

# Esri to Support and Host GIS Retro Colloquium and Conference

Dr. Barry Wellar has received a grant from Esri International to support organizing the *Research Colloquium and Conference on Designing and Applying the Retrospective Approach to Mine for GIS Nuggets*. The Colloquium will be held February 13-15, 2015 at the Esri campus in Redlands, California. The conference is tentatively scheduled to be held in February 2016.

In 1983, Prof. Wellar was director of the technical program committee and editor of the *Proceedings, Sixth International Symposium on Automated Cartography* (<http://wellar.ca/wellarconsulting/home.html>), which is widely regarded as one of the most influential international contributions to the evolution of automated cartography, geographic information systems, remote sensing, surveying, and related fields.

Then in 2013, to commemorate the 1983 conference he organized and edited *AutoCarto Six Retrospective*, in which 37 authors re-visited papers written 30 years previously. (<http://wellar.ca/wellarconsulting/AutoCarto Six Retrospective.pdf>).

Topics discussed by these leading contributors to the literature include:

- Thoughts shaping the design of the 1983 papers;
- Derivative attributions;
- Original contributions to the literature;
- Impacts;
- What was new in the papers; and
- What was different in the papers:

Jack Dangermond, through Esri International of which he is president, is making available funds and facilities to support organizing and hosting the colloquium and conference. An internationally known leader in the GIS industry, Mr. Dangermond participated in the 1983 AutoCarto Symposium as a keynote speaker on the topic “Science and Geographic Information Technology”, and contributed the Introduction to *AutoCarto Six Retrospective*.

Background documents which will be used to design the colloquium curriculum and the conference program include “Using the Retrospective Approach to Commemorate AutoCarto Six”, which is published in the *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research* (Volume 5, Issue 1, 93-99) and a second paper, “Review and Implications of the AutoCarto Six Retrospective Project” which also has been accepted for publication post colloquium and conference in the *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research (IJAGR)*.

Don Albert, editor of *IJAGR*, has agreed that a pre-publication copy of “Review and Implications of the AutoCarto Six Retrospective Project” can be made available to colloquium and conference participants.

Information about the *Research Colloquium and Conference on Designing and Applying the Retrospective Approach to Mine for GIS Nuggets* will be posted at: <http://wellar.ca/wellarconsulting/>.

Please send questions about the colloquium and conference to Barry Wellar at [wellarb@uottawa.ca](mailto:wellarb@uottawa.ca).



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