GISCI Announces 2022 Map Contest Winners

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The 2022 GISCI Map Contest kicked off earlier this year with entries accepted through April 30, 2022. Open to anyone, this year's entries were split into two categories, one for professionals and one for students. This annual event attracts folks from all over the world, highlighting their cartographic work, and this year was no exception. There were 20 entries in the professional category and 15 in the student category. Thank you to all those who took part! It is always a pleasure to see the demanding work and creativity displayed in each entry.

The subject matter and style for each map was left up to each person entering the contest. The creativity shown in each entry is impressive! But don't take our word for it, check out all the entries on our website. With a variety of impressive entries, the judges had a difficult task narrowing down the winners. Each map was judged on seven equally weighted criteria: accuracy, design/layout, legibility, visual appeal, effective communication, effective use of geographic information, and originality.

Congratulations to this year's winners!

Professional Category

- 1st Place: **Nollywood: Behind the Scenes of Nigerian Cinema** by *YoLani Martin*
- 2nd Place: **Spatial and Temporal Patterns in Piracy** by *Ben Leslie*
- 3rd Place: **NHL Teams and their AHL Affiliates** by *Kate Berg*

Student Category

- 1st Place: **Seventy Years of Canadian Wildfire** by *Glenn Ingram*
- 2nd Place: **The Distribution of Bombing Missions During the Vietnam War** by *Mingrui Huang*
- 3rd Place: **Ecotourism Destinations in Peninsular Malaysia** by *Yi Pin Tan*

Everyone who entered the contest receives points under the Contribution to the Profession category in their GISP Portfolio. Winners received cash prizes and their GISP certification fees waived. Additionally, those that used Esri software to create their maps will have their maps on display at the 2022 Esri International User Conference in July 2022.

Congratulations again to the winners! We look forward to seeing your entry in next year's contest!

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