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New Chairman for EuroGeographics' network of specialists

EuroGeographics has announced that Julius Ernst from Austria's Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying is the new Chair of its Cadastre & Land Registry Knowledge Exchange Network (C&LR KEN). Mr Ernst succeeds Professor Bengt Kjelsson who has become Director General of The Swedish Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registry Authority. The C&LR KEN is one of five knowledge exchange networks within the Association for National Cadastral, Land Registry and Mapping Authorities. Its members are working to provide state-of-the-art services for the diverse range of users in property and land information markets.

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New Board Director for GeoPlace

Carolyn Downs, the newly appointed Chief Executive of the Local Government Association, has been named as a new Director and Board Member for GeoPlace LLP. Richard Mason, GeoPlace's Managing Director said: "We are proud that Carolyn has agreed to join the GeoPlace Board. This is an indication of the strategic importance of the partnership to the LGA.

GeoPlace is a 50:50 public sector limited liability partnership between the Local Government Association (LGA) and Ordnance Survey. The GeoPlace Board consists of four Members: two from the Local Government Group and two from Ordnance Survey. Carolyn replaces former LGA Chief Executive Officer John Ransford who was also a GeoPlace Board Member before his departure from the LGA.

Carolyn joins Stephen Jones, LGA's Finance Director, Neil Ackroyd, Ordnance Survey's Director of Data Collection and Management and John Kimmance, Head of Business Sales and Support at Ordnance Survey on the GeoPlace Board.

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COFPAES Elects Steven L. Biegel Chairman

The Council on Federal Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services (COFPAES) announced the election of Steven L. Biegel, AIA, LEED AP, as Chairman for 2012.

Biegel was elected chairman to a one year term by the delegates from the five COFPAES member organizations during the council's Fall meeting in Washington, DC

Biegel is Chief Executive Officer, Principal and Director of Design for Matrix Design Companies, a collection of full service architectural, engineering, planning and interior design firms based in Arlington, Virginia, with offices in Houston, TX, Los Angeles, CA, and Annapolis, MD.

Biegel has owned and managed several of the largest and most successful A/E firms in the Washington, D.C. region. He is the author of a recent book on profitable practice management for architects and engineers entitled Profit By Design. He earned a Bachelor of Architecture from Syracuse University in 1978. Biegel has been the American Institute of Architects delegate to COFPAES since 2010.

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AeroMetric Hires James Murray To Expand Energy Market

AeroMetric has hired James R. Murray, as vice president of business development, leading AeroMetric's energy infrastructure solutions team. Murray brings over 30 years of experience to this position, including the development and execution of strategic planning and sales for energy markets.

Murray was most recently vice president of the oil and gas division at Pictometry in New York responsible for a start-up geospatial imaging venture to build an entirely new source of revenue for his company. Prior experience included positions as chief marketing officer for Sapphire Imaging in New York. www.aerometric.com



EMPLOYMENT

Hiring in the Geospatial Industry continues says ASPRS survey

Despite an 8.6% unemployment rate in the U.S., it has been determined that at least 57% of the Sustaining Member organizations of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) are currently hiring for jobs within the geospatial industry.

ASPRS recently conducted a survey of 129 ASPRS Sustaining Member career websites, and determined that in the month of November, at least 73 ASPRS Sustaining Member companies and/or agencies had job postings on their websites that consisted of positions ranging from entry-level jobs to high-level executive positions. A list consisting of ASPRS Sustaining Member organizations that are currently hiring and hyperlinks to their respective career websites is accessible to ASPRS members through the website at

www.asprs.org/Classified-Ads

TRAINING

Are you ready for the new EU Research Fund Horizon2020?

Training workshop on 13 April 2012, Bonn Germany

On 30 November 2011 the European Commission announced the new research programme, Horizon 2020 with 80 billion euro funds for research, key technologies and development for 2014-2020. This is an excellent opportunity for research organisations, and also for companies and SMEs: How to make sure that your organisation is well prepared for the new funding programme? What strategies and tools are necessary to reach a good performance in the new programme? The aim of this workshop is to introduce the current draft, the state of the debates, and the new issues around the new EU research programme Horizon2020 (2014-2020) and to help participants to prepare for Horizon2020. It is relevant to staff of organisations involved in research, education and innovation. www.researchinuse.org

TECHNOLOGY

Mobile GeoSocial Media Users Reach 650m in 2011

A new report from Juniper Research finds that the continuing increase in smartphone adoption and the rise of geosocial networking will push the number of mobile social media users from 650 million this year to 1.3 billion by 2016; more than the total number of social media users on all platforms today. The report found that the growing trend to integrate social, local and mobile experiences is driving the geosocial phenomena. People want to find out not only what their friends are doing, but also their location and other available activities in the area. Geosocial networks are particularly suited to the mobile space as most smartphones now include GPS, and have an 'always on, always connected' experience. According to report author Charlotte Miller, "Location features on smartphones are opening up a new side of both dating and social networking". <http://www.juniperresearch.com>

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