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Markus Neteler joins the management of mundialis in Bonn

From March 2016 onwards, **Dr. Markus Neteler**, a prominent head of the **Open Source GIS** scene, will join the management board of **mundialis GmbH & Co. KG** in Bonn, Germany. Founded in 2015, mundialis combines remote sensing and satellite data analysis in the field of Big Data with **Open Source WebGIS** solutions. Since 2008, Dr. Neteler was the head of the GIS and remote sensing unit at the **Edmund Mach Foundation in Trento** (Italy) working on numerous projects related to biodiversity, environmental and agricultural research. He is also a founding member of the **Open Source Geospatial Foundation** (OSGeo), that promotes the development and use of free and open source geographic information systems. Since 1998 he coordinated the development of the well known **GRASS GIS** software project, a powerful **Open Source GIS** that supports processing of several thousand raster, 3D raster or vector maps in a short time. www.mundialis.de

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John Bourguignon Named Director of Sales & Marketing at RAMTeCH

RAMTeCH Software Solutions, Inc. has announced that **John Bourguignon** has joined the RAMTeCH team as **Director of Sales and Marketing**. Based at

RAMTeCH's North American corporate headquarters, Bourguignon will be responsible for driving business development and marketing strategies. Bourguignon brings to RAMTeCH nearly 30 years of experience in management consulting, account management and market development in the utilities and telecommunications industries with an emphasis on operational and geospatial systems and data. He combines technical expertise with an ability to forge strong relationships and lead complex business problems to resolution. "John's deep experience in sales, marketing and business management, as well as his extensive background as a trusted advisor to clients, makes him an ideal addition to lead our sales and marketing efforts," said **Darrell Rhodes, senior vice president - North America, RAMTeCH**. www.ramtech-corp.com



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Bob Edmonds to join Elbit Systems of America as Vice President of Marketing

Elbit Systems of America has announced that **Bob Edmonds** has joined the company and will serve as **Vice President of Marketing**, replacing Steve Roser who is retiring after seven years of service with Elbit Systems of America. Edmonds joins from **Exelis, Inc.** where he was Vice President of Business Development and Air Force Programs. In this role, he led Exelis' business development and government relations efforts and was the senior executive for Air Force and aviation business. He additionally was responsible for the strategic partnerships with their key customers. At Elbit System of America, Edmonds will continue to use his expertise to help grow the company, developing new business. He will be responsible for leading all marketing activities, which includes integrating and aligning business development, strategy, corporate development, and strategic communications. His team works closely with the different lines of business supporting growth. www.elbitsystems-us.com



AWARDS

URISA 2016 Exemplary Systems in Government Awards Process Opens

URISA has announced the Exemplary Systems in Government (ESIG) Awards process for 2016. Since 1980, **URISA's ESIG Awards** have recognized extraordinary achievements in the use of geospatial information technology that have improved the delivery and quality of government services. The award competition is open to all public agencies at the federal, state/provincial, regional and local levels. Winners will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony at GIS-Pro 2016 in Toronto, Ontario, October 31-November 3, 2016. Submissions are invited in two categories: Enterprise Systems: Systems for outstanding and working examples of using information systems technology in a multi-department environment as part of an integrated process. Single Process Systems: Systems in this category are outstanding and working examples of applying information system technology to automate a specific SINGLE process or operation involving one department or sub-unit of an agency. Submissions are due June 1, 2016. www.urisa.org



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Navmii appoints Steve Coast, OSM founder, as board advisor

Navmii has announced that **Steve Coast**, the founder of the **OpenStreetMap Foundation** (OSM), joined **Navmii** as a board advisor to further enhance its B2B mapping products and services. Navmii has created enhanced, automotive grade **OSM** maps using its map enhancement platform and billions of points of mapping data collected from its users. Navmii has had OSM maps at the core of its app since its inception and has grown a global community of millions of users. Steve Coast started the OpenStreetMap project, which quickly grew into a huge crowd sourced community project of volunteers helping to build an open source map of the world. During the past ten years the entire planet has been mapped and is now used by companies, governments and humanitarian organisations. **Steve Coast** comments: "I am confident that my experience will help Navmii to become a best in class, highly competitive map data provider. www.navmii.com



AWARD

SSTL led consortium awarded Innovate UK grant for novel propulsion system

A British consortium led by **Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd** (SSTL) has been awarded a grant from **Innovate UK**, the UK's innovation agency, to co-fund the development of a novel **High Test Peroxide** (HTP) propulsion system. The new HTP propulsion system is being designed as an environmentally friendly and cost effective "green" replacement for hydrazine propellant systems, which are currently commonly used in small satellites. **SSTL** has identified HTP as an environmentally friendly monopropellant with the potential for providing the high performance required for future small satellite missions, and has teamed with partners on a project to bring the new HTP propulsion system design to flight-ready status. SSTL's propulsion engineers have designed a prototype HTP propulsion system, and will work together with the consortium partners to resolve the remaining design and materials challenges to achieve a flight-ready concept by the end of 2016. www.sstl.co.uk

