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December 2022 GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge Exam®

Our next testing date is December 3-10, 2022. Visit <https://www.gisci.org/ExamInfo.aspx> for more information and to sign up.



GISP Certificate Change

The GISCI is seeking your input on a potential change to printed GISP renewal certificates. Due to various reasons, including bad address information, many renewal certificates are not making it to their intended destination. This creates a lot of waste and an added expense as we need to re-mail the missing certificates to recipients. We are also finding more and more people want their renewal certificates sent as a digital copy. We are considering only issuing renewal certificates as digital files. New GISPs will still receive their original certificate and pin and anyone who renews can request a paper copy of their certificate. Please let us know what you think of the potential change by sending an email to:

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COVID REMINDER

COVID has impacted all of us in different ways, but we are now emerging from the worst of the pandemic. We know that for some of you recertification may be a little more challenging during the next few years. If you are experiencing difficulties with recertifying, please let us know and we will work with you. COVID will not be a reason you cannot recertify.

GISCI Code of Ethics

The GISCI Code of Ethics is intended to provide guidelines for geospatial professionals and help them make appropriate and ethical choices. The Code provides a basis for evaluating one's work from an ethical point of view. By heeding this code, GIS professionals will help to preserve and enhance public trust in the discipline.

All GISPs must agree to abide by the Code of Ethics. Take a few minutes to refresh yourself with the Code: [GISCI > Ethics > Code of Ethics](#)



CONTRIBUTION IDEAS

Get involved – The easiest way to earn contribution points is to join a professional society or user group. Get involved with your local coordination council, special interest group or national organization like AAG, NSGIC, UCGIS or URISA.

Volunteer – This is one of the best ways to earn contribution points. Volunteer for your local community organization, the URISA GIS Corps or host a GIS activity. Giving back to the community is always rewarding.

Help run a conference – Enjoy attending geospatial conferences? Volunteer to help run one in your state or region or put together a one-day mini-conference for GIS professionals in your area.

Present at a conference – there is no better way to show the world your skills than to present in person or a poster at a conference.



Catch Us On The Road

Esri User Conference – July 11 – 14 at the San Diego, CA Convention Center

South Florida GIS Expo – August 25 – 26 at the Palm Beach County FL Convention Center

Central Florida GIS- September 12 & 13 at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach, FL

GIS Pro 2022 October 3-6 at the Boise, ID Convention Centre West



2022 Map Contest Winners Announced

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*

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!



Have you retired but still want to stay involved? Check out the GISP-R (retired) certification by visiting: [GISP – Retired \(gisci.org\)](#)

Want to recognize your organization for supporting GIS Professionals and the GISP Certification process? Apply for the GISCI Endorsed Employer designation at: [GISCI Endorsed Employer](#)

About the GISCI

The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) is a non-profit organization that promotes the advancement of proficient GIS professionals through its international GISP® (Certified GIS Professional) certification program. The Institute fosters rigorous professional and ethical standards, community engagement, and professional mentoring within the GIS industry. Contact us at www.gisci.org info@gisci.org or 1+ (847) 824-7768.