

Latin America Geospatial Forum Recognises Regional Geospatial Endeavours

17th August, 2011, Rio de Janeiro: At the inaugural ceremony today in the first edition of Latin America Geospatial Forum, ten user organisations were felicitated with the Geospatial Excellence Awards for their sustained efforts and innovative applications in geospatial technology. Given for Geospatial-based execution of their respective projects, the awards were presented to representatives of the organizations by Dr. Eduardo Pereira Nunes, President, Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística – IBGE and Ricardo Henriques, President, Instituto Pereira Passos - IPP. Five of the awardees are from Brazil, two from Chile and rest from Argentina, Colombia and Venezuela. The Excellence Awards gives international recognition to the sustained efforts of the organisations of the Latin America region. The regional initiatives have raised the bar for the utility of geospatial technology in various areas. The organization felicitated with the Geospatial Excellence Award.

1. VALE for successfully implementing geospatial technologies at enterprise level in the project “GIS Mineral” - a comprehensive solution for integration and access of data across different departments
2. Petrobras, Brazil - for successfully implementing geospatial technologies for exploration and production in offshore environment
3. Sistema Nacional de Coordinación de Información Territorial, Republic of Chile for implementation of Web GIS in the project 'Geonodo'
4. Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística, Brazil – For development of the territorial base to meet the demands of the 2010 Census
5. CAF banco de desarrollo de América Latina, Venezuela – for implementation of Regional SDI
6. Oi – Telemar Norte Leste, Brazil – for implementing geospatial technology for business intelligence techniques
7. Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi, Colombia - for efficient Cadastre and Land Management under the project Sistema de información Geográfica para la Planeación y el Ordenamiento Territorial Nacional (SIG-OT)
8. Instituto Geográfico Militar, Republic of Chile – for successfully implementing geospatial technology for Disaster Management
9. Comisión Nacional de Actividades Espaciales, Argentina for GNSS initiatives
10. Diretoria de Serviço Geográfico do Exército, Brazil for serving the surveying and mapping needs of the nation

About Latin America Geospatial Forum

The Latin America Geospatial Forum is scheduled for 17-19 August, 2011 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. With Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE) and Instituto Pereira Passos (IPP) as co-organizers the conference would highlight the need for firmly placing ‘geospatial knowledge’ at the heart of economic and development agenda of the nation. The conference, which will include

plenary and keynote sessions, symposia, seminars, workshops, technical sessions, technology shows and a state-of-the-art exhibition, would bring all stakeholders in the geospatial domain: government, academia, researchers, students, and the industry - onto one platform to come forward and share their learning and experiences with each other and rest of the world; and enter into meaningful dialogue towards development and strengthening of geospatial industry in Latin America. Know More: www.lagf.org

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