

The David A. Hastings Award



The FOSS4G-Asia 2021 organizing committee wish to announce the recipient of the second David A. Hastings Award for exceptional service to the Free and Open Source Solutions for Geoinformatics (FOSS4G) communities in Asia. It is a recognition of contributions to the spread FOSS4G in academia, government and business and promoting the use of FOSS4G in projects in Asia, or help localize and customize FOSS4G tools for Asian communities.

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Dhulikhel - Nepal

David A. Hastings

Lived by the rule "community before self"

The award is in fond memory of David, an early pioneer of FOSS4G. David was a member of the GRASS-GIS Interagency Steering Committee (GIASC) since 1987. I think he was a member till he passed away, since GIASC was never formally disbanded.

His Linux GRASS GIS How-to document helped many to get initiated to GIS technologies. He was actively involved in the first FOSS4G event at Chulalongkron University in Bangkok Thailand in 2004, which helped kickstart future annual FOSS4G events.

He also led an "Installfest" at FOSS4G 2004 event, which set the tone for training workshops and software packaging initiatives.

David would later go on to develop the global level measurement of human development and happiness, what he coined as the Human Security Index.

Martin Isenburg

- Single-handedly revolutionized LIDAR data processing through his innovative compression software LASzip
- Successfully launched and supported the LAStools product for LIDAR processing
- Member of Committee for selecting FOSS4G-Asia Host since 2014
- Regular participant at FOSS4G-Asia Events.
- Travelled through Asia and helped communities of all sizes, with capacity building and technology transfer.
- Scientist in the body of a surfer/environmentalist
- Wonderful human being and great fun to be with!!







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Goodbye Martin,

Rest in Peace!!

Tons of thanks from FOSS4G-Asia Community!!