

AWARD

Esri Takes Two Top Awards at Digital Disruption 2014

Technology giant **Esri** swept two of three awards at **TM Forum's Digital Disruption December 2014** conference in San Jose, California. Both awards honored contributions to the **Internet of Things**, a futuristic idea for connecting smart devices to have a positive effect on society. Esri took the **Most Innovative Catalyst Award** for its **Smart City: Empowering Governments**, a proof of concept showing how companies can leverage the Internet of Things in upcoming solutions. TM Forum gives the award to teams that best demonstrate an inspirational, high-growth-potential business concept that's likely to have a positive effect on society. Esri shares this award with its teammate, **ISPM**. Esri also took the **Most Significant Contribution to Framework Award** alongside teammates **BaseN** and **Infonova**. TM Forum awards this to the team that best evolves TM Forum's flagship Framework suite, a proven model of best practices and standards for telecommunications companies. www.esri.com



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Scott Serich appointed OGC Director, Interoperability Programs
The Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC®) has appointed **Dr. Scott Serich** as **Director, Interoperability Programs**. Dr. Serich will support **OGC's** participation in the **Project Interoperability** initiative sponsored by the U.S. Government Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE), an OGC member. Project Interoperability develops recommendations and guidance on an interoperability framework to improve interoperability at all levels of government in the US. The ISE Interoperability Framework (I2F) includes several cross-cutting or "inherent" threads including cybersecurity, integrated credentials and access management, device independence and geospatial. OGC is working with many partner Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) and professional associations involved in this effort including the IJIS Institute, the Object Management Group (OMG®), Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS) and others. The OGC brings geospatial expertise and proven interoperability processes to the overall effort. www.opengeospatial.org

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LizardTech Announces New Global Business Development Manager

LizardTech® has announced that **Jeff Young** will expand his role to become the company's new global business development manager for geospatial solutions, effective immediately. Young will support the company's commitment to the growth of its Express Suite line of geospatial products. Young joined LizardTech in 2009 as the business development manager, a role which he will now continue while also leading the regional and international sales teams. Prior to joining LizardTech, Young held positions in business development, consulting and sales with several geospatial companies such as Leica Geosystems, Space Imaging and Bentley Systems. "I am very excited to expand my role with LizardTech and for the opportunity to build LizardTech's global reach," said Jeff Young, LizardTech's global business development manager. "This is an exciting time for LizardTech, and I look forward to further contributing to LizardTech's sustained growth, product expansions and innovative geospatial workflow solutions." www.lizardtech.com



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Dror Zerem Joins VisionMap as New CEO.

Dror Zerem joins **VisionMap Ltd** as the company's next **CEO**, bringing with him vast executive management experience in both the hi-tech industry and the public sector. Prior to VisionMap, Dror served as General Manager at Ophir Optics, where he led product development for advanced electro-optics systems, while introducing and developing complex manufacturing processes. During his term, he established manufacturing, marketing and development sites across the US and Europe. After many years of leading the company, **Yaron Vilan** concluded his term as VisionMap's CEO. Yaron, together with the VisionMap team, took the company from an idea to an exciting reality, and established its culture and values of innovation and commitment to partners and customers. "I look forward to leading VisionMap towards continued innovation, and believe that meeting and exceeding our commitments to customers is the foundation for success," says Dror. www.visionmap.com

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Pecora, ISPRS, IAG Joint Symposium Presents Prestigious Awards

The **United States Geological Survey (USGS)** and the **International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS)** presented a number of prestigious awards during the **Pecora 19 Symposium** in conjunction with the **Joint Symposium of ISPRS Technical Commission I and IAG Commission 4**. The **William T. Pecora Award** is presented annually to individuals or groups that make outstanding contributions toward understanding the Earth by means of remote sensing. **Dr. Frank Kelly, Director, USGS EROS** presented the 2014 **William T. Pecora Awards to Landsat 8 Team Group Award** for outstanding contributions toward understanding the Earth's land surface and surrounding coastal regions, **Christopher Owen Justice, Ph. D Individual Award** for outstanding contributions toward understanding the Earth by means of remote sensing. www.asprs.org

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Esri UK Appoints New Managing Director

Esri UK has announced the appointment of **Stuart Bonthron**, currently Sales and Marketing Director for Esri UK, as its new **Managing Director**. Stuart takes over from Richard Waite who takes on the role of Chairman with immediate effect. Stuart has been with Esri UK since July 2012, before which he was Vice President of Pitney Bowes Europe and Managing Director of Pitney Bowes UK and Ireland. "My new role will be to focus on the strategic development of the company while Stuart takes over operational issues and the day-to-day running of the company," commented Richard Waite. "Not only does Stuart bring considerable expertise to the business but, also, exceptional drive and energy. The whole company congratulates Stuart on his new role and we are looking forward to an exciting 2015 and beyond." www.esriuk.com

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Wendy Peloquin Named URISA Young Professional of the Year

URISA is pleased to announce that **Wendy Peloquin, GISP** has been named **URISA's Young Professional of the Year** in recognition of her outstanding contributions as part of **URISA's Vanguard Cabinet**. Wendy is a **Senior Geospatial Analyst at GISi** in Jacksonville, Florida and is a **Certified GIS Professional (GISP)**. She notes, "Serving on the Vanguard Cabinet was an invaluable experience. I appreciate the opportunity to work with not only other passionate young professionals, but also leaders within the GIS community." An active and contributing member of numerous URISA committees and programs, Wendy leads a workgroup in **URISA's Professional Practice Division** and she is also active locally in both the **Georgia and Florida URISA Chapters**. www.urisa.org