

DR. BARRY WELLAR PRESENTATIONS AT GIS-PRO 2010

Dr. Barry Wellar, Professor Emeritus, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Ottawa, and Distinguished Geomatics Scientist at LAGGISS, gave three presentations at the 2010 Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Wellar gave two pioneering presentations on “*GIS as a Factor in Standard of Care Decisions*”, and “*GIS as a Factor in Standard of Care Decisions: Executive Aspect*”. The presentations are based on Dr. Wellar’s research in the application of geographic information systems, and his experience as an expert witness in standard of care lawsuits. We believe these are the first conference presentations linking GIS and standard of care analysis.

The two papers by Dr. Wellar are published in the URISA Proceedings. However, Dr. Wellar made the PowerPoint slides used in his presentations available to LAGGISS, and they are posted on the LAGGISS website.

In addition, Dr. Wellar was invited to make a Closing Plenary presentation which challenges attendees to excel in GIS. His plenary remarks are titled, *Excelling in GIS Means Running with the Big Dogs*".

While his plenary remarks are intended for conference attendees, they are very important reading for all GIS students and GIS professionals, and especially those who visit the LAGGISS website.

We are very pleased, therefore, that although his closing plenary paper must be accessed via the URISA proceedings, the PowerPoint slides used in Dr. Wellar's presentation have been

made available to LAGGISS, and are posted on the LAGGISS website.

LAGGISS is extremely pleased to once again report on significant Canadian contributions to the GIS field, and we look forward to Dr. Wellar's participation in GIS Day 2010 at the University of Ottawa.

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