

From the Editor-in-Chief

It is with immense pleasure that we present the inaugural issue of “The GIS-IDEAS Journal” (TGIJ), marking a significant milestone in the history of the International Conference on GeoInformatics for Spatial-Infrastructure Development in Earth & Allied Sciences (GIS-IDEAS). Since 2002, the GIS-IDEAS conferences [1] have provided a dynamic platform for knowledge sharing and scientific exchange among students, researchers, and practitioners.

In response to growing interest and continued support, we have launched TGIJ as an open-access online journal under the auspices of the Association of GeoInformatics Laboratories for Earth Sciences (AGILE). AGILE [2] traces its origins to the Japan-Vietnam Geoinformatics Consortium (JVGC), established in 2002 to foster international collaboration on the evolving tools and applications of geoinformatics. Reflecting its expanding mission and broader participation, JVGC was formally renamed AGILE on August 1, 2024.

The GIS-IDEAS Journal aspires to promote academic discourse by publishing high-quality, peer-reviewed research articles and reviews in the field of geoinformatics. The journal will be guided by an international editorial board composed of esteemed scholars who have played pivotal roles in organizing the GIS-IDEAS conference series.

This inaugural issue features four papers presented at GIS-IDEAS 2023, held in Hanoi. Subsequent issues will include a few additional papers from GIS-IDEAS 2023 and GIS-IDEAS 2024 conferences.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the authors who have contributed their research to this issue. Our heartfelt thanks go to the reviewers and editors for their dedication in ensuring the quality and integrity of the journal. We are especially grateful to the entire GIS-IDEAS community and its supporters for their unwavering commitment to advancing geoinformatics research and applications.

We hope that TGIJ will inspire innovative ideas, foster meaningful collaborations, and strengthen the bonds within the global geoinformatics community. Your active engagement and support are crucial to the journal's success. We look forward to your continued contributions as we strive to establish TGIJ as a reliable and respected publication of high academic and professional standards.

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[1] <https://gis-ideas.org/>

[2] <https://theagile.earth/>