GeolOkit 1.0: a new Open Source, Cross-Platform software for geological data visualization in Google Earth environment

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GIS software suites are today's essential tools to gather and visualise geological data, to apply spatial and temporal analysis and in fine, to create and share interactive maps for further geosciences' investigations. For these purposes, we developed GeolOkit: an open-source, freeware and lightweight software, written in Python, a high-level, cross-platform programming language. GeolOkit software is accessible through a graphical user interface, designed to run in parallel with Google Earth. It is a super user-friendly toolbox that allows 'geo-users' to import their raw data (e.g. GPS, sample locations, structural data, field pictures, maps), to use fast data analysis tools and to plot these one into Google Earth environment using KML code. This workflow requires no need of any third party software, except Google Earth itself.

GeolOkit comes with large number of geosciences' labels, symbols, colours and placemarks and may process : (i) multi-points data, (ii) contours via several interpolations methods, (iii) discrete planar and linear structural data in 2D or 3D supporting large range of structures input format, (iv) clustered stereonets and rose diagram, (v) drawn cross-sections as vertical sections, (vi) georeferenced maps and vectors, (vii) field pictures using either geo-tracking metadata from a camera built-in GPS module, or the same-day track of an external GPS.

We are looking for you to discover all the functionalities of GeolOkit software. As this project is under development, we are definitely looking to discussions regarding your proper needs, your ideas and contributions to GeolOkit project.