ASPRS Announces Outstanding Service Award Winners

ASPRS proudly announces the following 2011 Outstanding Service Award Winners:

Thomas Lillesand, for his outstanding leadership as President of the ASPRS Foundation Board of Trustees, from the Foundation’s recovery by ASPRS in 2004 until 2010, overseeing tremendous growth in both the level of funds donated as well as the number of awards given.

Alan Voss, for his outstanding vision and devotion to the concept of using film media to document the history of photogrammetry and remote sensing as well as its impact on the evolution of ASPRS, leading to the successful development of the ASPRS Films Project.

Karen Schuckman, for her outstanding efforts in support of the ASPRS Films Project, and in particular for providing the vision and leading the effort to spin out from the Films Project the PBS Geospatial Revolution film production.

The ASPRS Outstanding Service Award was established in 1991. It is given to society members in recognition of outstanding and unusual efforts in helping ASPRS develop and carry out its program over a sustained period. Recipients have performed outstanding service at the chapter, regional, or national level. Awardees’ service includes any activities, including professional, that have helped the society achieve its goals and objectives.

The award consists of a bronze plaque. These awards were presented on Tuesday, May 3rd at the Annual ASPRS Conference in Milwaukee.

ASPRS Announces Marguerite Madden as 2011 SAIC Estes Memorial Teaching Award Winner

Marguerite Madden, a Professor of Geography and Director of the Center for Remote Sensing and Mapping Science at the University of Georgia, has been named as the recipient of the 2011 SAIC Estes Memorial Teaching Award.

The SAIC Estes Memorial Teaching Award was inaugurated in 2003 and is named in honor of Professor John E. (“Jack”) Estes, teacher, mentor, scientist, and friend of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS). This award is designed to recognize individual achievement in the promotion of remote sensing and GIS technology, and applications through educational efforts. Award recipients are chosen based on documented excellence in education, teaching, mentoring and training. The recipient receives a presentation plaque and a $2,000 cash award.

Madden has been a part of the Center for Remote Sensing and Mapping Science at the University of Georgia since 1990. She received a BA and an MA in Biology from the State University of New York, and her PhD in Ecology from the University of Georgia. Madden exemplifies the role of the faculty mentor. She has supervised thesis and dissertation work as major professor for nearly 30 students, and has served on committees of nearly 80 others. Many of these students appear as first authors in her extensive list of publications, and have received financial support from her long resume of grants and contracts. Her advising is not only distinguished by numbers, but by the quality mentoring she provides. Her students gather around her at conferences, and their applications frequently appear in scholarship competitions, attesting to her dedication in providing opportunities for professional development outside the classroom and thesis work.

Madden was instrumental in organizing the ASPRS Student Advisory Council and founded and currently advises the ASPRS Student Chapter at the University of Georgia. In addition to her regular university teaching she also has taught many workshops and short courses in mapping and remote sensing.

She is also a well published scholar, spanning both scientific topics as well as educational issues and has served as a reviewer for many journals, editor for five journals, and has been editor or coeditor of five major books, including the Manual of Geographic Information Systems. She has served on the Franklin College of Arts and Science Diversity Task Force, and has been active in arranging and hosting visiting international students and scholars from historically black colleges.

In addition to her teaching, Madden has been very active in the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) and within ASPRS. Currently, she is President of ISPRS Technical Commission IV – Geodatabases and Digital Mapping (2008-2012). In addition, within ISPRS Madden has been Co-Chair, Commission IV Working Group 4- Landscape Modeling and Visualization, (2004-2008) and Chair, Commission IV Working Group 6 (2000–2004). She served as the ASPRS Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division Director, (2003–2005) and ASPRS delegate to the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) (2002–2005). She was elected a Fellow member of ASPRS and has received the ASPRS Presidential Citation on two occasions.

Madden’s long-term visibility and leadership in the traditionally male-dominated field of remote sensing and mapping, including serving as President of ASPRS (2007-2008), has provided an important role model for many young women entering the field over the past 20 years. Madden has many other major accomplishments, but her career throughout has shown a consistent, prolific, and positive impact on students whether she is mentoring her own students or shaping the institutions, ideas, and literature which nurture their professional development.

The Award, with funding provided by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) through the ASPRS Foundation, was presented on Tuesday, May 3rd at the ASPRS 2011 Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.