

2018

# SSSI PROFESSIONAL EMINENCE AWARD



**ASIA-PACIFIC**  
SPATIAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

## NATIONAL WINNER

### Gary Johnston

Gary receives this award for outstanding public service through improving national and international scientific program delivery in satellite positioning and geodesy.

Mr Johnston's leadership in his role as Branch Head, Geodesy and Seismic Monitoring at Geoscience Australia has enabled the improved adoption of satellite Positioning, Navigation and Timing technology across Australian industry, research and government sectors.

Internationally, as co-chair of the working group responsible, he led the complex international effort developing a United Nations General Assembly resolution to adopt the resolution 'A Global Geodetic Reference Frame for Sustainable Development' - the first UN resolution recognising the importance of a globally-coordinated approach to geodesy. The development of the resolution required his considerable technical and diplomatic leadership and advocacy.

Since 2015, Gary he has chaired the International Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Service (IGS). GNSS supports many applications, including precise navigation, machine automation, and surveying and mapping. His key contribution has been to refocus IGS efforts onto societal applications of precise observations of the Earth using GNSS technologies.

SSSI is proud to present this award to Gary in recognition of his skills, dedication and achievements.

