

Successful CARIS 2012 Conference



On 25 to 28 June 2012, CARIS hosted CARIS 2012, its 14th International User Group Conference. The four-day conference saw a record number of delegates in attendance from a variety of nations across the globe from government organisations, defence, hydrographic offices, private survey companies, academic institutes, and industry manufacturers and consultants.

During the first two days of the conference, delegates engaged in user group meetings and boot camps. The HPD, Bathymetry DataBASE and the first-ever HIPS and SIPS user group meetings brought together users, resulting in a cross section of the use of CARIS products as well as an in-depth look at future development. The concurrent boot camps provided the first opportunity for hands-on practical training in Paper Chart Composer and the

popular HIPS and SIPS boot camp was packed with novice and intermediate users honing their data processing skills as well as learning some new features such as Water Column Imaging.

During the main conference session the opening keynote address was given by the Honourable Keith Ashfield, followed by inspirational speeches by Rear Admiral Ian Moncrieff CBE, Dr. Leslie Sautter and CARIS' Dr. Mark Masry, who shared some insight on the future development of CARIS products. The technical papers that followed were of the highest quality and widely respected among attendees. Papers presented were on topics that included discovery, data processing, data analysis and chart production.

During the breaks, delegates indulged in research posters presented by students from a variety of academic institutes studying in the geospatial industry. This was also an opportunity for delegates to interact with many industry partners who were exhibiting at the conference.

Throughout the duration of the conference, delegates were treated to a variety of networking events. Delegates took in the beauty and culture of Vancouver including a beautiful evening cruise along the shoreline. While on board, delegates took in breathtaking views of Vancouver's cityscape and monumental landmarks and joined us in the celebration of 20 years of HIPS.

Image: at CARIS 2012 (left to right): Geerten Blessing, CARIS BV, Managing Director; The Honourable Keith Ashfield, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans; Dr. Mark Masry, CARIS, Research and Development Manager; and Ian Moncrieff CBE, UKHO, Chief Executive.

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