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Dear Members,

The 13th MRSS AGM is scheduled on 10 April 2008. It will be held at 4.00 pm in Seminar Room 3, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Jalan Semarak, Kuala Lumpur.

One important agenda of the meeting is to elect the new EXCO for the period from April 2008 - March 2010. Its timely that fresh blood be injected to move MRSS forward at with new ideas and activities.

Your attendance at this meeting is most welcomed and your ideas to enhance the image of MRSS will be much appreciated by the EXCO. In the presidential report some events envisaged for the year 2008 will also be discussed and endorsed at the meeting

5th MRSS RS-GIS Conference and Exhibition

A flier announcing the conference was circulated to all members and this is again another golden opportunity for members to present your research findings for peer discussion as well as for participants to keep abreast with the latest development of geo-information technologies.

The conference theme is ***Climate Change : The Role of Earth Observation*** and will essentially comprise 8 sessions - system development; natural resources and environment management; natural hazard and disaster management ; education and R&D; operational policy issues; bio-diversity management; earth climate change; and student career prospect and academic excellence

MRSS RS-GIS Journal

The fourth issue of the MRSS journal is scheduled for completion in May, 2008. The journal will contain articles covering ground water targeting; estimating stress and geo-tectonic; ground water potential zoning; footprint extraction of urban buildings; digital camera land cover mapping; vegetation and urban change analysis; and gradient versus zero crossing operators based edge detection.

Preparation of the fifth issue has also started and to-date it has received three articles. Please contact Prof. Dr. Mohd. Ibrahim for further details (Tel: 07-5530800 - [Email: mism@fksg.utm.my](mailto:mism@fksg.utm.my)).

Membership Update

Presently MRSS has 272 members, comprising 200 ordinary, 11 corporate, 13 associate, 47 student and 1 affiliated member. The challenge confronting MRSS now is to sustain paying members and one way is to offer life membership to members.

With the recent amendment to the constitution and approved by the Registrar of Society. Life Membership is offered to ordinary members of at least 5 years duration and have also settled their yearly subscriptions. The fee for Life membership is RM 600.

MRSS Website Upgrading

The MRSS website has been redesigned but needs further improvements. Members can access to the website at mrss.com.my. To-date the EXCO has received positive comments and any idea to improve the website is most welcomed not only from members but also the public at large.

CPD Talks

A talk entitled '**Introduction to LiDAR and its Engineering and Other Applications**' by Ms Trudy R Ganendra and Dato' Nik Nasruddin Mahmood was held on 25th March 2008 at ISM Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, Bangunan Ingenieur, Lot 60 & 62, Jalan 52/4, 46200 Petaling Jaya. The event was jointly held by MRSS and IEEM.

For more effective participation MRSS will continue to organize such talks jointly with other NGOs or user agencies.