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MESSAGE FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

Dear ASPRS Potomac Region Members,

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2011. This year—and especially the past few months—have been very productive for our Region. In October, we held a successful GeoTech conference in the NOAA Science Center and Auditorium with over 130 attendees. A highlight of this year’s conference was the 15th Anniversary Celebration, which brought together the past and present leaders responsible for this great event. We are currently planning our Region’s annual elections and preparing for the Annual Meeting and Dinner. Potomac Region won the ASPRS Region of the Month award again in October, which marks the 4th time that we have received this honor in 2011! Lastly, our student Chapters and Forums continue to draw recognition for their initiatives. Please read on for additional details regarding these and other Region activities.

As I wrap up my term as Potomac Region President, I’d like to express heartfelt thanks to my fellow board members and everyone in Potomac Region who contributed to the Region’s and Society’s success over the past year.

Happy New Year,

Chris Parrish, PhD
2011 ASPRS Potomac Region President

Highlights from GeoTech 2011 and 15th Anniversary Ceremony

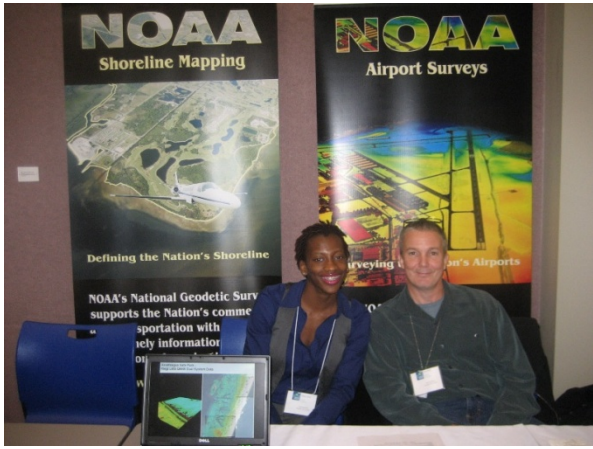
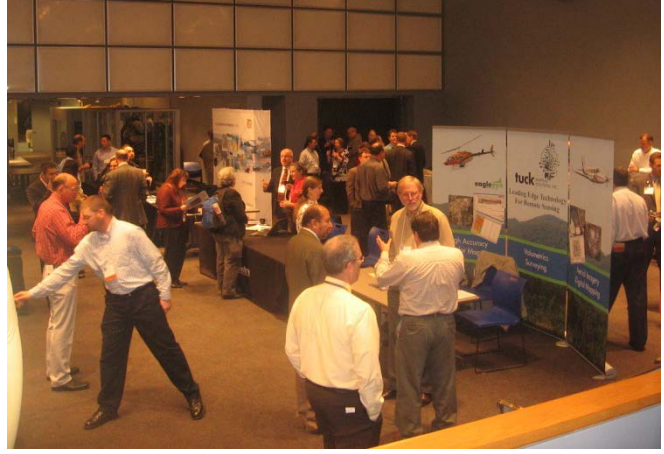
This year's GeoTech conference, ASPRS Potomac Region's biggest annual event, was held on October 12-13 in the NOAA Auditorium and Science Center. The conference theme of Emergency Preparedness and Response proved timely in a year that, unfortunately, saw numerous disasters, ranging from the Tohoku earthquake, to the April tornado outbreak in the U.S., to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, to Hurricane Irene in August. Conference attendees learned about many of the ways that photogrammetry, remote sensing, and related geospatial technologies can be effectively applied before, during, and after these types of disasters. GeoTech Conference Chair, John Manzer, reported that the attendance totaled over 130, including speakers, workshop presenters, honorees, volunteers, exhibitors, and representatives of industry, academia, and the private sector. The event featured two distinguished keynote speakers: Lawrie Jordan, Director of Imagery for ESRI, and Roberta E. (Bobbi) Lenczowski, ASPRS President-Elect.

A particular highlight of GeoTech 2011 was the 15th Anniversary Celebration. Organized by Potomac Region's Historian, Yogendra Singh, the Ceremony brought together fourteen individuals who were instrumental in starting and building the conference. Yogen's commemorative address included a brief history of GeoTech, after which the honorees were invited on stage to be recognized for their achievements.

Eleven companies and organizations exhibited at GeoTech 2011, including: Tuck Mapping Solutions, Pictometry (also a conference sponsor), ITT, Fugro, Brandywine Photonics, ASPRS, Applied Imagery, GeoEye, UMBC, LizardTech, and NOAA's National Geodetic Survey.



GeoTech 2011: Exhibit Hall



GeoTech 2011: Clockwise from top left: 1) Dr. Qassim Abdullah, chief scientist at Fugro EarthData, presents a well-received workshop on LiDAR Fundamentals and Applications; 2) attendees in the exhibit hall; 3) 15th Anniversary Honorees; 4) ASPRS Communications Director / Associate Executive Director, Kim Tilley, and President-Elect, Bobbi Lenczowski; 5) NGS Directors, past and present; 6) NGS booth.

REGION ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

Here's a New Year's resolution that you can keep and that will benefit both you and the Society: become more active in ASPRS Potomac Region! To start, you may wish to nominate a worthy candidate (which could be yourself) for one of the Region's two open board positions this year: Region Director and Secretary-Treasurer. At the time of this writing, candidates are still being sought for the Secretary-Treasurer position. The incumbent is elected to a four-year term, automatically advancing to Vice President, President, and Past President in successive years.

Also, please plan to attend the Region's Annual Meeting and Dinner. The date is still being finalized, as it depends on the date on which the Region's board elections are completed. However the venue has already been selected: the Holiday Inn Chantilly - Dulles Expo. Additionally, we have a confirmed keynote speaker: Mr. Rob Thomas, Vice President and director of Analytical Services at Integrity Applications Incorporated (IAI). Please stay tuned for further details on this event!

UPDATE ON STUDENT CHAPTERS AND FORUMS

Potomac Region now has 4 student forums and chapters:

- **Penn State University**
 - **Gilbert Hobrough Potomac Region Student Forum, Advisor/Coordinator: Karen Schuckman, Past ASPRS President**
- **Virginia Tech**
 - **Scott Reading Potomac Region Student Forum, Advisor/Coordinator: Dr. James Campbell**
- **George Mason University**
 - **Frederick Doyle Potomac Region Chapter & Student Forum, Advisor/Coordinator: Dr. Anthony Stefanidis, Student President: Katarina Doctor**
- **West Virginia University**
 - **Alfred O. Quinn Potomac Region Student Forum, Advisor/Coordinator: Dr. Tim Warner**

The Region recently received word from ASPRS HQ that the George Mason University Student Chapter has been officially approved by the National Board of Directors. The charter certificate

for this new Student Chapter is being prepared, and it has been added to the Student Chapters & Faculty Advisors website:

<http://www.asprs.org/Students/Student-Chapters-Faculty-Advisors.html>

Activities of the GMU Student Chapter and Forum in 2011 included:

- Monthly meetings
- Attending GeoTech, Geoint, Pecora, AAG, SPIE and ASPRS conferences
- Booth at GISDay (November 16th)
- Creating and updating wiki site, GMU website, and Facebook page
- Seminars with invited speakers, co-organized with the Geographical Honor Society (Gamma Theta Upsilon)
- Summer school in June or July 2012, which is being organized with ASPRS Student Advisory Council



The Frederick Doyle Student Chapter and Forum at GMU.