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Preface

Locate is the new annual conference on spatial information in Australia and New Zealand, bringing together for the first time all joint forces of SSSI, SIBA, ANZLIC, OSP, LINZ, CRC SI, PSMA, ASIERA and others. Locate'14 has been the inaugural event, and from here Locate aims to become the annual meeting point of industry, government and academia in one of the fastest growing areas of IT: spatial information.

Research@Locate is the academic research stream at Locate. It is organized independently by the Australasian Spatial Information Education and Research Association, ASIERA (www.asiera.org.au). Research@Locate has been designed to provide an Australasian research conference with a transparent full-paper peer review process, with carefully selected presentations and papers, and with its own annual, open-access proceedings. It aims to become the premier academic event in the Australasian region.

Already in its first year Research@Locate received 42 submissions. After a thorough peer review process, 16 of these papers were selected for the conference proceedings. This result corresponds to an acceptance rate of 38%. In addition to the 16 accepted full papers, four papers received sufficient reviewer support to be invited for presentation only, and for three of these presentations you will find short abstracts in the proceedings.

What you will find in these proceedings is a selected sample of research in the field of spatial information. The presentations this year were organized around four themes (sessions): sourcing and access, accuracy, processing and analysis, and algorithms. A few review papers are also included.

Research@Locate is organised by the Australasian Spatial Information Education and Research Association, ASIERA (<http://www.asiera.org.au>). ASIERA represents a significant part of the academic segment of the spatial information industry in Australia, with a workforce of several hundred people in fundamental and applied research and innovation, with a responsibility for educating and training future generations of spatial professionals.

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