

PEOPLE AND AWARDS

PEOPLE

Esri Ireland appoints Marie Hogan as Professional Services Manager



Esri Ireland has appointed Marie Hogan as its Professional Services Executive Manager. In this new role, Marie will be responsible for the financial and operational performance of the Professional Services team in the Republic of Ireland. This will include overseeing continued sales and revenue growth for the expanding team, as well as people management and the delivery of enhanced Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services in Ireland. Having worked at Esri Ireland for 15 years, Marie has progressed through a number of GIS consultancy, project development and customer management roles, culminating in this senior appointment. Her technical background provides her with a deep appreciation for the work and challenges encountered by GIS Consultants, while her most recent role as Senior Customer Success Manager has added to her skills and experience in project, programme and resource management. www.esri-ireland.ie

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Geomax appoints Phil Jarratt as Training and Support Manager



GeoMax has appointed Phil Jarratt to take the lead for training & support in the UK and Ireland. Phil joins GeoMax from **Leica Geosystems** where he was global training, support & product manager for detection products. Supporting the substantial increase of large customer accounts, each using a wide range of GeoMax equipment, Phil will be responsible for supporting the expertise of the network of GeoMax approved dealers in the UK and Ireland to make sure their customers take advantage of the latest technical product developments as they are released from GeoMax HQ in Switzerland. www.geomax-positioning.com

AWARD

James van Rens wins Presidential Award



On Thursday, July 17th, 2019, James Van Rens, Senior Vice President with **RIEGL USA** and Strategic Advisor for Government and Industry Relations for the **RIEGL Group**, was honored with the **Presidential Award** at the **MAPPS Summer Conference 2019!** The Presidential Awards were presented to geospatial professionals for their significant contributions to the MAPPS association and to the geospatial profession for 2019. James Van Rens has served on the MAPPS Board of Directors as the Associate Member Liaison since Summer of 2017 and has been a dedicated member of RIEGL management for the last twenty-two years. He is a well-known leader in 3D mapping techniques and their applications with numerous contributions made to the geospatial industry. www.riegl.com

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EIT Governing Board appoints Martin Kern as EIT Director



The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) announced that Martin Kern has been appointed as EIT Director by the EIT Governing Board. This decision will help the EIT deliver on its mission to increase Europe's ability to innovate in 2020 and beyond. Martin Kern brings extensive EU experience with 20 years at the European Commission and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). Prior to joining the EIT as Interim Director and Chief Operation Officer in 2014, he worked at the European Commission for 15 years in a variety of posts. www.eit.europa.eu

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Heather Malloch joins thinkWhere's Operations Team



Heather Malloch has joined the **thinkWhere** Operations Team. Heather kick-started her technology career in January 2019 after completing an intensive and immersive 16 week professional software development course through CodeClan (Scotland's award-winning digital skills academy). Heather joined thinkWhere in May 2019, and armed with her hard-earned, new digital skills, has been working on a range of development projects within the Operations Team. www.thinkwhere.com

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Swift Navigation appoints Michael Horne as Executive Vice President of Worldwide Sales



Swift Navigation, a San Francisco-based tech firm providing centimeter-accurate GNSS positioning technology for autonomous vehicles, announced the most recent addition to its executive team. Michael Horne will lead Swift's Sales Team as **Executive Vice President**, enhancing its worldwide presence. Michael brings over 20 years of experience to this role, with expertise in commercial, marketing and operational strategy development, deployment—and management of—SaaS and Enterprise software product platforms. Prior to Swift, Michael had a 10-year tenure at Arm, most recently as chief of global sales and marketing for Arm's IOT Services Group (ISG), part of the SoftBank Group family. While at Arm, Michael was also Vice President of Asia-Pacific Sales, overseeing Arm's meteoric growth in microprocessor IP sales in Asia. Having worked as a Strategic Advisor to the Swift CEO and Leadership Team over the past year, Michael has proven he is a strong fit with the team and the ideal candidate to fill this role. www.swiftnav.com



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