The Surveying and Geomatics Educators Society (SAGES) is pleased to issue a call for papers for presentation at the upcoming 27th Biennial Conference to be held at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux LA, August 4 – 8, 2019.

SAGES promotes the effective teaching and learning of surveying, mapping, geomatics, and other spatially related education. SAGES is a forum where academia, industry and government work together to exchange ideas, promote common causes, and provide opportunities to improve the teaching and learning of geomatics (http://geosages.org/).

Abstracts and papers

Abstracts and papers related to surveying and geomatics education are of interest for this event.

**Topic 1: Surveying and Geomatics Education:**

Potential session topics in education include, but are not limited to:

a) Innovations in pedagogy styles and methods  
b) Innovative geomatics curricula  
c) Distance education – success stories, hybrid v/s 100 % delivery mode  
d) Appropriate integration of advanced technology into coursework  
e) ABET accreditation – experiences, best practices, program assessment techniques  
f) Recruiting and retention efforts  
g) Service learning opportunities

**Topic 2: Surveying and Geomatics Research:**

Potential session topics in research include, but are not limited to:

a) Research in conventional surveying, boundary and title research, cadaster  
b) Areas of geodesy, GIS, GNSS, remote sensing, photogrammetry and hydrographic surveying  
c) Emerging technologies (e.g. UAS, USV, TLSS, LiDAR, SAR, AR, VR, real-time monitoring, holographic computing)  
d) Importance of undergraduate research at a predominantly teaching institution  
e) Graduate and undergraduate student research (oral and poster presentations)

**Topic 3: Surveying and Geomatics Outreach:**

Potential session topics in outreach include, but are not limited to:

a) Role of professional organizations (state and national)  
b) Importance of professional licensure  
c) Industry and government agency partnerships  
d) Summer internships and cooperative work  
e) Workforce development, trends, and changes
Important deadlines:

- Abstract Submission for Full Consideration: **Mar 15, 2019**
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance: **Mar 29, 2019**
- Full paper deadline: **June 28, 2019**

Submit your 300-word abstract through the conference website <to be announced>. The proceedings of the conference will be sent for peer review and possible publication in a special issue of the prestigious Journal Surveying and Land Information Systems (SALIS). Please review the paper preparation guidelines prior to submission:

[https://www.aagsmo.org/salis-journal/](https://www.aagsmo.org/salis-journal/)

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