



## Members Benefit

Member of BSGI will receive the following benefits:

**Free subscription to Society publications:** Will get free subscription to newsletter, magazines and journals published by the society

**Discount on training courses:** Individual members will get discount on training courses arranged by the society. Corporate/Sponsor members will get one seat in each course at the discounted rate.

**Discount on Workshop/Seminar registration:** Individual members will get discount at registration in workshops/seminars organized by the society. Corporate/Sponsor members will get one seat in each seminar/workshop.

**Discount on advertisement:** Corporate/Sponsor members will get discount on advertisement in Society publications.

**Virtual Resource Center on Society's Website:** Members-Only section of the website will contain the membership directory to facilitate networking, discussion forums, the Knowledge Database including papers, university thesis, maps, data and other valuable educational and networking resources.

Benefit	Membership type			
	Individual member	Corporate member	Sponsor member	International member
Free subscription to Society publication:	X	X	X	X
Discount on training courses	X	One seat per course	One seat per course	X
Discount on workshop/Seminar registration	X	one per seminar	one per seminar	X
Discount on advertisement		X	X	
Access to Virtual Resource Center on Society's Website	X	X	X	X
Use society logo in marketing materials		X	X	

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BANGLADESH SOCIETY OF GEOINFORMATICS



## Introduction:

Geoinformatics encompasses a collection of special techniques, technologies, and tools for the acquisition, processing, management, analysis, and presentation of geospatial data. Geoinformatics is based on a range of synergetic activities including geospatial modeling, geospatial analysis, geospatial databases, geospatial technologies, information systems, systems design, spatial cognition, human-computer interaction, mobile computing, wired and wireless network technologies. Since the introduction of Geoinformation technology in Bangladesh during the late 80s in the form of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS), the professional community has grown significantly.

Geoinformatics is now included in curriculum of all the major public and private universities of the country. About 300 students graduate from different universities with theoretical and practical knowledge of Geoinformatics. The disciplines involved in Geoinformatics represent a wide spectrum spanning both the Natural and Social Sciences. The involved disciplines include Geography, Geology, Planning (Urban & Regional Planning, Rural Planning, Physical Planning), other Natural Sciences, Engineering, Telecommunications Technology and Computing Sciences. A large pool of Bangladeshi Geoinformatics professionals are now engaged in various government departments, private companies and NGOs in the country and abroad. These professionals work in sectors like, Exploration and Mining, Water Resources Management, Agriculture, Coastal Resources, Forest Resources, Local Government, Urban & Regional Planning etc.

The large Geoinformatics community, till date, has existed in a diffused manner without a common platform to interact. The professional issues and other difficulties faced by the group have yet to be collectively handled in a relevant forum. There have been several attempts in the past to form such platform, but these were discontinued. The newly formed "Bangladesh Society of Geoinformatics" has been registered with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies as a Professional Society under "The Society Registration Act, XXI of 1860" on August 20, 2006. The initiators of the Society expect that all professional issues can now be adequately handled with all out support from the community.



## Mission

To build capacity on Geoinformatics among governmental and non governmental agencies and to guide and assist the proliferation of Geoinformation technology and the sharing of ideas, information and knowledge among users, professionals and institutions.



## Aims and Objective

The aims and objectives of the activities and functions of BSGI would be:

- Advancement, dissemination and application of the knowledge of Geoinformatics through increasing the awareness of the benefits of Geographic Information System (GIS), Remote Sensing (RS) and other related technologies through publications, national/ international conferences, seminars and workshops.
- Provide a forum for interaction amongst Geoinformatics professionals as individuals and between organizations (Government, NGO or Private Firms).
- Promote geo-spatial technology and standards in the country. Support the creation and maintenance of common data dictionary to be accessed, used and maintained by data custodians and work for the establishment of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) in Bangladesh.
- Initiate, encourage and facilitate research using geo-spatial technology for development of GIS and RS and related technologies. Provide interdisciplinary opportunities for cooperation and collaboration among members of the different disciplines to enhance and develop geo-spatial skills and knowledge.
- Arrange scientific and technical meetings, symposia and national/international conferences. Publish journals, books and periodicals and disseminate information related to Geoinformatics.
- Promote modern curricula on GIS and RS and related technologies by representing the user community in educational institutes and support the development of a GIS and RS workforce in Bangladesh.



## Categories of Membership and Eligibility

a) *Individual Member:*

- Student Member: Any Bangladeshi University level student is qualified to be student member
- Associate Member: Any Bangladeshi citizen with graduate level education is eligible to be associate member
- Member: An Associate Member with 2 years of practical experience in GIS/RS or any new applicant with graduate level education and at least 3 years' of practical experience in the field of GIS/RS can apply for Membership
- Honorary Member: Any reputed Bangladeshi citizen is eligible to be an Honorary Member of the Society.

b) *Corporate Member:*

Companies, organizations or bodies operating in Bangladesh in fields related to GIS/RS are eligible to be Corporate Members of BSGI, represented by a nominated person working for the organization.

c) *Sponsor Member:*

A company or organization, not necessarily associated with GIS or RS that wishes to provide an annual sponsorship to the Society is eligible for Sponsor Membership.

d) *International Member:*

Foreign citizens and other related organizations who wish to be associated with the Society can become International Members.

## Membership Fee

Membership type	Registration	Annual fee
Student member	Tk. 200	Tk. 100
Associate member	Tk. 300	Tk. 200
Member	Tk. 500	Tk. 500
Honorary member	nil	nil
Corporate member	Tk. 5000	Tk. 5000
Sponsor member	Tk. 10000	Tk. 10000
International member	USD 100	USD 100