

## AWARD

### It's Awards Season at URISA

Each year, **URISA** recognizes individuals and organizations for significant achievement, contributions, dedication and service to the association and to the profession. URISA is currently accepting nominations for the following: **URISA's GIS Hall of Fame:** Honours persons and organizations that have made significant and original contributions to the development and application of GIS concepts, tools, or resources, or to the GIS profession. **Horwood Distinguished Service Award:** An occasional award given for long-term service to URISA and the profession. **Leadership Award:** Presented to members who have demonstrated exemplary leadership to URISA, creativity, innovation, and dedicated support of URISA programs. **Service Award:** Presented to members who have demonstrated faithful service to URISA and participation in its program over a period of several years. **Barbara Hirsch Special Service Award:** Presented to members or staff who have made special contributions to URISA. This award was created to honour URISA's former Chief Financial Officer, Barbara Hirsch. [www.urisa.org/about-us/awards](http://www.urisa.org/about-us/awards)

## PEOPLE

### Flying change at Airborne Technologies



A "flying change" is going to take place at **Airborne Technologies**. **Burkhard Jäger** assumes the position as new **Head of Design Organization and Chief Engineer at Airborne Technologies**. 45-year-old Burkhard Jäger holds a degree from **Technical Universities Munich and Graz** in

the field of Aeronautical- and Business Engineering and can look back on a long-standing experience in the field of aviation. In his last position he successfully managed a team of 25 engineers and was responsible for the handling of aviation projects from design and certification up to production support. **Wolfgang Grumeth, CEO of ABT**, said, "We are happy to have gained such an experienced person, with skills on both, the technical and managerial side. With the appointment of Burkhard Jäger as Head of Design we will take a step forward to further expansion of our business activities while at the same time continuing the quality standards, our customers are used to." [www.airbornetechnologies.at](http://www.airbornetechnologies.at)

## PEOPLE

### Jay Wittstock To Lead Westwood's Corridor Division

**Westwood Professional Services, Inc.**, (Westwood) has recently appointed **Jay Wittstock, PS, CFedS**, to the position of **Director, Corridor Division** where he will focus on expanding Westwood's survey capabilities and operational efficiencies in the company's power delivery and oil and gas business units. He will continue to function as the company's national survey services leader. **President/CEO, Paul Greenhagen**, says, "Jay's oversight as the national survey services leader has been a tremendous help in improving the quality of our products and services on these large-scale projects. He is an excellent fit for the corridor division leadership position and I look forward to supporting him in growing the business." Wittstock joined **Westwood** in 2005. He is a shareholder, professional land surveyor in 10 states, and is serving a second term on the Board of Directors. [www.westwoodps.com](http://www.westwoodps.com)



## PEOPLE

### thinkWhere Announce New Chair

**thinkWhere** is delighted to announce the appointment of **Bruce Beveridge** as a new Non-Executive Director and Chair. Bruce will join the company at an exciting time with continued growth in the GIS and location-based services market. Bruce has extensive senior executive and board experience with a career that includes the Government Legal Service for Scotland and roles as Legal Secretary to the Lord President of the Court of Session. Bruce also runs his own consulting business and until recently was President of the Law Society of Scotland. **Alan Moore, Chief Executive**, said "I am delighted to welcome Bruce as the Chair of thinkWhere. Bruce will lead thinkWhere from strength to strength, supporting and challenging the company as it takes forward an ambitious business plan over the next 5 years." Bruce Beveridge said "I am excited to have the opportunity to lead and support thinkWhere's expansion and the delivery of its aspirations." [www.thinkwhere.com](http://www.thinkwhere.com)



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### GeoPlace announces launch of 2015 Exemplar Awards

**GeoPlace** has opened up its annual **Exemplar Awards** programme to local authorities who use address or street data in innovative ways. Improving public services and overcoming the challenges of data sharing is a key focus for **GeoPlace**. The Awards highlight best practice in local authorities using land and property and street information to tie different services from across the council together to give a 'property level view of services'. Past winners include authorities who have used their gazetteers to underpin many aspects of local government business: from large gazetteer enabled transformation projects which save authorities millions of pounds; to smaller initiatives which have found clever ways to join up information. The Awards will be presented at GeoPlace's annual conference and exhibition on 19th May at Edgbaston Cricket Ground in Birmingham. [www.geoplace.co.uk](http://www.geoplace.co.uk)



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### SSTL appoints Patrick Wood as Group CEO

**Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd (SSTL)** has appointed **Patrick Wood** as **Group CEO**, with effect from 1st April 2015. Patrick Wood joins **SSTL** from Airbus Defence and Space, where he was most recently Head of Engineering and Operations and an Airbus Group Executive. He brings with him an outstanding track record within the space engineering sector, having previously steered the **Skynet 5** programme to success including in-orbit delivery of three geostationary military telecommunications satellites and associated ground network and infrastructure. He was also CTO for Airbus Defence and Space satellite business, and later Engineering and Operations Director with pan-European responsibilities. **Sir Martin Sweeting, Executive Chairman of SSTL**, in welcoming Patrick Wood to his new role at SSTL, said: "We are very fortunate indeed in finding someone with Patrick's rare combination of detailed engineering experience, proven management capability and passion for satellites to join SSTL." <http://www.sstl.co.uk/>

