

Discussion Session:



The discussion session you again hosts companies, scientists and GIS&RS users. The session provides the opportunity for outsiders to interact between these three groups and allows addressing your application problems in your country.

Workshops:

At the GIS&RS Conference 2018 six high level workshops have been conducted where participants were partly taught by the resource persons. QGIS development was explained by one of the main QGIS developer and a GBDX platform workshop was held by an DigitalGlobe specialist.



Social Events

The social events show Fijian hospitality and allow to interact between the users, scientists and companies and also between Pacific users themselves. Every evening there is one organised function, a) the **opening cocktail**, b) the **yaqona night**, c) the **Fijian pub crawl**, d) the **closing cocktail**, e) **Talanoa Club night** and f) the **sandbank picnic**.

Spatial Business Awards:

The 2018 Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards were handed out at the Closing Cocktail of the Conference by the SIBA-GITA representative.



Poster Competition:

The poster competition has two sections (i) the student poster competition and (ii) the professional poster competition. The posters initiated interesting discussions and showed the status of Pacific projects.



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Pacific Islands GIS & Remote Sensing User Conference 2019



25th - 28th November 2019
29th workshops and
30th November picnic

Suva, USP

**Ecological water
protection, a spatial issue**



The Conference

In 1998, USP approached the Fiji Lands Department to jointly conduct a two days National GIS Conference, which was then extended to a 3 day conference in 1999. In 2004 this Fiji Conference was renamed to the 'Pacific Islands GIS&RS User Conference' due to the increasing interests of participants that came from Pacific Island countries. In 2005 ISPRS joined the initiative and was part of the first discussion session of the Conference. Today, the Conference is the largest GIS and RS Conference in the Pacific, where Pacific application is dominating the content. There are similar conferences in New Zealand, Australia and Hawaii, however, Pacific islanders are not the dominant factor.

The Conference runs 4 days with over 60 presentations. Day five is reserved for workshops and day four contains the discussion session. The Conference provides the platform where three types of participants meet and interact: (A) Very different Pacific island GIS&RS users from government administrations, utilities and private enterprises, (B) Scientists from Pacific and outside universities as well as research institutes or regional organisations and (C) companies of the GIS and RS market providing hardware, software, image data and service. During the day PPT presentations are dominant, but the Conference also provides every evening a social function, which give opportunities for the three groups of participants to meet and exchange ideas.

During the last few years the Conference did not produce proceedings, presenters and presentations are available on the Conference website:

<http://www.picgisrs.org/>



PGRSC History:

The Pacific GIS and Remote Sensing Council (PGRSC) was officially launched in March of 2018. The 2017 Pacific Islands GIS & RS User Conference was the first one run by the independent Council and not by SPC. Now, the GIS and RS Council has Focal Point in nearly all Pacific Island Countries providing country input to the Conference. In 2020, it will be the first time that the Conference will be held in a different Pacific island country. Legal requirements for the Council determine that there is a PGRSC Board and there are three Trustees. PGRSC also has vehicles for information dissemination such as the Pacific Islands GIS&RS Newsletter, which exists since more than 25 years and a e-mail distributing list GIS-PacNet existing since 1996.



Today PGRSC is the Pacific regional member of ISPRS (International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing) and has a MoU with SIBA/GITA (Spatial Industries Business Association) and with STAR (Science Technology and Resource Network). Other links are in discussion. There are Focal Points for each Pacific Island Country.