

*With our Deepest Condolences*

ASPRS extends the deepest condolences to its longtime Sustaining member, the Surdex Corporation of Chesterfield, Missouri, on the loss of three employees in an airplane accident on 28 September 2021 near Eagle River, Wisconsin. Family, friends, and co-workers have this professional community's deep wishes for the strength to cope with the devastating tragedy.

*In Memoriam*

*Martin Isenburg*

The ASPRS community was saddened to hear about the unexpected loss of one of our members recently, Dr. Martin Isenburg. Martin was the proprietor of Rapidlasso and creator of the widely used LAS tools, LASzip, and PulseWaves software for point-cloud and lidar processing. Martin was instrumental in helping ASPRS make the LAS file format the de facto standard for lidar data, especially the LAS 1.4 specification, and he built upon that success with a well adopted lossless compression version of LAS, called LAZ. Martin was a vocal advocate for open data, open formats and open source methods for lidar and point cloud data in general. The lidar and ASPRS community has lost a truly inspiring leader. He will be missed.

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applied for more than 30 years by users in numerous disciplines to easily visualize and interpret complex data sets. For additional information, visit [www.GoldenSoftware.com](http://www.GoldenSoftware.com).

Virtual Surveyor has developed an enhanced point cloud workflow for Version 8.3 of its drone surveying software that allows users to take full advantage of the new lidar payloads like the DJI Zenmuse L1. LiDAR drone sensor systems enable users to capture survey-grade elevation data even in vegetated terrain.

Virtual Surveyor is a robust surveying software that bridges the gap between drone photogrammetric processing applications and engineering design packages, enabling surveyors to derive topographic information from drone data needed by engineers for construction, mining, and excavation projects. The software presents an interactive onscreen environment with drone orthophotos, digital surface models (DSMs), and/or lidar point clouds where users generate CAD models, create cut-and-fill maps, and calculate volume reports.

Current subscribers to Virtual Surveyor will see their software updated to Version 8.3 automatically. To start a free 14-day trial of Virtual Surveyor and to view details of the three pricing plans, visit [www.virtual-surveyor.com](http://www.virtual-surveyor.com).

**CALENDAR**

- 14-18 December, **30<sup>th</sup> International Cartographic Conference & International Cartographic Exhibition**, Florence, Italy. For more information, visit <https://icaci.org/icc2021>.
- 1-3 February, 2022, **URIS LEAP Conference**. For more information, visit [www.urisa.org/leap](http://www.urisa.org/leap).
- 6-8 February 2022, **Geo Week 2022**, Denver, Colorado. For more information, visit [www.geo-week.com/](http://www.geo-week.com/).

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