

CLOSING SESSION, Friday, June 26, 1984
from 10:30 to 12:00 at Rio de Janeiro

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Statutes of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing provide for three types of membership: Members, Honorary Members and Sustaining Members.

Members are societies or organizations representing the photogrammetric and remote sensing activities of a country or a region thereof having an independent budget.

Honorary Members are individuals who have exceptionally distinguished themselves and who have been elected by the Congress.

Sustaining Members are individuals, organizations, institutions or agencies who manufacture or distribute instruments or who provide services in photogrammetry or remote sensing and who support the society financially. Sustaining members generally play an important role during the Congress.

The success of a Congress depends on three major activities: First, the official and social program organized by the host member, in 1984 the Brazilian Society of Cartography. Second, the technical program organized by the seven technical commissions under the responsibility of those members having been elected for the congress period. And third, the technical and scientific exhibit, which many congress participants already find reason enough to go to a congress. The exhibit is for the most part put up by sustaining members.

It is most appropriate that the Society shows its appreciation to the Sustaining Members at the opening of the Exhibit by awarding them a renewed certificate of sustaining membership.

During the last congress period the number of sustaining members has grown from 14 to 33.

May I especially welcome the new sustaining members. Not

all are represented here at the closing session now. If they are here they may come forward to receive their certificate:

1. Aerodata-Aerofotogrammetria, Brazil
2. Aerofoto Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazil
3. Agfa Gevaert, Belgium
4. Bausch & Lomb, USA
5. DFVLR, F. R. Germany
6. Finnmap Oy, Finland
7. Roland Fladner, F. R. Germany
8. Gabby Surveys & Consultants, Nigeria
9. Officine Galileo, Italy
10. Genge Aerial Surveys, USA
11. Alan Gordon Enterprises, USA
12. Victor Hasselblad AB, Sweden
13. INPE, Brazil
14. Intergraph, USA
15. Itek Optical Systems, USA
16. Kern, Switzerland
17. Keuffel & Esser, USA
18. Klimsch & Co., F. R. Germany
19. Kucera & Associates, USA
20. Logetronics, USA
21. Mark Hurd, USA
22. Marshall Macklin Monaghan, Canada
23. Matra, France
24. Optronics, USA
25. Ottico Meccanica Italiana, Italy
26. Precision Photo Labs, USA
27. Louis Rudzinsky Associates, USA
28. Soil and Water Ltd., Finland
29. Syscan, Norway
30. Teledyne Geotronics, USA
31. VEB Carl Zeiss Jena, GDR
32. Wild Heerbrugg, Switzerland
33. Carl Zeiss Oberkochen, F. R. Germany

The Society thanks the Sustaining Members for their support and wishes them continued success.

**XV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF
PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND REMOTE SENSING**

PROGRAM

**Closing Ceremony, Rio Centro
Friday 29 June 1984**

1. Society's thanks to sponsor and supporting organizations
2. Decisions of the General Assembly
3. Resolutions of the General Assembly
4. Resolutions of the Technical Commissions
5. Presentation of Sustaining Member Certificates
6. Address of outgoing President
7. Presentation of Chain of Office
8. Address of incoming President
9. Address of outgoing Congress Director
10. Presentation of Flag of the Society
11. Address of new Congress Director
12. Closing of Congress

**XV CONGRÈS INTERNATIONAL DE
PHOTOGRAMMETRIE ET DE TELÉDÉTECTION**

PROGRAMME

**Cérémonie de Cloture, Rio Centro
Vendredi, le 29 June 1984**

1. Expression de remerciements de la Société aux commanditaires et aux organisations supportives
2. Décisions prises par L'Assemblée Générale
3. Résolutions de L'Assemblée Générale
4. Résolutions des Commissions Techniques
5. Présentation de Certificats de Membre de Soutien
6. Allocution du Président sortant
7. Présentation du Collier de Fonction
8. Allocution du Directeur de Congrès sortant
10. Présentation du drapeau de la Société
11. Allocution du nouveau Directeur de Congrès
12. Cloture du Congrès

**XV INTERNATIONALER KONGRESS FUER
PHOTOGRAMMETRIE UND FERNERKUNDUNG**

PROGRAMM

**Schlussveranstaltung, Rio Centro
Freitag, 29 Juni 1984**

1. Dank der Gesellschaft an die Förderer und die unterstützenden Organisationen
2. Beschlüsse der Generalversammlung
3. Resolutionen der Generalversammlung
4. Resolutionen der technischen Kommissionen
5. Präsentation der zertifikate an die fördernden Mitglieder
6. Ansprache des bisherigen Präsidenten
7. Präsentation der Amtskette
8. Ansprache des neuen Präsidenten
9. Ansprache des bisherigen Kongressdirektors
10. Präsentation der Fahne der Gesellschaft
11. Ansprache des neuen Kongressdirektors
12. Schluss des Kongresses

The President of ISPRS, Frederick J. Doyle, opened the Closing Plenary Session by reading the following telegrams:

Your Excellency
João Figueiredo
President of the Republic of Brazil
Palacio do Planalto
Brasilia, D.F.

On behalf of the Council, the 73 Member Organizations, the Exhibitors, and all the participants at the XV International Congress for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, I express our gratitude to you for accepting the position of Honorary President of the Congress, for honoring us with your presence at the Opening Ceremony, and for the support which your Government has provided to make this Congress an exceptional success.

Frederick J. Doyle
President, ISPRS

Your Excellency
Danilo Venturini
Ministro Extraordinário Para Assuntos Fundiários
Palácio do Planalto
Brasília, D.F.

On behalf of the Council, the 73 Member organizations, the Exhibitors, and all the participants at the XV International Congress for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, I express our gratitude to you for honoring us with your presence, and for the outstanding address which you delivered at the Opening Ceremony. It will be published in the Archives of the Congress.

Frederick J. Doyle
President, ISPRS

Comissão de Cartografia
Brasília, D.F.

On behalf of the Council, the 73 Member organizations, the Exhibitors, and all the participants at the XV International Congress for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, I express our gratitude to you for the support which you have provided in order to make this Congress a success in Rio de Janeiro.

Frederick J. Doyle
President, ISPRS

The same telegram was also sent to:

Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico
Financiadora de Estudos e Projetos
Finep-Secretaria de Planejamento

**Closing Ceremony
June 29, 1984**

Item 1. Thanks to supporting persons and organizations.

2. Decisions of the General Assembly

The General Assembly of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing met four times during the 15th Congress of the Society at Rio de Janeiro.

1. It approved reports of
 - the President
 - the Secretary General
 - the Congress Director
 - the Treasurer
 - the chairman of the Financial Commission
 - the Awards Policy Committee
 - the Publications Policy Committee.
2. It amended the statutes in the following way:
 - to add a definition of photogrammetry and remote sensing
 - to include cooperation with other international organizations as a society goal
 - to permit membership of already existing regional associations such as AARS or EARSeL within the society
 - to specify honorary membership to honor an individual for distinguished service to the Society
 - to add the Financial Commission, the Technical Commissions and the Sustaining Members Committee to the management of Society affairs
 - to specify that the headquarters of the Society is to be designated by Council
 - to define the English text of Statutes and Bylaws as binding
 - to permit amendments to Statutes to be formulated by Council or a committee appointed by Council
 - to require 48 hours notice to delegates before bylaws can be amended.
3. Likewise it amended the bylaws in the following way:
 - to clearer define the tasks of the society
 - to outline the scope of interest of the society
 - to specify the international societies for cooperation
 - to define the function of regional members
 - to clarify the duties of a committee chairman
 - to charge the previous congress director with the publication of Archives and to require cooperation with the forthcoming Congress Director
 - to newly define fields of interests of commission V, but to retain the old Commission name for the time being
 - to require approval for the establishment of a working group by Council
 - to simplify the appointment of working group members
 - to regulate replacement in the Financial Commission in case a member is unable to continue
 - to control the finances
 - to dispose of funds in the unlikely case of dissolution of the society

Statutes and Bylaws have thus been brought into a more consistent format with only minor changes, as outlined.

4. The general assembly admitted two new members:
 - the Colombian Society for Photogrammetry, Photo interpretation and Remote Sensing
 - the Institut Géographique of Upper Volta.
5. It accepted increases in category of membership for

Australia	from 4 to 5
Brazil	from 5 to 8
Finland	from 4 to 5
Indonesia	from 1 to 4
Japan	from 4 to 6
6. It accepted decreases in category of membership for

Romania	from 3 to 1
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7. No action of expulsion was taken at this time on account of default of payment for Greece and Mexico.
8. The General Assembly adopted the new ISPRS sigla of the Society with the letters ISPRS extending over the globe.
9. It selected Japan as the location for the 16th Congress. The event will take place from July 1 to 12 at Kyoto. Shunji Murai was ratified as Congress Director.
10. It approved the draft charter of the Joint Board of the Sister Societies FIG, IAG, ICA and ISM to establish a Scientific Union for Surveys and Mapping.
11. It elected the new 1984-1988 Council:

President:	Gottfried Konecny, F. R. Germany
1st Vice President:	George Zarzycki, Canada
2nd Vice President:	John Trinder, Australia
Secretary General:	Kennert Torlegård, Sweden
Treasurer:	Giovanna Togliatti, Italy
12. It assigned the Technical Commissions for 1984-1988:

Commission I	– Fed. Rep. Germany, President: Ph. Hartl
Commission II	– USA, President: Larry Fritz
Commission III	– Finland, President: Einari Kilpelä
Commission IV	– United Kingdom, President: Allister McDonald
Commission V	– Canada, President: Vladimir Kratky
Commission VI	– Nigeria, President: Mrs. Olayinka Adekoya
Commission VII	– Netherlands, President: Klaas Jan Beek
13. It elected the Financial Commission for 1984-1988

Chairman:	Hans Jerie, Netherlands
Members:	Placidino Fagundes, Brazil
	Don Proctor, United Kingdom
14. It approved 46 resolutions of the technical commissions.

6. Address of Outgoing President

Distinguished guests, delegates, participants in the XVth International Congress for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, ladies and gentlemen:

There is no better job in ISPRS than that of past President. One still has the honor paid to the President, but for the most part the work has been done. The tasks which remain are a pleasure rather than a burden.

The first task is to thank those who have contributed their dedicated effort for the past four years to making this Congress possible. Of course, primary credit goes to our Congress Director, Placidino Fagundes, who has planned all of the arrangements and brought together the staff who have handled all the myriad details.

Special thanks are due to Anna Maria Coutinho and Eliane Alves da Silva who arranged the program for the accompanying persons, and the ladies have asked me to present them a small gift. I also want to thank Angela Bartholomew who served as the most pleasant and competent secretary to the Council while we have been here in the Riocentro. I want to give her also a remembrance from all of us.

I must also thank the staff of FOCO — particularly the charming young ladies who organized all of the events — the competent people who provided simultaneous translation for the technical sessions and the General Assembly, those who managed the projection of slides and transparencies, and those who controlled the microphones for the speakers.

You have heard the telegrams which we addressed to President Figueiredo, Minister Venturini, and the three organizations which provided financial support to the Congress. We should also remember the governmental officials who added dignity to the Opening Ceremony:

Leonel Brizola, Governor of the State of Rio de Janeiro
Marcelo Alencar, Mayor of the City of Rio de Janeiro
Waldyr de Vasconcellos, Chief of General Staff of the
Armed Forces
Rubem Ludwig, Head of the Military Household
Rafael Branco, Deputy Minister of the Navy

Finally we express our thanks to

Claudio Lucarevski, President
Paulo Trino, Vice President

and the other members of the Brazilian Cartographic Society who have been our most gracious hosts for this Congress.

It would be foolish to pretend that there have not been problems associated with the Congress. Some of these have been serious, some inconvenient, and some inconsequential. They have included:

- Numerous involuntary contributions to the economic welfare of certain citizens of Rio de Janeiro

- Accidents on the beach as we learned that the ocean is no respecter of photogrammetrists. To the family and friends of those who were injured we offer our sympathy and prayers
- Frustration with transportation to and from the Rio center and the other events of the Congress
- Failure in the communication and accounting systems.

There were countless other difficulties which occurred behind the scenes, but it is a measure of the competence of the Congress Committee that so few of them came to the attention of the Congress participants.

In general, the unfailing good humor and helpfulness of our Brazilian hosts, and the consideration and forbearance of the Congress participants have minimized the effect of all these problems. I think we can count the Congress an unqualified success.

I shall miss being a member of Council. In the past four years we have worked hard together and I believe we have done some worthwhile things for the Society. But we have also had many good times and many laughs, we have seen many places in the world, and most important to me, we have become fast personal friends. I will cherish those friendships long after the memory of our work fades away. I also want to say how much I have enjoyed getting to know the ladies of the Council members. For their support and tolerance of our frequent and sometimes long absences, we are all deeply grateful. To those who have helped me so much on the Council I want to give a token of my appreciation and warm regard. This is a pewter mug engraved with the Society's symbol, the name and office held by each person, and the dates:

Ist Vice President	George Zarzycki
Secretary General	Gottfried Kneecny
Treasurer	Hans Jerie
Congress Director	Placidino Fagundes

Unfortunately 2nd Vice President Ivan Antipov had to leave before the closing ceremony, but he also received a mug.

I cannot forget the Financial Commission of Don Proctor and Giovanna Togliatti so ably chaired by Aino Savolainen. To her also I want to give a pewter cup. Because she is above all things a lady, she needs only a smaller cup. May we find some occasions in the future to raise these cups together.

The Council labors under the delusion that it is the heart of the Society. But everyone knows that the real accomplishments in the advancement of our profession come from the dedicated work of the Commission Presidents. You have heard and seen the results of their activities in the technical sessions and the archives of this Congress. I would like to recognize their contribution with a pen set engraved with the Society's symbol, the name and Commission number of each President, and the dates:

John Trinder, President of Commission I

Zarko Jaksic, President of Commission II
 Einari Kilpela, President of Commission III
 Roy Mullen, President of Commission IV
 John Gates, President of Commission V
 Jurgen Hothmer, President of Commission VI
 Louis Laidet, President of Commission VII

The General Assembly, in its wisdom, has returned four of the present Council to positions in the Society's administration for the next four years. So apart from myself, only Ivan Antipov is leaving the scene completely, and I would like to say a few words about him. Ivan was, of course, the first member of the Council from Eastern Europe, and I am delighted that this was accomplished during my term. Ivan was usually the quiet member of the Council, but when he spoke his comments were both intuitive and incisive. He was a champion of the developing countries, and gave all of us a better appreciation of what and how the Society could contribute to their welfare. He and his charming wife Ludmila were our hosts for an excellent Council meeting in Minsk in 1983. His superb work in recasting the Statutes and Bylaws will be a monument for years to come. We are poorer for his departure from Society affairs.

Another task expected of the retiring President is to give some sage advice to the new administration. But the new Council is so well qualified that they need little instruction from me. So let me play Solomon and commend to you a few subjects which are close to my heart:

- Work for the completely free and open exchange and dissemination of data and results between all nations. Science should have no political boundaries.
- Develop our cooperative efforts with other societies to assure the recognition of our profession by the international scientific community.
- Seek diligently to become and remain the universally

recognized international Society representing the explosive new field of remote sensing.

- Integrate into our activities the new developments in space platforms, electro-optical sensors, computer technology, image processing, pattern recognition, and artificial intelligence.
- Continue to work for the revitalization of Photogrammetria as the Society's journal.
- Seize every opportunity to make new international friendships by bringing new Members into the Society.
- Remember always that the ultimate goal of our profession is the betterment of the condition of man wherever he may be, so that all people may have a decent standard of living and expectation of peace for themselves and their children.

Finally my favorite quotation from the book of Ecclesiastes:

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

My last and most pleasant task is to install your new President. My wife Mary and I have known Gottfried Konecny and his wife Leisl for nearly thirty years. I count him not only as a most respected colleague but also as a cherished personal friend. You could not have chosen a better man to lead your Society for the next four years.

Gottfried, it is my great privilege to turn over to you the collar which symbolizes the office of President of the International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. I know that you will wear it with pride, and diligently serve the goals of the Society.

My God bless your endeavours.

7. Presentation of Chain of Office



Outgoing President Doyle turns over the Chain of Office to Incoming President Konecny

8. Address of the Incoming President Closing Session, Friday, June 29, 1984

Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The General Assembly has placed upon my shoulders the difficult duty of the Presidency of our Society for the next four years.

I am conscientious of the heavy task ahead of me, and I will endeavour to fulfill it with my best effort, with the support of the newly elected Council and with the patience of my wife Lisl as well as with the patience of the members of my University institute.

The new Council consisting of George Zarzycki, Kennert Torlegård, Giovanna Togliatti, John Trinder and last but not least Shunji Murai already forms a guarantee for continued efficiency in society affairs. We, in the new Council, have already known each other by first names in the past, and we hope to conduct our business in an atmosphere of friendship in a constructive manner.

Permit me to look back briefly to the last Council period. We had a very efficient Council and yet, we did not forget to become friends. This was mainly due to the leadership of Fred Doyle, our Past President. His outstanding contribution as a scientist has been honoured at this Congress by the Brock Gold Medal, the highest honour this Society has to bestow. There may have been hesitations because Fred was also a member of Council while receiving this award against his will. We know, after thorough scrutiny however, that there was none more suitable within the Society at this time to receive this award based on the objective criteria of the donor. Quite outside of his qualities as a scientist he has also shown to our council with his analytical mind as to how to conduct society affairs in brevity and clarity, without emotion.

I personally have had the good fortune, that as one of my teachers, he has given me direction in becoming a photogrammetrist. He has done it again to prepare me for the office as society president. I can only hope that the apple does not fall far from the pear tree.

Together with Fred also the personalities of those past Council Members, who by virtue of our Statutes will not be with us in the next Council Period, made an optimal blend: Ivan Antipov, our first Council member of the Society from Eastern Europe, whom we have learned to appreciate for his sincerity, his warmth and his maturity; Hans Jerie, who has enlightened our discussions with logical thought and non-conventional ideas; and last not least Placidino Fagundes, our unforgettable and charming Congress Director. I am happy that Prof. Jerie will remain active in the society as chairman of the Financial Commission, and that Prof. Fagundes will be a member of that commission as well. Dr. Antipov will also stay as a member of the Statutes and Bylaws Committee engaged in a task, which he so efficiently chaired during his Council period.

The past Council as a whole, has done much to assure worldwide communication and interchange between photogrammetrists and remote sensing experts beyond the limits of continents and political or religious boundaries. We are grateful to the membership that at this Congress there has been no single incident of disharmony in this respect.

The Rio Congress itself has clearly demonstrated that a highly successful congress can be held in a third world country. None expected that this would be a European Congress. We, the photogrammetrists of other continents, have had an insight into life, with all its facets of a dynamic and important third world country, decisive of what is going to happen in the next generations on our planet. We are grateful to our Brazilian hosts for this insight.

We, the Congress Organizers of Ottawa, of Helsinki and of Hamburg know very well, that no matter how well a congress is planned, some things always turn out different from the expected. In Europe one then usually falls into a state of catastrophic frustration. But in Brazil we have learned the meaning of 'Jeitinho', that eventually everything works out with the goodwill of the people. Never in our ISPRS Congress History have things been put right with so much charm as here in Rio de Janeiro. We sincerely thank our Brazilian hosts for their constant concern for our wellbeing here and we congratulate them in their success, which is not measurable by the number of pages printed in the archives, the awards received and the many words spoken, but by the number of hearts the Brazilian Society of Cartography with all its officials and coworkers has won. Many, if not all have become "Namorados" of the Brazilian people.

The General Assembly has also elected seven new and efficient commission presidents. Sometimes the decisions were very close, as the example of Commission II shows. We congratulate the United States for having won this commission, but at the same time regret the defeat of the German Democratic Republic by the narrow margin of only one vote. I hope that exactly this election result will not discourage the Socialist Countries to actively participate in our society affairs, and hopefully we look forward to for example a working group symposium in Eastern Europe. Special mention must be made of the election of Mrs. Olayinka Adekoya as President of Commission VI. She is not only our first female Commission President of the Society. She also represents the first Commission entrusted to a Third World Country. She can count on our full support.

We have been able to raise the membership of our Society from 66 to 73 between 1980 and this Congress. The choice of Kyoto as the next Congress site will assure increase of membership particularly in Asia.

Also the Sustaining Members having risen from 14 to 33 during the last Congress period will be rising for that reason.

The inclusion of Remote Sensing into the tasks of our Society has since 1980 preoccupied the activities of the Council. In the next Congress period we will endeavour to seek further contacts and liaisons with neighbouring organizations such as IEEE, IAF, EARSeL and AARS on a regional basis. We will explore joint activities and the possibilities of integration into our Society.

Another significant activity concerns the joint efforts with the sister societies in geodesy, surveying, mining surveying and cartography to form a Scientific Union for Surveys and

Mapping. I hope that Fred Doyle will accept a society committee chairmanship to complete this task, which he has started during the last Council period.

Next year our International Society will celebrate its 75th birthday. As we move into its fourth generation, we as photogrammetrists and remote sensing experts want to build on our traditions. As in the past we hope to serve the needs of society for a better existence of mankind on our beloved earth. As you depart to your home countries I urge

your continued support to Council and the Commission Presidents so that we can jointly keep as closely as possible to our ideals as professionals of photogrammetry and remote sensing the world over.

Je vous souhaite un bon retour à vos pays,
Allen eine gute Heimreise,
Muito obrigado a todos Brasileiros e Brasileiras também,
Sayonara in Kyoto.

9. Address of Outgoing Congress Director
ADDRESS OF OUTGOING CONGRESS DIRECTOR

Dear Presidents Doyle and Konecny
My friends of the old and new Council
My colleagues of the Brazilian Society of Cartography
Ladies and Gentlemen participants of this
XV International Congress of Photogrammetry and
Remote Sensing

Mr. President, if you permit me I would like to start by expressing my feelings when I was so highly honored with the title of Honorary Member of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. It was much more than I ever could expect to deserve and this title has a special significance for me and represents a tremendous responsibility to be recognized among so distinguished personalities that composes the board of honorary members in this Society, like Gen. Brown and Cap. Reading that unfortunately passed away recently and to whom I owe the opportunity to be the recipient of such an honorable title.

We are coming to the end of an arduous task started 4 years ago and never interrupted during these intervening 1440 days.

It is quite an experience to organize an international congress but I would not like to do it again. The problems we have to solve vary from the scientific level of the papers that should appear in the Archives, down to the dimensions and format of the biquinis the "mulatas" should use during the exhibitors party.

It is true that the responsibility for all the aspects of the event lies over the shoulders of the Congress Director. However, I would not be able to fulfill all the hundreds of tasks involved if I had not the help of the members of the Organizing Commission.

Of course we have to recognize that some duties have been much heavier than others due to the fact that they had to be accomplished by one only person. For instance, the job performed by Dr. Fernando Mendonça, in charge of the technical Scientific program that had to manage the distribution of approximately 600 papers by 160 technical sessions to take place in 6 different rooms simultaneously. The Financial part of the game has been consciously and firmly managed by Eng. Paulo Cesar Trino. He tried and succeeded in avoiding a deficit that our Brazilian society could not afford to support. He was my right arm in all my duties. Without the invaluable cooperation of Eng. Hanns Von Studnitz, the Congress Secretary General responsible for collecting the papers and organizing the archives, and Dr. Antonio Lagarde in charge of printing and binding them, the 5 million pages bound in 4500 books would not be finished in time to be delivered during the Congress.

Technical Tours were organized by Cel. Eng. Adahyl Carrilho who supervised their realization during the Congress.

Miss Ana Maria Coutinho, helped by Miss Eliane Silva, did her best to organize an attractive program for the ladies.

The advices of Mr. Vinzenz Poelsler and the cooperation of Eng. Claudio Lucarevski have been a significant contribution to the preparation of this convention.

Engs. Eduardo Silveira and Alisson Vasconcelos

organized the scientific as well as the members exhibits and supervised the services provided by FOCO in the commercialization and assembling of the Industrial exhibit.

Eng. Fernando de Carvalho made all the contacts with authorities in Brasília and the results were highly positives.

We wish to thank all the other members of the Organizing Commission that did a good job during the Congress, in particular to Dr. Marcio Barbosa, Eng. Fernando de Carvalho, Eng. José Souteiro, Eng. Orlor Nunes, Eng. Barbosa Gomes and Cel. Eng. Newton Camara.

Special gratitude is credited to Eng. Herbert Erves and his lovely family for the translation of the preliminary and Final Programs.

Our best thanks are extended also to the young ladies in charge of the whole operation of the Congress Secretariat including the attendance to the congressists and accompanying persons.

Many thanks to the staff of Rio Centro; to the president of FOCO and all his efficient group; to Varig, to Bel Air, to Mrs. Van de Beuque and his group of interpreters, to Mario Brasini for the excellent audio-visual equipment and personnel and to.

Our gratitude to the Commission Presidents and Secretaries whose contribution to the success of the Scientific Program has been superb.

I left to the end what should be done at the beginning: my appreciation for the extraordinary cooperation of my friends in the Council: Fred Doyle, Gottfried Konecny, George Zarzycki, Hans Jerie and Ivan Antipov.

Fred Doyle has been a perfect conductor of our orchestra. We played during this 4 years under his baton and we did it in unison.

To Gottfried Konecny I wish to thank not only for keeping me, as well as the other Council Members and Member Organizations, informed of all the subjects discussed and decisions taken by the President and himself, but particularly for his invaluable help as former Congress Director, consequently familiar with all the problems that have to be solved in order that the Congress actually happened.

George Zarzycki was responsible for the guidelines for conducting a technical session and organized the Final Technical Plenary Session that just finished in Room C and has been a success.

The merits of Hans Jerie are not only as the Treasurer of ISPRS but mostly as an experienced person in the organization of conferences and then he was always prepared to friendly give me good suggestions.

Ivan Antipov took care of the Statutes and By Laws and introduced significant changes aiming to complement or clarify some items relevant to this and the next congresses.

Now I wish to express my gratitude to a very special person that provided me so important information and advices to facilitate my job as Congress Director. I'm talking about my good friend Aino Savolainen.

Well, my friends from more than 75 countries of this small world, the Congress is coming to the end.

You may be sure that, within our limitations, we did

the best of our efforts to satisfy you all. Unfortunately this is practically impossible when we have gathered more than 1500 people and have to manage all the thousands of technical and administrative items involved. We had failures and sad occurrences. We sincerely apologise for the failures and extend our **deep sympathy** to those affected by the undesirable sad occurrences.

We tried to provide all the best to you all, including the weather. Sun has been shining for 11 days and only in this last two days we had a different situation. I should however explain you that what you have seen is not a rainfall. Is the city of Rio de Janeiro that is crying because you are leaving it.

We brasilians and our city are already missing you.
We will never forget you.

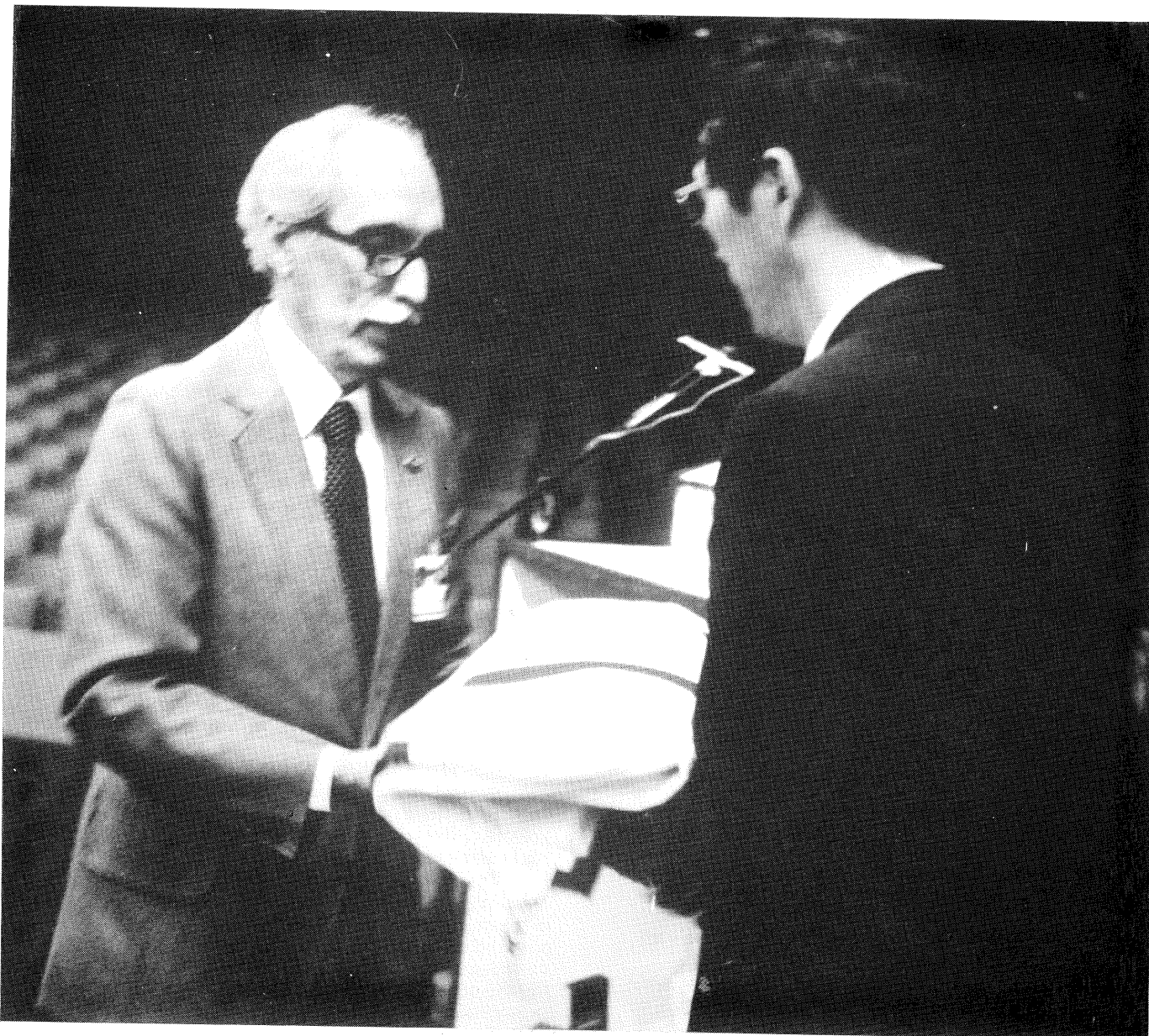
Please don't forget us. We love you all!

And now I will be glad to perform a ceremony introduced by Dr. Löfstrom in Helsinki and followed by Prof. Konecny in Hamburg.

It is a great pleasure for me to hand over the flag of our Society to Dr. Murai and we expect to see it flying in Kioto 1988.

Thank you

10. Presentation of the flag of the Society



Outgoing Congress Director P. Fagundes hands over the flag of the Society to the Incoming Congress Director S. Murai

11. Address of the New Congress Director

The incoming Congress Director Dr. Shunji Murai

thanked all the participants for the selection of Japan as the host country of the XVI International Congress of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and invited the whole Photogrammetric and Remote Sensing Community to come to kioto in July, 1988.

12. Closing of Congress

The Congress Director thanked everyone present in this ceremony and declared the Congress closed.



The main table at the Closing Ceremony



President Konecny giving his address