



Pacific Islands GIS and RS User Conference 2018

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**Theme: Transforming Pacific Resources and Infrastructure
Management using GIS & RS**

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USP Japan ICT Auditorium

Suva, Fiji

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What is the Pacific GIS & RS Annual Conference?

The Pacific Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS) Conference is the capstone event for Pacific GIS & RS experts. It is an event that is held annually, bringing over 200 local, regional and global attendees with special and working interest in the field of Geospatial Science and technology.

The conference is weeklong and is not short of activities after the day end with free social events held in the evenings. Over 50 presentations and 5 workshops (held on the last day) was successfully completed in 2017. The event and its associated activities provides opportunities for attendees to network, develop and share ideas and research outputs that have been achieved over the year(s).



Figure 1 2017 Pacific GIS & RS User Conference held at USP Japan ICT Auditorium. Picture supplied by Fiji Times

What activities are conducted?

A number of activities are planned throughout the conference week to keep attendees busy these include both social and conference related activities.

Workshops

Workshops are held on the Friday of the conference week for registered participants to take part in. Details regarding these workshops will be released closer to the conference date, please sign up to GIS PacNET or check www.picqisrs.org for more information.



Figure 2 Workshops are held on the Friday of the conference week.

Map and Poster Competitions

Participants are welcome to put forward maps or posters for the competition provided they are within the accepted standards. There are two categories for the competition, an open category for professionals and a student category for tertiary and high school participants. Prizes, which have been sponsored kindly, are awarded to the top three maps or posters for each category during the closing cocktail.

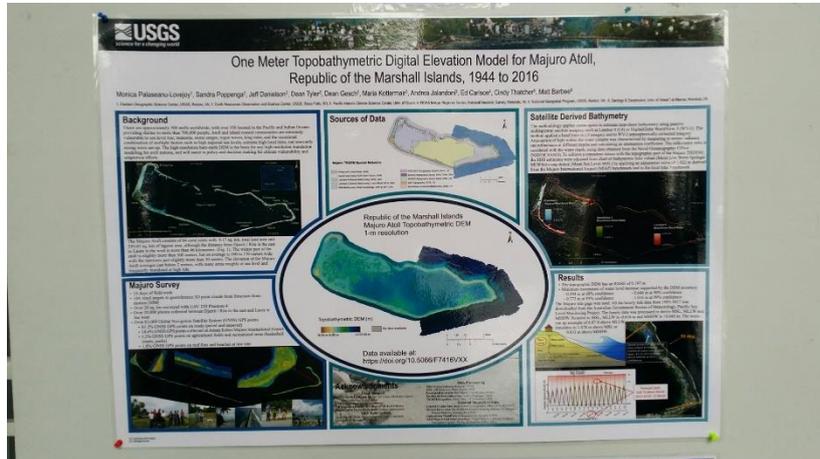


Figure 3 Open category winning entrant. Map and posters are displayed during the conference week and voting opens on the Thursday, and winners are awarded at the closing cocktail.

Opening and Closing Cocktail

An opening and closing cocktail is held every year, with Digital Globe being the annual sponsor for the opening event. An open bar, finger food and enjoyment is always guaranteed.

During the closing cocktail, prizes for the map and poster competition are awarded, and for the first time, the Asia Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards, for the Pacific category, will be awarded during the closing event.

Registration for the awards can be reached via:

<https://spatialexcellence.awardsplatform.com/>



Social Activities

Social activities also run during the evenings of the conference. These activities are run to encourage the attendees to socialise and form bonds among themselves in a more informal setting. Events are free and include the yaqona (kava) night, Suva pubcrawl night and the much-anticipated Sandbank Picnic.

Call for Presenters for the 2018 Conference

The call for presenters for the 2018 conference is now open for various categories. All presenters must be registered via the website where submissions can also be made. For more information or queries, please contact wolf.forstreuter@gmail.com or pgrsc.conference@gmail.com

Conference Registration for 2018

The 2018 conference will now charge a registration fee for participants. Fees can be payable via bank transfer and online. More details will be released via GIS Pacnet and the council website.

Contact Us

For queries, questions or anything in regards to the conference activities please do not hesitate to contact us via pgrsc.conference@gmail.com or visit our website for more information: www.picgisrs.org

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