

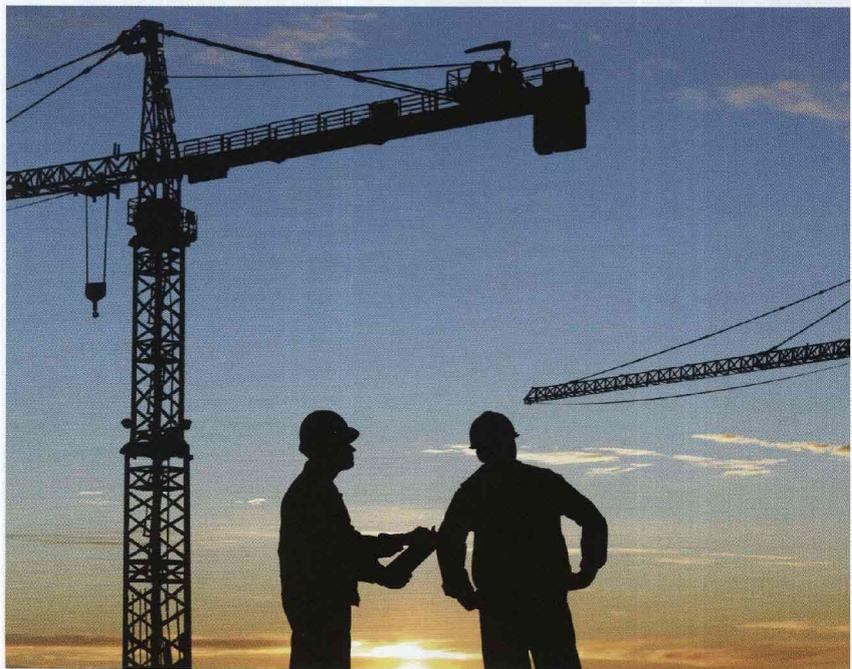
Significant Moves for Geomatics Professionals

The **Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI)** formally signed an Agreement on the 29th July 2015 that would see the transition of membership from IIS to **SCSI/RICS**

The IIS member organisation, consisting of land surveying professionals, will enter the **SCSI** under the Geomatics Surveying Professional Group. The Professional Group will potentially increase by over 260 members. **SCSI** President Andrew Nugent said "This significant increase in numbers will in no doubt play a pivotal role in promoting the Geomatics Surveying discipline to both policy makers and to school leavers considering the profession as a career." The IIS was founded in 1989 and was a professional body for land surveyors in Ireland practicing in the service sectors of measurement science, spatial data management, and land management. At an EGM in 2014, IIS members voted to accept an offer of membership to transition to the **SCSI/RICS**. This paved the way to be accepted into the Geomatics Surveying Professional Group of **SCSI**.

Ben King, Chair of the Geomatics Professional Group and long standing member of both the **SCSI** and IIS said "I was always of the view that to increase the influence of Geomatics within industry and Government, as well as client confidence, we have to remove any perception of fragmentation within the profession. This historic event builds on the unique knowledge and expertise that both institutions represent different sectors of surveying. It will be a considerable boost to the Geomatics Surveying Professional Group and will in no doubt help to increase the profile of our profession among the other 11 surveying disciplines under the **SCSI** umbrella and in the wider industry of spatial data users."

Geomatics Surveyors use the latest state of-the-art survey equipment, employ satellites and aerial imagery and work with advanced survey and geographic information software (GIS) systems to provide solutions, expertise and knowledge that address the needs of individuals, contractors, state agencies, government departments and multinational organisations. Services that are provided for include, topographical surveys, setting out surveys, 3D laser scanning, internal dimensional measurements of buildings,



utility surveys, legal boundary surveys, aerial LiDAR surveys, building information modelling, flood mapping/modelling and structural movement monitoring to name a few.

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This is an exciting time for the Geomatics Surveying profession. The continuous advancement of technology in the property, land and construction industries and the appetite of governments and the private sector for real-time and

accurate spatial information allows the Geomatics Surveyor to capitalise on highlighting the benefits of the services and advice Geomatics Surveyors offer. Modern surveying equipment and innovative methods of spatial data capture is changing the image of Geomatics surveying from the 'mucky boot' surveyor to a provider of authoritative spatial data. With green shoots emerging in most built environment industries, the **SCSI** look forward to hopefully seeing a rise in students considering this exciting profession as a future career.

The Society, as a professional body advocating high standards, is very active in terms of producing useful research papers and reports. The success of this results in engagement with government ministers and officials seeking expert advice and suggestions to main issues of concern in our industry. The Geomatics Surveying Professional Group can play an integral part gathering and disseminating spatial data in ways that can supplement and integrate with existing information for the purpose of informed decision making.