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Geological Society of America Honours Esri Chief Scientist Dawn Wright,

The Geological Society of America (GSA) presented the 2015 Bromery Award for Minorities on Esri Chief Scientist, Dr. Dawn J. Wright Phd.

The award recognizes Dawn's lifetime accomplishments that have advanced geologic and geographic science as well as influenced the professional careers of her students. GSA members presented the award to Dawn during the annual GSA meeting November 1, in Baltimore, Maryland. The Bromery Award for Minorities is awarded to members of any minority group, preferably African Americans, who have made significant contributions to research in the geological sciences, or those who have been instrumental in opening the geoscience field to other minorities. Dawn said, "I am humbled to be honored by such a distinguished organization." In addition to her role as chief scientist for Esri, Dawn Wright (aka Deepsea Dawn) is a professor of geography and oceanography at Oregon State University. www.esri.com.



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VSTEP GMDSS Simulators receive DNV-GL certification

Maritime simulator developer VSTEP has received DNV-GL accreditation for their recently introduced new generation of GMDSS Simulators.

This certification is the latest addition to VSTEP's range of DNV-GL certified NAUTIS maritime simulators as its GMDSS, Dynamic Positioning. The new NAUTIS GMDSS Simulators come in two possible setups, a full hardware version or a virtual GMDSS system with touchscreens. The GMDSS simulator is based on the latest in software technology and built in cooperation with professional mariners. It includes some new features not previously available in the market, including showing four GMDSS peripherals (out of a possible 13) on screen simultaneously and the option to connect multiple handsets to the simulator. Both the hardware and virtual GMDSS setups can be used either separately, in a classroom configuration or can be integrated into any existing NAUTIS ship bridge simulator. www.vstepsimulation.com.



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David Willetts joins SSTL's Board as a non-Executive Director

David Willetts, former UK Minister for Science and Universities, has joined the Board at Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd (SSTL) as a non-Executive Director.

David Willetts was appointed to the UK Government Cabinet Office as Minister of Science and Universities in 2010 and during his tenure, which came to an end in 2014, he was a strong supporter of the UK space sector and visited SSTL on numerous occasions. In August of this year David Willetts was nominated for a life peerage in the House of Lords. Sir Martin Sweeting, Executive Chairman of SSTL, commented on the appointment of Mr Willetts to SSTL's Board, saying "David has long been an advocate of British science and technology excellence, and a tireless ambassador for promoting and encouraging the growth of the UK space sector. We are delighted that he has accepted the appointment to our Board. www.sstl.co.uk



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HR Wallingford scientist receives US government award for heroism

HR Wallingford's Professor Andrew Manning (left) has been awarded the Exemplary Act Award by the United States Department of the Interior, US Geological Survey (USGS) in recognition of a heroic act, which resulted in lives being saved.

Andy was returning by boat in rough water from a survey in the southernmost part of San Francisco Bay, when he and three USGS colleagues saw a sailboat entangled in one of the Port of Redwood City channel markers. When a nearby vessel signalled and requested assistance, the survey team stepped in and transported five injured people to shore. For his decisive and immediate action, Andy was granted the Exemplary Act Award. Andy explains: "Fieldwork in any marine environment can be a hazardous pursuit and you always have to be prepared for any eventuality. We were all just pleased that we could be of assistance during this emergency situation." www.hrwallingford.com



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Veripos Appoints Miguel Amor Head of Marketing & Product Development

Veripos, the leading supplier of high-precision GNSS positioning services to the world offshore and associated industries, has appointed Miguel Amor as global Vice-President of Marketing & Product Development.

He joins the Aberdeen-based company from Trimble following a 12-year close association with marketing and business development of its RTX, OmniSTAR and VRSNow land-based correction facilities. Welcoming the appointment, Veripos CEO Graham Purves said Miguel Amor's very considerable GNSS industry experience and expertise would be an invaluable asset for the Company's continuing development and growth as one of the world's foremost providers of dedicated satellite positioning capabilities. Veripos maintains a continuous globalised network in eleven locations supported by two network control centres and over eighty strategically-sited reference stations." www.veripos.com



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Landmark wins 'Supplier of the Year: Technology' at the 2015 Negotiator Awards

Landmark Information Group is the winner of the Gold award for the 'Supplier of the Year: Technology' category at the 2015 Negotiator Awards, which is a national awards for the residential property industry. Described as "a gem in the industry", Landmark was recognised for providing a complete end-to-end service that supports a large number of the touchpoints related to the lifecycle of a piece of land or property. The Negotiator Awards received over 360 entries – the highest number in its history – and has been considered by its organisers as a year of outstanding quality. Sheila Manchester, Editorial Director of The Negotiator said: "Landmark Information Group is one of the property industry's hidden gems and demonstrates a truly great use of modern technology to help support both residential agents and the wider property industry." www.landmark.co.uk