

# The Degree Confluence Project 2004

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“According to a Brazilian Army map, this confluence was located near the road that goes from “Coremas” to “Cruz Grande” although the IBGE map indicated the spot to be some 3 km distant from the same road. We were somewhat worried about it since vegetation in that region was very harsh and dense to walk through. Luckily, the IBGE map proved to be wrong and we could easily reach the confluence after walking for only 190 m from the road.

Among all confluences on the Paraíba State this is the easiest to get to. The city of Coremas is located in very dry region of the Paraíba State, called “Sertão”. It hardly ever rains in the region and long periods of drought are very common indeed.”

Joao Alberto de Oliveira Lima  
and Raimundo de Oliveira Júnior

14 January 2003

**7°S 38°W - Brazil : Paraiba**

**4.1 km (2.5 miles) WNW of Coremas, Paraiba, Brazil**

<http://www.confluence.org/confluence.php?lat=-7&lon=-38&visit=1>



# January 2004

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2 Cote d'Ivoire 2002	3 Bulgaria 2001	4  Perihelion
5	6 Austria 2001	7 Czech. Rep 2001	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 St Lucia 2002	15	16	17	18 Saudi Arabia 2000
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26	27 French Guiana 2002	28	29	30 Norway 2000 Nigeria 2003 Sudan 2003	31	

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**47°N 13°E - Austria**

**8.5 km (5.3 miles) ENE of Döllach, Austria**

<http://www.confluence.org/confluence.php?lat=47&lon=13&visit=4>

“I asked myself, what is so fascinating about finding a confluence? Everyone equipped with a GPS and an intelligence above room-temperature can find an intersection, navigation is just a “logical process”.

But, as you get closer to it, approaching the vicinity, leaving the car behind you, walking the “Last Mile”, you feel the tension increasing.

You find the spot is turning out to be completely different to all others you’ve visited before.

You look around at that 100-foot-diameter-kingdom you just claimed by GPS. This is YOUR confluence, and you definitely deserve it!

Every tree, bush, stone, flower, animal is turning its head toward you. It’s almost like nature is starting to talk to you again.

Suddenly, as you let the scene access your mind, you realize nature never stopped talking, you just didn’t listen anymore.”

Michael Carl  
29 July 2001

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The goal of the Degree Confluence Project is to visit each of the latitude and longitude integer degree intersections in the world, and to take pictures at each location. The pictures, along with a narrative describing the adventures it took to get there are then posted on the web site at [www.confluence.org](http://www.confluence.org). This creates an organized sampling of the world.

The project was started by Alex Jarrett in February 1996 “because I liked the idea of visiting a location represented by a round number such as 43°00’00”N 72°00’00”W. What would be there? Would other people have recognized this as a unique spot? Another reason was that my friend managed to convince me to buy a GPS and I had to come up with something to do with it. I also hoped to encourage people to get outside, tromp around in places they normally would never go, and take pictures. I visited several confluences of my own and posted them to my personal web site. Before long others found the site and visited confluences of their own, and it just snowballed from there.”

*Moon phase and seasonal data are from the U.S. Naval Observatory data services website at <http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/> and are based on UTC. Countries and years shown on the month grids refer to the date of the first successful confluence visit for each country.*

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