

Geospatial World Forum 2018 felicitates Technology disruptors of the Geospatial industry

Hyderabad, India: [Geospatial Media and Communications](#) is pleased to announce the winners for **The TechRuptors**. The awards recognize young entrepreneurs, who have built new businesses or are making a difference in the success of their companies and, in many cases, are making positive and lasting contributions to the community. The ceremony took place on the **17th of January**, during the Gala Dinner of [Geospatial World Forum 2018](#), in Hyderabad, India.

The Technology Disruptors are:

- **Will Marshall, Co-Founder and CEO, Planet- Technology Disruptor:** Will's leadership in creating Planet was instrumental in ushering in a NewSpace revolution, thus kick starting a phenomenon which is fast coming to be known as 'Democratization of Space'. With his vision and the advancements in communication technologies, software and artificial intelligence, geospatial business ecosystems are being redefined, creating newer avenues and opportunities of making difference, and laying the foundation for next decade.
- **Mark Johnson, Co-Founder and CEO, Descartes Labs- Disruptor in the Making:** Mark is known as a pioneer of Artificial Intelligence in the geospatial and data space. Under his leadership, Descartes Labs is building a data refinery for satellite imagery. The company has created a cloud-based supercomputer for the application of machine intelligence to sensor data. Descartes Labs processes data from the major constellations at scale to provide instant access to analysis-ready images of the entire world via a massive, searchable, on-demand interface.
- **Steve Coast, Founder, OpenStreetMap- Social Disruptor:** Steve's vision and leadership in creating OpenStreetMap (the free wiki map of the world) was a pioneering step in democratization of geospatial technology, bringing the power of maps in the hands of millions. Today, OSM is not only used by over 2 million active users, but is also the de-facto map for large chunks of the world, especially in developing parts of the world.
- **Javier de la Torre, Co-Founder and CEO, CARTO- Technology Disruptor:** As a student of Agriculture Engineering and Environmental Science, Javier de la Torre is passionate about data and its potential to improve the way decisions are made. By 2012, Javier discovered the magic of location intelligence, when he moved ahead and founded CARTO with a vision to democratize data analysis and visualization.

The TechRuptors Award is a natural extension of [Geospatial Hall of Fame Awards](#), which were presented at Geospatial World Forum 2017.

About Geospatial World Forum

Geospatial World Forum is known as the only conference covering the entire spectrum of geospatial technologies, workflows, policies and practices in one global platform. Founded in Hyderabad in 2007, the conference has travelled to Amsterdam, Geneva, Lisbon and Rotterdam.

About Geospatial Media and Communications

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