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### A word from Chris Aldridge, Director, Columbia River Region

Summer has once again come and gone (sort of) in the Columbia River Region and I find myself in the usual place this time of year. This has been what I typically refer to as "slow period" of the year.

One of the bright spots was the "LiDAR fest" organized by Vice President Jake Macdonald, hosted by Watershed Science, Inc. and supported by David Evans and Associates. The details of the event are described later in this newsletter, and I would like to thank the participants for presenting their technology, expertise, and sample projects to our community.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Annual Technical Exchange with the Puget Sound Region which will be held on October 29, 2010 at the Water Resource Center in Vancouver, WA.

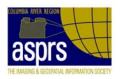
On the national front, our society remains professionally and financially sound. Our finances are tracking the 2010 projected budget well and we continue to enjoy the fruits of the sound fiscal and professional guidance of the headquarters staff and the Board of Directors of the last decade.

The one area that we are struggling with is membership. After a few years of holding steady, several factors have conspired to cause reduction in society membership once again. Roger Crystal has accepted an adjunct position of Membership Leader and is working with headquarters and the regions to try and boost our membership efforts. Developing new members is a far more difficult job than it would seem and each of us should be conscious of this important issue and do whatever YOU can do to recruit new members. The tricky part is not simply to add people, but to attract students and professionals who truly will benefit and contribute to the society and the geospatial information community.

ASPRS remains deeply involved in supporting and teaching geospatial initiatives to the federal and state governments. An example is the progress that is finally being realized with the LandSAT Data Continuity Mission, which has finally found a home at NASA and will likely see a launch date between December 2012 and June 2013.

Work continues on the ASPRS fall specialty conference in Orlando, Florida this year. This conference promises to be out of the ordinary. Typically a joint ASPRS and MAPPS conference, this year the organizations have been joined by ISPRS and CaGIS, which will bring a distinctly international flavor to the proceedings. It is not often that major players of the geospatial professional societies are able to gather for a single event. I recommend that anyone who has the opportunity, attend this event.

Here's hoping that we have an eventful and prosperous Fall.



#### A Message from Erik Brewster, President, Columbia River Region

The weather is wet and cooler, so it must be fall (or the 4th of July). Summer is fading and the school year has just begun. On the bright side this also means that football season is here! I mention this for 2 reasons: 1. I am a huge football fan – it fills the gap between summer and snowboarding. 2. *Oregon* and *Oregon State* are ranked in the top 25 this season. This is a fantastic situation for college football fans. There are some great matchups this year and the Civil War should be huge. Non-football folks can consider this a public service warning. For the next few months you will be subjected to football related arguments, discussions, traffic jams on I-5, and Beaver/Duck gear everywhere. For the record – I am a *Portland State* Viking.







We have had a busy summer around the Region this year. First off I would like to thank Ralph Kiefer for his hard work as our Student Chapter Liaison Committee Chair. Ralph decided to step down recently and we have elected Dan Craver to serve as the new Committee Chair. Thank you Dan!

On August 12, the Columbia River Region hosted an event that some have dubbed 'Laser fest 2010' at the Watershed Sciences office in Corvallis. The event was a huge success with over 50 attendees, and informal presentations from local geospatial organizations. Our VP Jake Macdonald, Watershed Sciences, David Evans and Associates, and OSU put on a great afternoon event. Thank you to all who attended.

The next Region event will be the 14th Annual Joint Technical Exchange with the Puget Sound ASPRS Region. This event will be held October 29th, 2010 at the Vancouver Water Resource Education Center in Vancouver, Washington. This is an excellent forum to present a recent project and/or learn what exciting geospatial work is occurring in the Pacific Northwest. Last year we had a full day of presentations and over 50 attendees. CRR Vice President Jacob Macdonald is hard at work currently planning the Technical Exchange with Puget Sound Region Vice President David Brown. We are excited to collaborate once again with our neighbors to the north in the Puget Sound Region. The call for abstracts has begun so please attend the Technical Exchange and share your projects and research with the CRR and Puget Sound Regions.





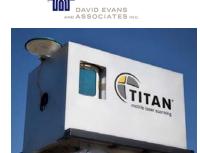
Russ Faux discussing airborne LiDAR

The Columbia River Region thanks Watershed Sciences and David Evans and Associates for hosting the "Laser Fest" in Corvallis, Oregon.

Watershed Sciences



Watershed Sciences displayed The Leica ALS 60 Airborne Laser Scanner (Courtesy of Leica Geosystems)



David Evans and Associates displayed their Titan Mobile Laser Scanner.



Attendees enjoying the LiDAR Fest



Marcus Reedy discussion the Titan Mobile Laser Scanner

#### ASPRS Columbia River Region welcomes the following new student members:

Donnych M. Diaz, Hillsboro, Oregon Mike Friberg, Albany, Oregon Jacob J. Gross, Corvallis, Oregon Adam Mosbrucker, Vancouver, Washington Keith Williams, Philomath, Oregon

#### **ASPRS Columbia River Region welcomes the following active members:**

Jeff Igelman, Corvallis, Oregon Jacob Watts, Portland, Oregon



# ASPRS COLUMBIA RIVER & PUGET SOUND REGIONS ANNUAL TECHNICAL EXCHANGE

Registration / Abstract Deadline: October 22, 2010

Date: Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Time**: 9:00-3:00 (Setup time available for presenters: 8:00-9:00 a.m.)

Place: Vancouver Water Resource Education Center

4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, Washington 98661, (360) 696-8478

Registration Fees:

ASPRS Members	_\$25.00 (Includes box lunch and copy of abstracts
Non-members	_\$35.00 (Includes box lunch and copy of abstracts
ASPRS Student Member	_Free + Optional Lunch (\$10.00) = \$10.00
Non-members Students**Fee waived if students register for ASPRS members	_\$10.00 + Optional Lunch (\$10.00) = \$20.00 ership at session.

We recommend purchasing the box lunch as there are no dining facilities in the near vicinity of the Water Resources Education Center.

**Parking:** Ample FREE parking available at the meeting site

#### WHAT: Technical presentations by Professionals, Educators and Researchers.

This event is an informal opportunity for people who are interested in the topics of GIS, photogrammetry, and remote sensing to learn more about what's going on in our own region in resource management, government, academia, and business. The information exchange is a day-long event in which local practitioners may present a 20-minute talk on one of their current or recent projects. This is also an opportunity to learn new techniques, meet new contacts, and refresh old ones. Projectors and wireless internet connection will be available. Presenters are asked to their keep presentations under 20 minutes to allow for questions and timely proceedings.

Speaker slots will be limited due to the single-day schedule, so get your requests in early to insure your slot. Abstracts are due October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

In addition to the visual presentations, each speaker will submit a 1-page description of the project and a 1-page profile of their organization (forms are on pages 4 and 5). The 1-page write-ups must be submitted by registration deadline so they can be compiled into a notebook for distribution at the meeting. Lunch and the notebook will be included in the registration fee.

#### WHO: ASPRS Members and Non-Members interested in expanding their knowledge.

Anyone interested in learning more about GIS, photogrammetry, remote sensing, and related fields or who wish to share information about interesting or unusual projects in these areas are welcome. Please, extend this invitation to your colleagues who work in the areas of GIS, photogrammetry, and remote sensing. No commercial presentations or endorsements are allowed.

We particularly want to encourage non-members to come find out more about ASPRS. <u>As an encouragement, student attendees who wish to join ASPRS the day of the session will have the registration fee waived.</u> In addition, any person or company can sponsor a student by covering the \$10 registration fee, so please consider sending them to this session to learn more about our industry and society.

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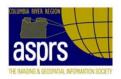
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#### November, 2010

ASPRS 2010 Fall Conference Doubletree Hotel at Entrance to Universal Orlando Orlando, Florida November 15-18

http://www.asprs.org/orlando2010/

#### May 2011

ASPRS 2011 Annual Conference Midwest Airlines Center/Hyatt Hotel Milwaukee, Wisconsin May 1 - 5, 2011 http://www.asprs.org/milwaukee2011/

#### November 2011

ASPRS 2011 Fall Pecora Conference Hilton Hotel at Washington Dulles Airport Herndon, Virginia November 14-17

#### March 2012

ASPRS 2012 Annual Conference Sacramento Convention Center (TBD), Sacramento, California March 19-23, 2012 October 2012

ASPRS/MAPPS Fall Specialty Conference Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel Tampa, FL October 29 - November 1, 2012

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