

AWARD

Planetek Italia the European Earth Observation Company of the Year 2017

Planetek Italia has been presented with the **EARSC Company Achievement Award** at the annual cocktail of the Association. EARSC has thereby recognised Planetek Italia as the company that have made the most significant contribution to the development of the Earth Observation sector in Europe. The criteria used for the selection of the winning company were: - the successful development of EO services for a target market (sector or geographic) - a strong contribution to a defining European programme (eg.Copernicus, Inspire, ESA projects, etc) - exhibited good revenue and/or employment growth. Since its foundation Planetek has worked with its partners to develop new services and increase its market share, both in new and existing markets. Nominations for the award were collected from EARSC members who then vote and the winner has been selected by an international, independent jury of EO sector representatives.

www.earsc.org www.planetek.it



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Juniper Systems Limited Opens New Office, Welcomes Birgit Krassnitzer

Juniper Systems Limited are excited to announce the opening of a new location in Wels, Austria, and welcomes **Birgit Krassnitzer** to the team! 'As Juniper Systems have grown over the past several years, a need arose for an office to serve our German-speaking partners and customers in Germany, Austria, and other Eastern European countries', commented **Mr. Simon Bowe, General Manager of Juniper Systems Limited** near Birmingham, U.K. 'The superior quality and ruggedness of our products is becoming well-known throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, and we are excited to be expanding to more locations'. As a result of this growth, the company are pleased to announce that Birgit Krassnitzer has joined our team as **Sales Manager** for the German-speaking audience throughout Europe.

www.junipersys.com



Welcome, Begrüßen, Birgit Krassnitzer!

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New Managing Director for UKFast

Ambitious growth plans at **UKFast** see the appointment of two managing directors. The move sees the business formally split into two arms with current **MD Jonathan Bowers** making a lateral move to head up the firm's fast-growing Enterprise division, whilst co-founder **Gail Jones** takes on the role of **Managing Director** to facilitate the business's next stage of growth. **CEO Lawrence Jones** said: "Since Jonathan's appointment in 2012 we have grown from 100 to 400 teammates, more than doubled turnover and quadrupled profits." Gail Jones, UKFast co-founder and managing director, said: "I am very excited to taking on the managing director role working closely with both Lawrence and Jonathan to continue to provide the greatest level of service in the industry." UKFast is seeing extraordinary growth in cloud sales in recent years and posted turnover of £40 million in 2016-17. www.ukfast.co.uk



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Bentley Announces Finalists in 2017 "Be Inspired" Awards Program

The finalists in the **Bentley 2017 "Be Inspired" Awards Program** recognizing BIM Advancements in Infrastructure Design, Construction, and Operations, have been announced and the winners will be selected and announced at **The Year in Infrastructure 2017 Conference**, taking place during October 10-12 in Singapore. The annual awards honor the extraordinary work of Bentley users advancing infrastructure design, construction, and operations throughout the world. Ten independent jury panels comprising distinguished industry experts selected the 51 finalists from more than 400 nominations submitted by organizations in more than 50 countries. The finalists will present their innovative projects to their peers, the jurors, industry thought leaders, and more than 120 members of the media as part of related infrastructure forums at The Year in Infrastructure 2017 Conference, October 10-12 in Singapore at the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre. www.bentley.com

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VeloCloud Cloud-Delivered SD-WAN Wins "Fierce 15" Award from FierceWireless

VeloCloud™ Networks, Inc. announced that **FierceWireless**, a publication from Questex, LLC, has named VeloCloud to its annual **"Fierce 15"** list of the year's most promising, privately held startups in the wireless space. FierceWireless recognizes groundbreaking technology, advancements, improvements and contributions to the overall wireless community through the Fierce 15 awards program. This FierceWireless award reiterates the tremendously positive impact that VeloCloud Cloud-Delivered SD-WAN continues to have on Enterprise and Service Provider network implementations. VeloCloud Dynamic Multipath Optimization over multiple wireless and wired links, multi-tenant Wi-Fi segmentation, application prioritization and VeloCloud Multisource Inbound Quality of Service for cloud services distinguish VeloCloud as the leader in SD-WAN. The VeloCloud Edge includes integrated WiFi for local area network coverage and optional integrated cellular for wide area network links.

www.fiercewireless.com www.velocloud.com

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GSDI Small Grants Program Awards Announced

The **GSDI Association's** call for proposals for the **Small Grants Program 2017** stimulated 31 proposals from 27 countries in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, North and South America, covering a wide range of SDI and GI/GIS related project work. Each of the award winners will receive cash support for their proposed projects of US\$ 2,500. Some of the proposals, including both award winners and those for whom funding was not available, also requested support from the GISCorps of URISA. These are being notified to GISCorps for any further action that they may be able to take, working within the resources of their excellent volunteer network. Thanks to the generosity of GSDI's Members and partners such as URISA GISCorps, GSDI is privileged to be able to support seven of the proposals this year. This year, the cash awards are made from GSDI's own reserve funds. www.gsdi.org