

Ian Masser to Receive GSDI Global Citizen Award



Emeritus Professor Ian Masser is to receive the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure (GSDI) Global Citizen Award during the [15th GSDI World Conference in Taipei, Taiwan](#) on 2 December 2016. Masser's acceptance speech, which will be entitled 'Looking back on SDI developments with an eye to the future,' will draw upon his own experiences over the last 30 years and will reconsider the four Brave New GIS Worlds scenarios of future developments put forward in 1996 in the light of subsequent events. The speech will pay particular attention to the diffusion of SDIs that has taken place throughout the world and the impacts of technological innovation and the development of the GIS industry on society as a whole.

The GSDI Association occasionally recognises globally an individual who has provided exemplary thought leadership and substantive worldwide contributions in promoting informed and responsible use of geographic information and geospatial technologies for the benefit of society and fostering spatial data infrastructure developments that support sustainable social, economic, and environmental systems integrated from local to global scales. The recipient, if any, is selected by past recipients of the award and the GSDI Association executive committee which consists of its past president, president, and president-elect. Professor Masser is only the fourth person to be nominated for the Award.

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Educated in geography and town planning at Liverpool University, he held senior positions at the University of Liverpool, the State University of Utrecht, the University of Sheffield and the University of Twente in the Netherlands. Nearly half his time was spent in Sheffield where he was Professor of Town Regional Planning at the University of Sheffield for nearly 20 years. During a career that spans more than 60 years, Masser has visited more than fifty countries in all five continents. Born in York and, like a true Yorkshireman, he notes with some pleasure that most of the costs of his travels were born by government bodies and universities.

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