Social Events

During every Conference there are organized social activities to keep participants entertained. The GIS/RS User Conference is not only about maps and the latest technologies it's also about socializing and having fun at the same time.

The activities involve a lot of interacting between participants in a wind down relaxing environment with a few cold ones. For those that are not into the social drinking there is also great food and appetizers available. Activities organized by the team takes into account the different ethnicity and cultural groups the participants belong to and also experiencing the Fijian way of life and drinking Kava with the occasional TAURATALE (dance).

Sand Bank Picnic

Events such as the picnic at the Sand Bank is one of the activities also provided at the conference. This is a chance to unwind after the conference week. Having a cold beer while relaxing at the sand bank waiting for the BBQ to get ready

Yaqona Night

Nothing reflect's the Fijian deep respect for traditions like Yaqona (Kava) drinking. Yaqona is also a catalyst of bringing strangers together and leaving as friends. Be part of this age old tradition and perhaps the most important aspect of yaqona drinking is sitting around the Tanoa and having a Talanoa (conversation) session that creates an Invisible bond between participants.

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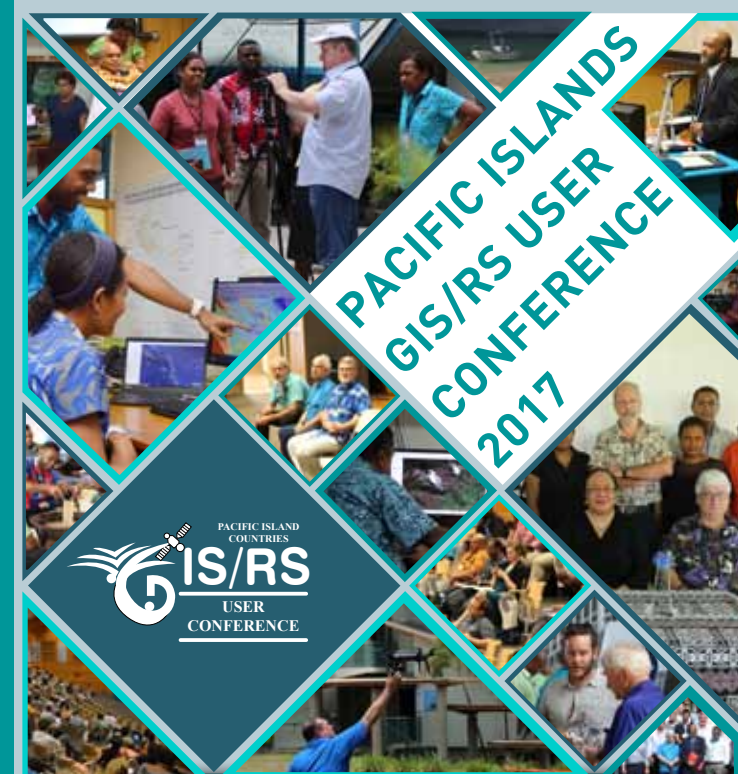@PacGISnRS
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There is something for everybody here at Pacific GIS/RS user conference. Whether you are part of the private sector, academia or the Government, You can always take something away from different ranges of great presentations and with over 250 professionals from the Pacific and around the world in attendance each year.

Exchange of Information

November 19, 2016 - The development and fine-tuning of application of Geographic Information Systems for Pacific Island countries will be an important component of the Pacific Islands GIS/RS Conference 2016.

A geographic information system (GIS) is a computer system for capturing, storing, checking, and displaying data related to positions on Earth's surface.

GIS can show many different kinds of data on one map. This enables people to more easily see, analyse, and understand patterns and relationships.

Scheduled from November 28 to December 2, the conference will host 20 Pacific Island countries, scientists, satellite data companies and software companies to an exchange of information.

And Dr. Wolf Forstreuter, head of SPC's GIS/Remote Sensing Unit says the conference will give Pacific Island participants the chance to discuss GIS in the Pacific context.

"Application of GIS and remote sensing works well in the United States and in Europe but needs adaptation for the Pacific," he said.

"Open source software is replacing propriety GIS software and it's essential Pacific Island countries often have difficulties to maintain software.

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Out of 72 presentations made at the Conference, 21 were in and around open source GIS tools and data. #PacGISnRS #FOSS4G
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A great opportunity to network, to share experiences, to learn from one another and ask questions of industry experts. The Conference is not just about sessions and keynote speakers; it is about community. And keeping it entwined. Come and join us for a week of learning, networking and cool activities after the end business is done!!!

Discussions sessions at the Conference

At the 2016 Conference, the following topics allowed for in-depth collaboration and the sharing of knowledge and best practices for the GIS/RS community and experts i.e:

1. Applications of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

2. Open Source and Open Data

3. Mapping Forest Degradation

4. Illegal Fishing and Monitoring

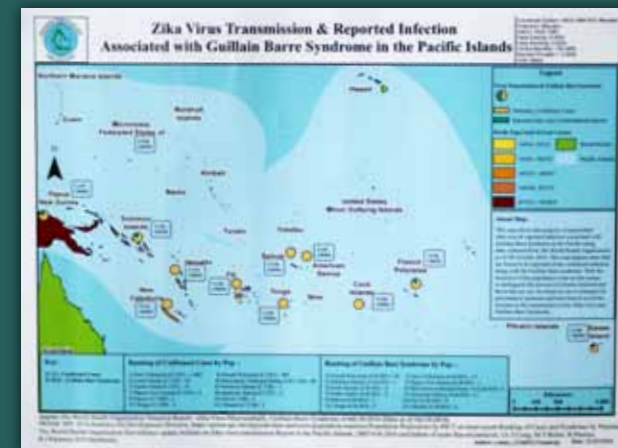5. Disaster Risk Modelling & Impact Forecasting Tools

Map and Poster competition

The conference is also pleased to announce a map and poster competition for University students and a first Professional category.

All students from the tertiary level in the region and GIS & RS professionals in the public and private sectors are, invited to participate with their studies and work on any topic regarding GIS and RS and its use.

The competition aims to encourage geospatial thinking and to award outstanding students and professionals in GIS learning, research and applications.

Winners will be announced during the Conference closing cocktail.

Some entries from 2016