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The 15th Pan-Ocean Remote Sensing Conference (PORSEC, originally planned in 2020, but postponed due to pandemic) was hosted by Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) on 7-8 December 2022 (after the pre-conference tutorial during 3-6 Dec). 2022 is important year of PORSEC since it celebrated three decades of its inception. The postponement of the conference however, yielded two iterations of the PORSEC MOOC (in collaboration with UTM CDex) as well as citable publications with ISBN including a book of extended abstracts. The MOOC also won International University Carnival on E-Learning (IUCEL)-2021 silver award. Other important support of the 15th PORSEC were from COSPAR, SCOR, MySA and MyCEB.
Dr. Nurul Hazrina Idris (LOC Chair of 15th PORSEC) was awarded the PORSEC Distinguished Science Award whereas Dr. Nimit Kumar (Executive Secretary and Chair - Membership, Education & Outreach) was awarded with PORSEC Distinguished Service Award for these achievements. The in-person tutorial in December 2022 had majority of the participants pool who were MOOC alumni and hence, the tutorial focused chiefly on hands-on and field sessions. The field session was arranged at Tanjung Piai mangrove forests, which is a Ramsar site. The conference had keynote from some of the sponsors. The sessions comprised of various sessions mainly focusing on (but not limited to) coastal remote sensing including using drones. One of the unique offerings of the PORSEC is a special issue in international journals including Tyler & Francis International Journal of Remote Sensing (IJRS) where the select papers will be published by late 2023. During the valedictory ceremony, Prof. Ming-An Lee and Dr. Stefano Vignudelli were announced to be acting President as well as Vice-President of the PORSEC Association.