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Dear Members,

The Twelfth MRSS AGM was held on 18/04/2007 at WISMATANI, Kuala Lumpur. In conjunction with this event a CPD talk entitled `Imaging of Oil Palm Fruit Ripening' was delivered by Assos. Prof. Dr Abdul Rashid from Universiti Putra Malaysia. The redesigned MRSS website was also launched to receive members inputs.

The EXCO would like thank the 30 MRSS members, who have allocated their precious time to attend the meeting. The EXCO would also like to thank the Department of Agriculture, Malaysia for allowing MRSS to hold its 12th AGM at WISMATANI.

Twelfth MRSS AGM

The Twelfth MRSS AGM was held on 18/04/2007 at 4.30pm at WISMATANI, Jalan Sultan Salahuddin Shah, Kuala Lumpur. It was attended by 30 ordinary members and chaired by the president, Dato' Nik Nasruddin Mahmood. The meeting deliberated on the President and Financial reports of the society.

Members were pleased to hear that the amendments to several clauses of the MRSS constitutions were finally approved by the Registrar of Society, Malaysia. Among others these include amendments to clauses 5.2 and 5.6, which enable MRSS to accept ordinary and affiliated members who are non degree holders and to clauses 5.8, 5.9 and 6.1, which also enable MRSS to approve life membership for ordinary members only.

5th MRSS RS-GIS Conference and Exhibition

The event is scheduled on 8-9 April, 2008. The conference theme *is Agriculture and Bio-resources*. A flier announcing the conference will be circulated to all members in August, 2007.

28^{th} ACRS

The 28 th ACRS will be held on 12-16 November, 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. MRSS has withdrawn from participating in the exhibition as negotiation with MACRES on the profit sharing was not in our favour. MRSS will again continue to provide airfare financial assistance (Max: RM 1000) to two members on a first come, first served basis to participate in this event. However only those who have oral presentation papers approved by AARS will be considered. For further details please contact Miss Maraimni (Tel : 03-26966950, mariamni@macres.gov.my)

ISPRS Training Workshop on Spatial Planning and Spatial Decision Support System

The event is scheduled to be held on 10-12 November, 2007 at the Institute of Advanced Technology, UPM. The event is organized jointly by UPM, ISPRS, ITC and MRSS. Members can access to the first announcement of the workshop at www.itma.upm.edu.my/isprs.

MRSS RS-GIS Journal

There is a delay in the publication of the fourth issue of the MRSS journal due to unavoidable work commitments. The EXCO will keep the members informed on this matter in the next newsletter. The EXCO is also preparing the fifth issue of the journal. To-date two articles have been received. Please contact Prof. Dr. Mohd. Ibrahim for further details (Tel: 07-5530800 - Email: mism@fksg.utm.my).

Membership Update

Presently MRSS has 255 members, comprising 192 ordinary, 11 corporate, 12 associate, 40 student and 1 affiliated member. MRSS has an open policy for new membership. Members are encouraged to introduce their friends/colleagues to join MRSS. Membership application forms are obtainable from Ms. Mariamni Halid (Tel:03-26966950, mariamni@macres.gov.my).

MRSS Website Upgrading

The MRSS website has been redesigned and will be hosted at <u>www.irepublics.com</u> with an allocated domain disk space of 33MB. The home page will comprise 9 drop down menus - Home ,EXCO, membership, activities, publications, contact us, constitution, links and directory.

MRSS Membership Certificate

The MRSS membership certificates are being circulated to active members. This will entitle you to discounts for all MRSS organized activities and can be used as proof that you are recognized by the society as a professional in remote sensing and its related activities.

CPD Talks

Two CPD talks are in the pipeline. They are `*Radar* Altimetry ' to be delivered by Prof. Dr. Mazlan Hashim - UTM and `*Latest development of LIDAR survey*' by a representative from Ground Data Solution