



**IRLOGI**  
**Irish Organisation for Geographic Information**

Member of EUROGI  
European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information

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**YOUR MEMBERSHIP OF IRLOGI**

IRLOGI has as its main aim the promotion of the widespread and effective use of Geographic Information (GI) and Geotechnologies (GT) in Ireland.

The IRLOGI Executive Committee invites you to support our activities in 2016. Our members support Irlogi not only financially, but also in terms of time, by offering their staff as Officers of the Executive Committee to manage the varied activities.

**Sponsor Membership**

We currently have 6 Sponsor Members, Ordnance Survey Ireland are joined by Compass Informatics, GeoDirectory (An Post), 1Spatial, Leica and Geological Survey Ireland.

Sponsor members receive enhanced benefits including the Irlogi website landing page logo and links, an exhibitors stand at the annual conference and automatic sponsorship of the annual Space and Place Awards etc.

Our website and Social Media platforms offer ample opportunity to promote commercial activities like roadshows, product launches, personnel appointments and job announcements, free of charge. With a marketing database of up to 1,000 of the key decision makers in the world of Irish and UK GIS, this is a golden marketing opportunity.

The Membership fee is €1,350, which covers all employees, interns and contract workers to attend events either free of charge or at reduced rates where applicable.

**Corporate Membership**

We currently have 25 Corporate Members, who support Irlogi both financially, but also in terms of time offered to their staff to direct policy as Officers of the Executive Committee and leaders of the various sub-committees set up to manage the varied activities. Our members include Government Departments, including Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Defence, Finance, Education and Health. Many Local Authorities are members (Cork City Council, Roscommon, Waterford, Wexford, Fingal, South Dublin, Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown and Dublin City Council). We also include the DAA, PRAI (Land Registry), OPW, ESB Networks, Marine Institute and a wide selection of 3<sup>rd</sup> level institutions including NUI Galway, NUI Maynooth University, UCC, UCD and Private Companies including Mallon Technologies, Gamma, Siro, Bluesky International, RPS, Autodesk/ Diatec, The Icon Group and very many more.

The Membership fee is €360, which covers all employees, interns and contract workers to attend events either free of charge or at reduced rates where applicable.

**Please contact Fiona Brown - General Manager on [fbrown@irlogi.ie](mailto:fbrown@irlogi.ie) for more information; you may register and pay your membership online at [www.irlogi.ie](http://www.irlogi.ie) .**

### **The IRLOGI Executive Committee**

The IRLOGI Executive Committee (Excom) currently comprises 10 dedicated volunteers, elected on an annual basis from our member organisations. The Excom is drawn from industry, State and Semi State bodies and gives many hours of their time and expertise to ensure the promotion of GI in the Community. Our current President is Bruce McCormack, previously Senior Planner at the department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, able assisted by our two Vice-Presidents, Niamh O’Keeffe (Mallon Technologies) and Richard Cantwell (Gamma).

IRLOGI is supported by the General Manager who co-ordinates the activities of the Excom, and provides administration, financial and event management expertise. The committee operates within a Portfolio structure, and sub committees are created as and when the workload requires:

- **Government Policy**
- **Commercial Awareness and Development**
- **Education**
- **Events and Communications**
- **European Affairs**

### **IRLOGI activities – highlights of 2017**

- We host seminars and workshops on topics relevant to the GI community: this year we offered events covering QGIS, Python, R and these events will continue on a regular basis throughout the remainder of 2017 and into 2018. Attendance at these events is, in most cases, limited to members and are always free to attend. A Pizza and GeoBeer follows most of these events, when permitted by the venue!
- GeoBeers – at the conclusion of most of our events, we like to kick back and relax with a GeoBeer – they offer the opportunity to meet like-minded GI people in a social, rather than business setting.
- Our most popular GeoBeer celebrates **World GIS day**, and where possible our Space and Place Award winners showcase takes place on the same day. In 2017 this is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – mark the date in your diary!
- Our Annual GIS Ireland 2017 conference in October has become the largest dedicated GI conference in Ireland. This year’s Plenary topic is Climate Change. We also host our very popular Space and Place Awards, now in their 8<sup>th</sup> year, during the conference. Irlogi members can obtain various benefits, ranging from free exhibitor stands and delegates for Sponsor members, discounted exhibitor rates and free delegates for Corporate members, and special day delegate rates (including substantial group discounts) for all members.
- Our monthly Webinar series - very kindly hosted by GeoDirectory - has proven to be popular both on a national and international level. Hosted on the second Wednesday of each month.
- We offer bursaries to our members to attend national events and International conferences.
- Our International Outreach programme, where we fund a volunteer to travel and work in Africa, will send a worthy recipient to Ghana next year.
- Irlogi assisted the Geoinformation Group UK to promote their series of Geodata workshops in Dublin in April 2017. We hope to continue our relationship into 2018.

### **IRLOGI AND EUROGI**

We have been members of EUROGI - the European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information, since it's inception. This involvement reflects Ireland's keen interest in European developments and how they both affect and influence policy/ opportunities in Ireland.



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EUROGI issues position papers on the subjects of Open Data, Linked Data, the Internet of Things and the promotion of GI/GT in the SME sector. When the EUROGI papers are finally approved they will be useful as a basis for discussions with relevant Irish government and other decision-makers.

Irlogi's President, Bruce McCormack, has also served as both President of Eurogi and a member of its Executive Committee, and vigorously promotes Ireland's interests.