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AGI Awards 2011

News from the Association for Geographic Information

The Annual Awards have been a regular feature of the AGI's calendar since its foundation more than 20 years ago. An excellent professional networking opportunity, they bring together members of the geocommunity to mark and celebrate innovation and best practice in UK GI.

2011 was no exception, with the Awards ceremony and dinner being held at the Holiday Inn in Bloomsbury, London, in late November. As always, thanks go to the award sponsors, judging panels, those who made submissions, and those who attended on the evening.

Innovation & Best Practice (Central Government) Award

Sponsored by GIS247

Commended: Implementation of the Public Sector Mapping Agreement

Highly Commended:

Geospatial Development Group – Land and Property Services

Winner: Corporate GIS for the Welsh Government

Innovation & Best Practice (Local Public Services) Award

Sponsored by Pitney Bowes Business Insight

Highly Commended:

GeoPlace LLP

Winner: INSPIRE compliant web mapping service – Barrow Borough Council

Innovation & Best Practice (Private Sector) Award

Sponsored by Esri UK

Winner: ONS National Address Register (NAR) – Manchester Geomatics Ltd (MGL)

Innovation & Best Practice (Business Case & ROI) Award

Sponsored by ConsultingWhere

Winner: Rushmoor In My Area GIS Model – Rushmoor Borough Council

Best Paper from the AGI Conference

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Winner: "BIM isn't Geospatial Or is it?" – Anne Kemp, Atkins

AGI Student of the Year Award

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Highly Commended: Lynette Akong, University of Leeds
Winner: Yuki Geali, University College London

AGI Past Chair's Award

Winner: Chris Holcroft

AGI Volunteer of the Year

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Winner: Hugh Barron

AGI Director's Award

Winner: Graham Morgan

Council business update

It is customary for the AGI to publish bullet points highlighting the discussion and outcome of each AGI Council meeting. The following is reported from the December meeting:

- The 2012-2014 Budget was approved in principle
- The 2012-2014 Operational Plan was approved in principle
- Council endorsed the work Chris Holcroft is doing on behalf of Sir Ian Magee CB with regard to the formation of the PSMA GI Group.
- AGI groups in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have recently all held successful regional Conferences
- The newly-formed I-BIM SIG is attracting a very high level of interest
- Ross Carter, Steven Feldman and Peter Capell are retiring from AGI Council.

As well as heartily thanking the three outgoing members for their services, the AGI welcomes the following members who have been nominated to join the Council from 1st January 2012 and who will serve for a three-year period:

- Chris Ewing – Catastrophe Model Developer, Aon Benfield
- Gary Gale – Director of the Places Registry, Nokia
- David Henderson – Head of Product Management, Ordnance Survey
- Anne Kemp – Director & Group Chair, Atkins (rejoins council after 18 months service in a co-opted role)

In addition, Simon Wheeler the AGI Northern Ireland chair, has been elected to serve as the AGI-NI representative to AGI Council during the same period. Simon rejoins Council after six months service in a co-opted role.

