



Newsletter 2014/1 (February 2014)

Change of Name of MRSS to IGRSM

The Malaysian Remote Sensing Society (MRSS) was formed in July 1995, with the overall objective of supporting and facilitating the development of remote sensing and related technologies in the country. Since its existence, MRSS has embarked in several activities aimed towards further promoting the use of remote sensing technologies, strengthening government-private sector collaboration, encouraging more publications of R&D results, and keeping members duly informed of remote sensing activities within and outside the country.

On 19 November 2012, MRSS changed its name to the Institution of Geospatial and Remote Sensing Malaysia (IGRSM) to strengthen its brand and cover more areas that involve the fields of geospatial and remote sensing. Further information on IGRSM is available at <http://www.igrsm.com>.

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The edition was published in January 2014, with four papers:

- 1) Global LST Anomaly Mapping from MODIS Night Imagery
- 2) Evaluation of Land Use/Cover Changes in the Taleghan Watershed, Iran, Using Landscape Metrics
- 3) Building Vulnerability Assessment for Nibong Tebal, Penang, via GIS Based AHP Procedure
- 4) Comparative Analysis of Cell- and Object-Based Local Variance: Case Study on Physiographic Features Extracted from Multiscale Digital Elevation Models.

The edition is available at <http://www.igrsm.com/publication.html>.

IGRSM Talk on Evaluation of Vulnerabilities of Global Positioning System (GPS) Signals

A talk entitled *Evaluation of Vulnerabilities of Global Positioning System (GPS) Signals Using Field Evaluations and GPS Simulation: Case Studies on Radio Frequency Interference (RFI), Spoofing and Multipath* will be delivered by Dr. Dinesh Sathyamoorthy, Science & Technology Research Institute for Defence (STRIDE), Ministry of Defence, on 27 February 2014 at the Seminar Room, 1st Floor, Administration Block, Faculty of Engineering, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Serdang, Selangor.

7th IGRSM International Conference and Exhibition on Remote Sensing & GIS (IGRSM 2014)

IGRSM 2014 will be held on 21-22 April 2014 in Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The conference, with the theme *Geospatial Innovation for Nation Building*, is aimed at disseminating knowledge, and sharing expertise and experiences in geospatial sciences in all aspects of applications. It also aims to build linkages between local and international professionals in this field with industries.

All accepted papers will be published in IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science with high visibility and indexed in, among others, Scopus, El Compendex and Inspec. Selected papers will be invited for review for a special issue in the Malaysian Journal of Remote Sensing & GIS.

Among the highlights of the conference will include:

- Keynote presentations by:
 - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Francis Harvey, Chair of the Geographic Information Science Commission at the International Geographical Union (IGU): *GIS as an Enabling Technology for Innovation and Nation Building*
 - Prof. Dr. Naoshi Kondo, Bio-Sensing Engineering, University of Kyoto, Japan: *Innovation and Commercialisation through Industry-University Cooperation*
- Oral presentations from approximately 60 speakers, from both Malaysia and abroad
- *Workshop on Space Applications for Environment (SAFE)* which will be organised by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

Further information on the conference is available at <http://www.igrsm.com/igrsm2014>.

2014 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of IGRSM

In conjunction with IGRSM 2014, the 2014 AGM of IGRSM will be held on 21 April 2014, 5 pm, at Berjaya Times Square Hotel. The agenda is expected to cover the following:

- 1) President's address
- 2) Confirmation of the minutes of the 2013 AGM of IGRSM
- 3) Arising matters
- 4) President's report
- 5) Financial report
- 6) Debate on any motions tabled
- 7) Other matters.

Payment of Membership Fee

All IGRSM members are reminded to pay their membership fees for 2014 by 30 April 2014. The invoice of the fee will be emailed to members starting from 15 February 2014. The rate of the membership fee is as follows:

Category	Entrance		Annual Subscription	
	RM	USD	RM	USD
Ordinary member	30.00	15.00	60.00	30.00
Associate member	30.00	15.00	60.00	30.00
Corporate member	120.00	50.00	300.00	125.00
Student member	10.00	5.00	15.00	7.50
Affiliated member	60.00	25.00	150.00	65.00

The account details for payment of the fee are as follows:

Bank Account No.	:	1212-0000810-10-1
Account Name	:	INSTITUTION OF GEOSPATIAL AND REMOTE SENSING MALAYSIA (IGRSM)
Bank Name	:	CIMB ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD
Bank Branch	:	UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA, SELANGOR
Swift Code	:	CTBBMYKL (EFT-OUTSIDE MALAYSIA)

Payment can be made through the following methods:

<p>1) CHEQUE</p> <p>Payable to : INSTITUTION OF GEOSPATIAL AND REMOTE SENSING MALAYSIA (IGRSM)</p> <p>Bank in to the nearest CIMB cheque deposit machine</p> <p>Send a copy the bank-in slip (.pdf or .jpg) to igrsmalaysia@gmail.com</p>	<p>2) ONLINE BANKING AND ELECTRONIC TRANSFER FUND (EFT)</p> <p>Fill in the account information accordingly. Do not worry about the length of the account name as long as the account number is correct.</p> <p>Fill up your name in the description box.</p> <p>Please add igrsmalaysia@gmail.com as beneficiary recipient</p> <p>Print screen the successful transaction, and paste it on PAINT and save in .jpg</p> <p>Send the file to igrsmalaysia@gmail.com</p>	<p>3) CASH</p> <p>Make an appointment by phone (03-8946 7545) or email (igrsmalaysia@gmail.com)</p>
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