

Geoscience and Remote Sensing

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE SOCIETY'S NEW NAME

This is the first issue of our publication to be printed under the new name, "IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON GEOSCIENCE AND REMOTE SENSING." A resolution to change the name of the IEEE Geoscience Electronics Society to "IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society" was submitted by the Administrative Committee of the Society and subsequently was approved by the IEEE Technical Activities Board and the IEEE Executive Committee at their December 1979 meetings. The purpose of this letter is to provide the reader with the rationale underlying this name change.

In the Constitution and Bylaws of the (former) IEEE Geoscience and Electronics Society, the "Field of Interest" statement reads as follows:

Field of interest of the society is the theory, concepts, and techniques of science and engineering, as applied to sensing the earth, oceans, atmosphere and space, and the processing, interpretation, and dissemination of this information.

In other words, the subject matter of papers published in this TRANSACTIONS should relate to the application of *remote sensing* techniques for the acquisition of *geoscientific* information and/or to the use of associated processing, enhancement, and interpretation techniques. The new name is intended to accentuate the means by which the information is obtained (remote sensing) and does not signal any change in the Society's interests or objectives. It is important to empha-



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size that the term "remote sensing" is broadly defined to include observations from spaceborne and airborne platforms, as well as seismic recording of the earth's subsurface and sonar mapping of the ocean floor.

I believe that the new name is a better descriptor of the Society's interests and I am hopeful that you will approve of and support our decision.

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