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CEO and founder of Geodan honored by ESRI

Henk J. Scholten receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Henk J. Scholten received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his significant contribution to advancing the science and technology of geographic information systems (GIS) throughout his career. The award is an ESRI-initiative and is presented for the 29th time. Dr. Henk Scholten has received the award on 13 July 2009 at the ESRI User Conference in San Diego, CA, from ESRI president Jack Dangermond.

With this award, ESRI recognizes dr. Scholten's accomplishments as "one of the first adopters of GIS in the world and a prolific author of books on spatial analysis." ESRI also pays tribute to his prominence in the field, and his research work as scientific director of the Spinlab, the Spatial Information Laboratory at the Free University of Amsterdam.

How it all started

Dr. Scholten studied mathematics and geography at the Free University of Amsterdam and obtained his Ph.D. in 1988. Since 1990 he has been professor in spatial informatics at the Faculty of Economics of the Free University of Amsterdam and director of the Spinlab. Henk Scholten brought GIS from the USA to Europe and developed it further.

Books and publications

Dr. Scholten has written various articles about GIS for publication in international books and journals. His latest book 'Geospatial Technology and the Role of Location in Science' is about bringing together the expertise of leading GI-Scientists. The book traces the adoption and dissemination of Geospatial Technology in a range of disciplines. It examines the impact this technology has had, and is likely to have, on the explanation of spatial behaviour, phenomena and processes.

Co-founder Geodan

Dr. Scholten is co-founder and CEO of Geodan in Amsterdam, one of the largest European companies specialised in Geospatial Information Technology. Since its foundation in 1985 Geodan has grown into an independent group of companies with more than 130 employees, giving form and contents to all the aspects of the Geographical Information Systems. In his role as director of Geodan, dr. Scholten has been supervisor on a large number of national and international GIS projects. Dr. Scholten is advisor for several ministries in different countries.

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About Geodan

As an independent systems integrator and consultancy firm, Geodan has a wealth of experience with the exchange of geo-information and location-based services. Geodan has the solution for all problems related to geo-information. We are specialized in IT solutions for both the private and public sectors, which can be used to ensure the adequate management and availability of geo-information. Over the years Geodan has become specialized in the field of public safety, always from a GIS point of view. Eagle is a perfect example of the way Geodan operates: together we know more. We work in multidisciplinary teams that combine knowledge and in addition we network internationally, cooperating closely with scientists and partners. Geodan consists of a group of companies. Together they are a powerful source of know-how, expertise and creativity, supporting an extensive offering of products and services.

More information: www.geodan.com

About ESRI

Founded in 1969, ESRI provides companies with GIS software to address social, economic, business and environmental concerns at local, regional, national and global scales, allowing them geographic insight to ensure better communication and collaboration. The ESRI Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually at the ESRI User Conference.

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