

## The ISPRS Symposium 2018 Experience

I, **Mr. Alvin B. Baloloy**, attended the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) Technical Commission (TC) III Midterm Symposium in Beijing China last May 7 to 10, 2018. The participation include the presentation of my paper which is accepted for oral presentation and publication in the ISPRS Annals of the Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences (ISPRS Annals).

I and my co-researcher from the Philippines arrived on an earlier date, May 2, 2018; to attend the ISPRS TC III Summer School 2018, a pre-symposium activity held on May 3-6, 2018. I then attended the ISPRS Symposium afterwards.

On the first day, I attended the ISPRS Opening Ceremony. Together with the other awardees, I was introduced as one of the recipients of the ISPRS Foundation Grant. The awardees received certificates. Afterwards, keynote sessions were conducted in the morning. In the afternoon, series of parallel sessions were done discussing topics on LiDAR, Urban remote sensing, SAR applications and Atmospheric remote sensing, among others. The presentations ended at around 5 PM. The Welcome Reception dinner followed from 6 to 8 PM.

On the second day, May 8, the parallel sessions continued. The program started at 8 AM. Four parallel sessions at four venues were scheduled. The sessions ended at around 3:30 PM. The next activity is the Poster Session which lasted until 5 PM. Almost a hundred posters were presented and the participants viewed and asked questions during the said session.

In the morning of the third day, May 9, I presented my paper under the session on 'Agriculture and Natural Ecosystems Modelling and Monitoring'. The presentation is titled 'Estimation of Mangrove Forest Aboveground Biomass using Multispectral Bands, Vegetation Indices and Biophysical Variables Derived from Optical Satellite Imageries: RapidEye, PlanetScope and Sentinel-2'. During the last day, the session started at 8:30 with some parallel presentations. The Closing program was held at around 3:30 PM. Certificates of participations were given to the participants. I took my flight back to Manila on May 11, 2018.

My participation in the symposium will not be possible without the travel grant I received from the ISPRS Foundation through Prof. John Trinder. I would like to thank ISPRS Foundation for supporting me in my participation and giving me opportunity to learn and share our research studies. Moreover, I attended many presentations that were very informative.

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Awardees of the ISPRS Grant during the opening ceremony (May 7, 2018)



Participants during the poster session (May 8, 2018)



My presentation in the ISPRS Symposium (May 9, 2018)



Opening ceremony of the ISPRS Symposium (May 7, 2018)