



## **Newsletter 2020/3 (April 2020)**

### **Election of Professional Members and Associate Professional Members of IGRSM**

We are pleased to inform that between 21 February to 27 March 2020, the following IGRSM members were elected as Professional Members:

- 1) Gs. Aminuddin bin Noor Ishak (M802)
- 2) Gs. Dr. Shaparas bt Daliman (M804)
- 3) Gs. Lee Kian Lie (M805)
- 4) Gs. Dr. Suharto bin Teriman (M806)
- 5) Gs. Muhammad Yazrin Yasin (M807)

In addition, Gs. Dr. Ahmed A Hamad Mehdawi (M803) was elected as an Associate Professional Member.

The list of members of IGRSM is available at <http://www.igrsm.org/membership.html>

In addition, for professionals in the field of geospatial and remote sensing who are not yet members of IGRSM, we welcome you to submit the membership application, which is available at the above URL.

### **Postponement of 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of IGRSM**

The 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of IGRSM (initially scheduled for 8 April 2020) has unfortunately been postponed to a later date that will be announced shortly.

This decision was made in view of the evolving COVID-19 situation, whereby the Registrar of Societies (ROS) has banned all societies from holding any activities, including their AGMs until the end of June 2020.

Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience that the change of date may have caused. We wish to thank all members for their continuous support of the association's activities, and we look forward to seeing you at the AGM on the date that we will announce.

## **10<sup>th</sup> IGRSM International Conference and Exhibition on Geospatial & Remote Sensing (IGRSM 2020)**

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that IGRSM 2020 (initially scheduled for 17-18 March 2020) has unfortunately been postponed. This decision was made to prioritise the health and safety of speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, participants and visitors in view of the evolving COVID-19 situation.

IGRSM 2020 will be held on 20-21 October 2020 at Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The conference, with the theme *Advancing Geospatial 4.0*, is aimed at disseminating knowledge, and sharing expertise and experiences in geospatial sciences in all aspects of applications. It also aims to build linkages between local and international professionals in this field with industries.

The organising committee of the conference especially requests for high quality submissions in areas related to geospatial science and technology. All accepted papers will be published in IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science with high visibility and indexed in, among others, ISI Web of Science (Conference Proceedings Citation Index), Scopus and EI Compendex.

Acceptance for oral / poster presentations in the conference will be based on abstract acceptance. However, only full papers that have been accepted by the reviewers will be published in the conference proceedings.

The important dates for the conference are as follows:

- New submissions (full manuscripts): 6 May 2020
- Full manuscripts finalised and payment completed: 16 June 2020
- The conference proceedings is expected to be published on the second day of the conference: 21 October 2020
- Any submissions after 6 May 2020, as well as full manuscripts that have not been finalised by 16 June 2020 will only be considered for oral / poster presentation without publication in the proceedings.
- Abstract submission to be open until 9 September 2020
- Early bird registration (10% discount) to be open until 21 September 2020

Highlights of the conference include:

- Keynote presentations by:
  - YBr. Tn. Hj. Gs. Azlikamil bin Hj. Napiah, Director General, Malaysian Space Agency (MYSA): *Remote Sensing's Role in the New National Space Policy*
  - YBhg. Dato' Sr. Dr. Azhari Mohamed, Director General of Survey and Mapping Malaysia, Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia (JUPEM): *Geospatially Speaking, Just Where on Earth Are We Now?*
  - Prof. Dr. Wataru Takeuchi, Remote Sensing of Environment and Disaster Laboratory (RSED), Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo, Japan: *The Nexus Between Infrastructure and Environment*
  - Mdm. Baizura Alidin, Planet
  - Mr. Johnny Ngo, Head of Sales Engineering APAC, Maxar, US: *Maxar Legion Constellation: Empowering the New Era of Earth Imaging & Insights*
- Oral and poster presentation sessions on Technology Trends, Navigation, Big Data, Forestry, Agriculture, Infrastructure & Urban Planning, Land Use / Land Cover Mapping, Disaster Management, and Environmental Monitoring

Participants are eligible to collect 4 CPD points from the Land Surveyors Board (LJT), 4 CPD points from the Institute of Landscape Architecture Malaysia (ILAM), and 3 CPD points from the Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP).

Further details on the conference are available at <http://www.igrsm.org/igrsm2020>

## **15<sup>th</sup> Pan Ocean Remote Sensing Conference (PORSEC 2020) and Capacity Building Pre-Conference Tutorial**

IGRSM is a supporting organiser for PORSEC 2020, which will be held on 15-22 September 2020 at KSL Hotel, Johor Bahru, Johor. The biennial conference aims to gather all groups of ocean geospatial communities within Malaysia and abroad who work on various aspects of ocean and atmosphere to discuss their research and innovations. It is also meant to be an interdisciplinary forum for leading researchers and students in related areas to present the latest developments and applications, to discuss cutting-edge technology, to exchange research ideas, and to promote international collaboration in this field. Further details on the conference are available at <https://www.geoinfo.utm.my/porsec>

IGRSM members who participate in the conference will be given a 20% discount on the registration fee (only applies to normal participants).

In addition, IGRSM will be awarding financial support to three students who will be presenting at PORSEC 2020. The selected students will receive RM 1,000 each.

The terms and conditions for the financial support are as follows:

- The students should have membership in IGRSM.
- No outstanding membership fee.
- The students' manuscripts have been accepted at the conference.
- The students should submit the full paper for evaluation.
- The selected students are expected to help promote IGRSM during the conference.
- Upon attending conference, the selected students should submit proof of attendance to the conference (e.g., flight ticket, certificate of attendance, etc.)
- The decision by the committee is conclusive.

For students who are interested, we request that you submit the form along with the full manuscript and acceptance letter to Assoc. Prof. Gs. Dr. Ruzinoor Che Mat ([rchemat@yahoo.com](mailto:rchemat@yahoo.com)) or Gs. Siti Zalina Abu Bakar ([zalina10ab@gmail.com](mailto:zalina10ab@gmail.com)) by 4 June 2020. The results will be announced by 25 June 2020.