

1. Introduction—Introduction—Einleitung

The International Archives of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Volume 27 were subdivided into two.

Part A: Official records of the 16th ISPRS Kyoto Congress including the decisions of General Assembly, the resolutions, the new Statutes and Bylaws, the summaries of technical sessions, the final program, list of members, list of participants and exhibitors etc., which are summarized in this books.

Part B: The set of eleven books containing the Invited Papers, the Presented Papers, the Commission Reports and the Working Group Chairman's Reports, which were distributed to the participants during the Congress and is still being ordered by individuals, libraries and other institutions.

Part A could not be published earlier because it includes those documents like the new Statutes and Bylaws, the summaries of technical sessions and list of members which need some more time for translation, review of communication.

It is grateful that this book, Part A could be published within one year after the Kyoto Congress because of great contributions and cooperations by Council Members, Technical Commission Presidents, French and German Societies for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and other related persons.

In this single volume of Part A, the readers will find all details of the 16th ISPRS Kyoto Congress which was held at Kyoto International Conference Hall, Kyoto, Japan from July 1st to 10th, 1988.

The Kyoto Congress was successful from the following points.

1) The number of participants was the biggest in the history of ISPRS.

Full participants	1,214
Accompanying persons	174
Exhibitors	749
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 2,137

2) The number of presented papers was the biggest in the history of ISPRS

Oral presentation	285 papers
Poster presentation	381 papers
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 666 papers

3) The Social Events, Accompanying Person's Program and Technical Tours were well organized, which resulted in the promotion of friendship amongst the participants.

4) Several new events like special sessions, personal computer shows and Best Poster Awards were well organized.

5) The young generations of the Japan Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing(JSPRS) as well as other Asian members recognized the meaningfulness of ISPRS Congress which was held in Asia for the first time.

6) Many participants and visitors participated in the commercial exhibitions, which resulted in the satisfaction of exhibitors.

Since the Japan Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing was distinguished by the General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro in 1984, JSPRS formed a volunteer team consisted of JSPRS members to organize the every detail of 16th ISPRS Kyoto Congress. A lot of personal computer programs were developed by the team for the management of participants, papers, exhibitors, budgets, conference materials etc.

All businesses except simultaneous translation, hotel accommodation and excursion and booth construction and custom clearance for commercial exhibition were arranged by the volunteer team.

The JSPRS contracted with Conference Interpreter Service(Australia) for simultaneous translation between English, French and German, with Inter Group(Japan) for simultaneous translation between Japanese and English, with Japan Travel Bureau(JTB) for hotel accommodation and excursion, with Kyoto Shipping Agency for custom clearance and with Fujiya for booth construction.

In order to improve the quick response between the Secretariat, Council and General Assemblies, the JSPRS invited Mrs. Gesine Boettcher, the secretary of Prof. G. Konecny, the President as well as the Congress Director of 1980 Hamburg Congress, to assist the secretarial works during the Congress. Her works were so effective to speed up the compilation of this book. Mrs. Chiwako Fujino, the chief secretary of the Congress Director contributed to input the texts of important documents in a word processor, which enabled the effective procedures for the quick publication.

Finally on behalf of the Host country, I, as the Congress Director sincerely thank all those who contributed to the success of the Kyoto Congress and the accomplishment of our tasks, including the publication of this Part A of Volume 27 of the International Archives of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

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