



2023 INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE SOCIETY (IRES) AWARDS

The 2023 IRES awards were announced at the IRES Board meeting on January 17. The recipients are:

IRES Achievement Award: David M. Harrison



Dr. Harrison is Professor and Howard Phillips Eminent Scholar Chair in Real Estate at University of Central Florida. His research focusing on REITs, mortgage markets and real estate finance appears in multiple IRES sister society journals, including the *Journal of Real Estate Research* and *International Real Estate Review*, as well as *Real Estate Economics* and *Journal of Real Estate Practice and Economics*. He is a regular presenter at sister society conferences where he is often requested to speak to doctoral students about their academic careers. His dedication to teaching has been recognized by the University of Central Florida, Texas Tech University, and University of Vermont. Dr. Harrison has served as President of the American Real Estate Society and Director of Development for the ARES Foundation.

IRES Service Award: Aly Karam



Prof Aly Karam is a member of the University of the Witwatersrand staff and a leader of the African Real Estate Society where, for the past decade, he has played a central role in organizing the annual conference, including organizing the call for papers, selecting papers, and compiling the program and proceedings. In addition, Dr. Karam has been an active member of the AfRES Board Conference committee, which monitors regional conferences across the continent. He is currently serving as AfRES Executive Director and as a member of the IRES Board of Directors. Dr. Karam has attended and presented papers at several ERES and ARES conferences and has represented AfRES internationally on numerous occasions. He is well known across the continent for mentoring young academics through assisting with preparation of conference presentations and academic journal articles.

IRES Corporate Leadership Award: Ghana Lands Commission



The Ghana Lands Commission (LC) has been a strong financial supporter of the African Real Estate Society through conference sponsorship and registration of staff to attend the annual meetings. In addition, the Commission has provided travel support for staff to attend the American Real Estate Society annual conference. At home, the LC has pursued a massive digitization project to improve production of accurate and timely land information with online services, improved customer service, and reduced cost. It is also working to reduce corruption and promote transparency. The Commission has attracted visits from land sector institutions across Africa who are eager to learn from Ghana's experiences.

The International Real Estate Society (IRES) is a federation of regional real estate societies that encourages global cooperation on research and education. The mission of IRES is to: (1) encourage communication, cooperation, and coordination regarding real estate research and education; (2) encourage and assist in establishment of real estate education and research programs; (3) encourage research on international real estate topics; and (4) encourage and facilitate faculty exchanges. The federation consists of the American Real Estate Society, European Real Estate Society, Pacific Rim Real Estate Society, Asian Real Estate Society, African Real Estate Society, and Latin American Real Estate Society. IRES annually presents three prestigious awards. Nominations come from individual members of the regional societies and the recipients are decided by a vote of a committee comprised of one representative from each of the regional organizations and one industry representative. Further information about IRES and the names of past award recipients can be found at the IRES website, www.iresnet.net.