



PRESIDENT REPORT
APRIL 2006-APRIL 2007
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1. INTRODUCTION

The Malaysian Remote Sensing Society (MRSS) has been in existence for twelve years since 1995. Its overall objective is to support development of remote sensing and related technologies in the country. To fulfill this objective several activities were completed by the present EXCO during the period April 2006 to April 2007. Among others these included 2 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) talks; the 4th MRSS Journal and the redesigned MRSS website.

2. EXCO MEMBERS

EXCO members elected for the term 2006-2008 are as follows:

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| i. | Dato' Nik Nasruddin Mahmood, FRSS
(MACRES) | President |
| ii. | Prof. Dr. Mohd. Ibrahim Seeni Mohd
(UTM) | Vice President |
| iii. | Mr. Loh Kok Fook
(Freelance Consultant) | Secretary |
| iv. | Dr. Laili Nordin
(MACRES) | Vice Secretary |
| v. | Mr. Kay Thoan San
(E Spatial Resources) | Treasurer |
| vi. | Dato' Abdul Jamil Mohd Ali
(Golden Hope Plantation) | Committee Member |
| vii. | Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohammed Abdul Rashid
Mohammed Shariff
(UPM) | Committee Member |
| viii. | Prof. Dr. Mazlan Hashim
(UTM) | Committee Member |
| ix. | Mr. Daniel Boey
(ESRI) | Committee Member |

Other members appointed are:

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| i. | Shamsuddin Ahmad
(UTM) | Auditor |
| ii. | Azlikamil Napiah
(MACRES) | Auditor |
| iii. | Mrs. Mariamni Halid
(MACRES) | Secretariat |
| iv. | Ms. Lily Fernandez
(MACRES) | Secretariat |
| v. | Ms. Khairon Meor Ishak
(MACRES) | Secretariat |

The EXCO had held three (3) meetings during the period April 2006 to April 2007 to implement activities decided in the eleventh MRSS AGM held on 20th April, 2006.

3. MRSS ACTIVITIES (2006-2007)

During the period (April 2006-April 2007) under review, MRSS had conducted the following activities:

i. Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Talks

Two CPD talks were held as follows:

- i. *Tsunami incidence* delivered by Prof. Madya Dr. Zulfikar from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) on 20 April 2006 at MACRES, Kuala Lumpur.
- ii. *Tsunami Modeling* delivered by Dr. Aidy from MACRES on 20 April 2006 at MACRES, Kuala Lumpur.

ii. Industry – Government Interaction

The publication of the 'Directory of Remote Sensing, GIS and Related Technologies', containing information of individual resumes and company profiles has again been delayed due to limited response. In addition the company identified by the EXCO to prepare the directory has informed the EXCO that it could not proceed with the task as it was against the company's core business. The EXCO has requested a post graduate student from Universiti Putra Malaysia to take up the job and the directory is expected to be uploaded in the MRSS website.

iii. Malaysian Journal of Remote Sensing and GIS

The 4rd MRSS journal is in the process of being published. The journal will be distributed to members in 2007.

iv. MRSS Website

The MRSS website has been redesigned and will be hosted at www.irepublics.com with an allocated domain disk space of 33MB. The home page will comprise 6 drop down menus – introduction; membership; MRSS constitution; publications (newsletter, proceeding, journals, directory); activities (workshop, conference, exhibition) and On-line registration.

v. Membership Update

Presently MRSS has 266 members, comprising 194 ordinary, 11 corporate, 13 associate, 47 student and 1 affiliated member. The challenge confronting MRSS now is to sustain paying members.

vi. MRSS Newsletter

Three newsletters were circulated to all members during April 2006 - April 2007. These have kept them abreast with the activities of MRSS.

vii. MRSS Membership Certificate

The MRSS membership certificates are ready for circulation. This will entitle you to discounts for all MRSS organized activities and can be used as proof that you are recognized by the society as a professional in remote sensing and its related activities.

viii. Amendments to MRSS Constitution

ROS has approved amendments to clauses 2.0, 5.2, 5.6, 5.8, 5.9 and 6.1 of the MRSS constitution.

With the amendment to clause 2.0, the new corresponding address for MRSS is henceforth the Malaysian Centre for Remote Sensing (MACRES).

Amendments to clauses 5.2 and 5.6 will enable MRSS to accept ordinary and affiliated members who are non degree holders. Amendments to clauses 5.8 , 5.9 and 6.1 will also enable MRSS to approve life membership for ordinary members.

ROS has also approved the official Logo of MRSS and to facilitate this, the constitution has also been amended to include a new clause which is clause 20 – LOGO. Another new clause has also been added, which is clause 7.1.7 regarding the fee of RM 600 for life membership.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The activities organized have benefited both MRSS members and non members. The EXCO has planned the following activities for the period April 2007 to April 2008

- i. 4 CPD Talks
- ii. Fifth Malaysian RS and GIS Conference
- iii. Publication of the MRSS RS-GIS directory
- iv. Fifth issue of the Malaysian Remote Sensing – GIS Journal
- v. Participation in the exhibition of the 28th ACRS on 6-9/11/2007 in Kuala Lumpur