

PEOPLE AND AWARDS

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Bluesky Appoints Operations Manager



Aerial mapping company **Bluesky** has appointed Allan Jamieson to the newly created position of Operations Manager. A well respected geomatics professional, Jamieson brings more than twenty-five years' experience to the role. He is also a member of the Geomatics Professional Group Board at the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) promoting geomatics within the land sector around the world. Reporting directly to the board Jamieson will be responsible for the successful delivery of a range of geographic data projects including 3D modelling, aerial photography and the newly launched MetroVista city mapping service. Jamieson joined Bluesky from Cyient (formerly Infotech Enterprises). Having previously held the position of Operations Director at Blom Aerofilms, with responsibility for day to day operations including all aspects of data capture, processing and delivery, he continued in this role when the company was acquired by Cyient in 2016. www.bluesky-world.com

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thinkWhere appointed as Government Digital Specialist



thinkWhere, a Scottish based GIS company, has been successful in its application to become a Digital Specialist. Part of the UK Government's Digital Market Place, designed to help public sector organisations find technology or people for digital projects, the Digital Outcomes and Specialist framework is specifically targeted at the procurement of specialists to deliver software development. The appointment of thinkWhere as a Digital Specialist recognises the company's experience and expertise in the field of open source geographic information technology. "thinkWhere is already extremely active in the public sector and recently was awarded G-Cloud status for our Software as a Service solutions including groundMapper and Location Centre," commented Alan Moore, CEO of thinkWhere (pictured). www.thinkwhere.com

AWARD

"Streets of Gold" map wins two British Cartographic Society Awards



Following success at this year's Esri User Conference, "Streets of Gold" has won two prestigious accolades at the British Cartographic Society Awards. The first was the **OS Award** for excellence in the application of Ordnance Survey data. The second was the **BCS Award** – the grand prize for the best overall map. Streets of Gold is a 1.13m square map of greater London created on a base of 24 carat gold leaf. It is the result of a collaboration between Europa Technologies and London-based artist, Ewan David Eason. This stunning piece is a special edition of Ewan's celebrated Mappa Mundi series. It was created using Esri GIS software and Ordnance Survey Open Data, specifically OpenMap Local. www.europa.uk.com

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GeoSLAM appoints Chief Revenue Officer and General Manager



Geospatial solution provider **GeoSLAM** has announced its latest senior appointments following sustained growth. **Darren Burford** joins GeoSLAM as chief revenue officer, bringing over 25 years' experience in built environment industries, having led million dollar departments at global blue-chip companies. **Mack Koepke** joins the GeoSLAM team as general manager and vice president of sales in the Americas. Bringing over 13 years' experience in sales leadership, Mack's most recent role was in the remote sensing industry, bringing satellite imaging technologies to the Americas, Middle East and African regions. Using his knowledge of the international market, Mack will aim to replicate the culture of GeoSLAM in the UK overseas and cater to the growing interest in geospatial technology by helping to further establish the company's US footprint. The two appointments are part of GeoSLAM's wider strategy for expansion, following its plans to recruit for a range of roles at its UK headquarters in Nottingham and around the globe. www.geoslam.com

AWARD

Riegl VUX-240 wins the Wichmann Intergeo Innovation Award 2019



During the closing event of INTERGEO 2019 on Thursday, September 19, the **RIEGL VUX-240** Airborne Laser Scanner was awarded with the coveted glass trophy in the hardware category. This annual award has been awarded now for eight years. Despite strong competition, the lightweight and versatile VUX-240 convinced both the jury of experts and the public with its high performance, efficiency, and user friendliness. The scanner can be easily mounted to unmanned platforms (UAVs), as well as to helicopters, gyrocopters, and other small manned aircrafts. With an extremely fast data acquisition rate, the sensor is perfectly suited for high point density corridor mapping applications like power line, railway track or pipeline inspections or topography in open-cast mining. www.riegl.com

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Thomas Pesquet becomes a patron of Aviation sans Frontières



The **ESA** astronaut **Thomas Pesquet** made the announcement at a press conference taking place on the first floor of the Eiffel Tower in Paris on Thursday, 12 September 2019. Among the foremost French ESA astronauts to share his experiences with the general public, in particular through his social media posts, Thomas Pesquet has helped to raise awareness among French people of the social and economic value of scientific research in space. In keeping with his values - from the protection of the environment to the condition of our life on Earth - he has decided to work shoulder to shoulder with the 800 volunteers of Aviation Sans Frontières (Aviation without Borders). Thomas will help communicate the organisation's missions to the general public and will become its new patron. <http://thomaspesquet.esa.int>