

## Memorial Address and Student/Region Awards

Florida Ballroom VI

12:15 pm to 1:15 pm

This year's Memorial Address will feature the life and achievements of Ta Liang, presented by Warren Phillipson.

This gathering affords everyone an opportunity to remember the great accomplishment of the industry pioneers and a chance to learn how they continue to impact our world today as well as acknowledging our leaders of tomorrow with the presentation of the Student Awards. Tickets are not required.

**Ta Liang** was a pioneer in aerial photographic interpretation. His research resulted in seminal reports that became standard references for recognizing and assessing landforms, landslides and tropical soils. In addition to being one of the world's foremost airphoto interpreters of engineering soil and rock properties, he was a skilled civil engineer, who was awarded the U.S. Emblem for Meritorious Civilian Service during World War II; a consultant to national



Ta was an emeritus member of ASPRS, who served as president and national director of the Central New York Region, chaired national committees, and never missed a regional or national meeting. His memory is honored through the ASPRS Foundation's "Ta Liang Memorial Award," which, since 1989, has annually provided support for research-related travel by the selected remote sensing graduate student.

### Presenter:

**Warren Phillipson** is a senior scientist, currently deployed to the National Intelligence Council of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. He was associated with Cornell University for 30 years; for nearly 25 of those years, he was a student, employee and colleague of Ta Liang. At Cornell, Phillipson received his BCE, MS (Photogrammetry) and PhD (Soil Science), co-directed or directed the Remote Sensing Program, established the inter-college Cornell Laboratory for Environmental Applications of Remote Sensing, taught, advised, conducted research for NASA, EPA, USDA, USDI and others, supported many of Ta Liang's consulting projects, and consulted on UN and other efforts. In 1990, he left Cornell as a professor of remote sensing to pursue research interests with the federal government. Phillipson is an emeritus and fellow member of ASPRS, who has served the society in various capacities -- national director, member of the executive committee, member and chairman of national committees, region president, and editor of the *Manual of Photographic Interpretation*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

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and international government and industrial organizations, who demonstrated the value and methods of airphoto analysis/remote sensing through projects in some 40 countries; and an outstanding teacher and advisor, who left China to spend the second half of his life at Cornell University, where he earned his MCE and PhD, joined the Civil Engineering faculty and became a professor, led Cornell's evolution from "Aerial Photographic Studies" to "Remote Sensing," and influenced hundreds of students from the U.S. and around the world. Ta was an extraordinary human being, whose warmth, quiet strength, and approach to life were imprinted on the many people he so deeply touched.

### Presidential Citations

Mary Clinthorne, Perry Hardin, Dr. Rakesh Malhotra, Dr. Albert Barnett, Paul Brooks, and Randy Olsen

### Region of the Year

First Place: **The Columbia River Region**

First Honorable Mention: Tie: **The Eastern Great Lakes and The Rocky**

### Mountain Regions

Second Honorable Mention: Tie: **The Central New York and Central**

### Regions

### Region Newsletter

First Place: **Wavelengths Columbia River Region**

Second Place: **The Central Region Newsletter**

Third Place: **Rocky Mountain Compiler**

### Region Website

First Place: **Eastern Great Lakes Region**

Second Place: **Rocky Mountain Region**

Third Place: **Alaska Region**

### ASPRS Student Travel Grants

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