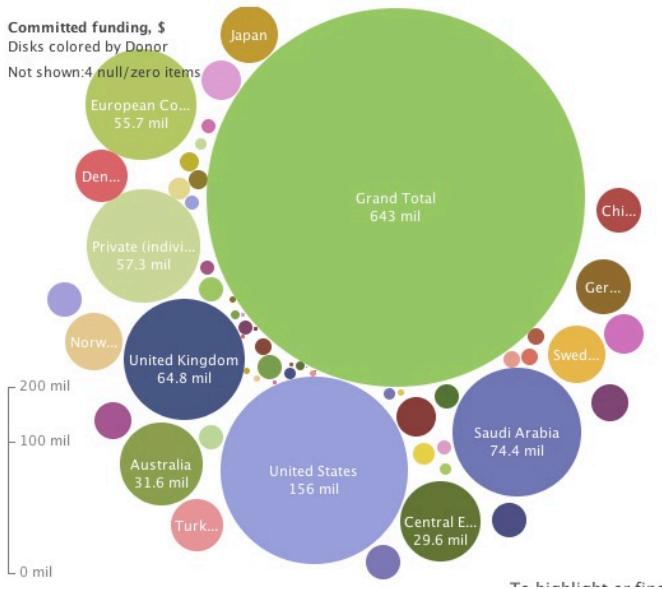
## Resource Point

### New Zealand Earthquake

The New Zealand Herald has good coverage of the earthquake at [www.nzherald.co.nz](http://www.nzherald.co.nz).

### Pakistan Floods

Updates on the floods in Pakistan at [www.guardian.co.uk/environment/flooding](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/flooding). The image (right) shows donation per head of population to flood victims. The image below shows the size of committed funding. Two different representations of the same data. Both images are available on the Guardian website. (Guardian News and Media Ltd).



FlowingData has lots of interesting (and amusing) graphs and charts at [www.flowngdata.com](http://www.flowngdata.com). [www.visualcomplexity.com](http://www.visualcomplexity.com) is similar and worth a look.

The Boston Globe has an excellent photography page at [www.boston.com/bostonglobe/photos](http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/photos).

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