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Hardy Pundt was born 1964 in Hage in the most north-western part of Germany very close to the North Sea. He spent his first 8 years on the small island of Memmert, very close to the long island of Juist in the Friesian wadden sea.



Home, sweet home 1996 - 2006

After finishing school and some services for the state, he studied Geography (with a focus on hydrological modelling and GIS), Geology, and Botany at the University of Muenster. He joined the GIS working group at the Institute of Geography in 1988. His Diploma thesis was on computer-based hydrologic modelling for GIS in 1990. He was involved in the foundation of the "Institute for Geoinformatics" at the University of Muenster in 1994. This was the first Institute in the field of "Geoinformatics" in Germany at that time. He was also member of the commission that developed the first curriculum in Geoinformatics in Germany ("Diplom-Geoinformatik").

The Ph.D. thesis and defence was in 1995 in the area of "Knowledge-based modules for a pen-computer data collection system to support hydro-ecological planning" under Prof. Dr. Ulrich Streit. In 1994 he spent a half year with the "West Galloway Fisheries Trust" in Scotland. From 1995 - 1997 he worked in a EU-funded project on GPS-supported data acquisition tools for agriculture and forestry at the chamber of agriculture of Northrhine Westphalia. Since 1997 he has been working as scientific assistant at the Institute for Geoinformatics in the group of Prof. Dr. Werner Kuhn. Data representation and semantics were new fields of work he focused on. 1997 he spent a month in Porto Alegre, Brasil, working in a project funded by the German DAAD, in 2001 he spent another month at the University of Salt Lake City, USA, working on ontology based data modelling. In 2002 he finished his habilitation thesis on "Modelling, Acquiring, and Sharing Environmental Information under Mobility Constraints" (IfGI-prints No 16, ISBN 3-936616-04-3).

Since 2002, Hardy Pundt is working as Professor for Geoinformatics at the University of Applied Studies and Research Harz in Wernigerode. Since 2000, he is chairman of the working group on environmental modelling in the Association of Geographic Information Laboratories in Europe (AGILE).

Lectures and practical exercises were held at the University of Münster, the University of Porto Alegre (Brazil), the University of Applied Sciences (Technikum) of Carinthia in Villach (Austria), and currently the University of Applied Studies and Research in Wernigerode.

Hardy Pundt wrote around 50 publications in English and German and carried out several R&D-projects. He is mainly interested in Mobile GIS, Data Modelling, Integration of environmental models and GI-technology, and Semantics of (Geo-)Data. In 2003, he has been guest editor for a special issue on this subject in the international journal "Environmental Modelling and Software" (Elsevier Science). He is member of several scientific programme committees for national and international conferences as well as journals. Currently he is active within the AGILE and the Partnership for European Environmental Research (PEER) as Co-chair for the next AGILE conference in Girona, Spain 2008 and as facilitator for PEER.



Hardy Pundt is married with Dipl.-Ing (FH) Barbara Lüttel. Steffen, Mareike and Hannah are a lively and beautiful outcome of this bond of matrimony.

Since 2006, the family is living in Bad Segeberg, a nice small town in Schleswig-Holstein, more or less in the middle of the triangle Kiel – Lübeck – Hamburg.

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