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My research topic is using deep learning techniques to extract building footprints from high resolution remote sensing images. In the congress, I leant different techniques and data used in building footprints extraction. I learnt different applications of deep learning techniques and high spatial resolution images in different tasks. For example, I learnt the positive impact of using object boundaries on building semantic segmentation; I learnt the application of deep learning in vegetation detection and squatter structure recognition; I learnt the impressive results of combining LiDAR data or DSM data and high spatial resolution images in building footprint extraction. All of these would be very helpful for my current research and my future research.

I had nice talks with peer researchers and well-known professors, who share similar research topics with me. Because of the lack of confidence in English speaking, I didn't have many communications especially face to face talks with other researchers before. But in the congress, I did talk more with other about my research and learnt a lot by talking with other. I gained confidence in scientific communication with others and known the level of my research in such communications.

I met many researchers who share similar research interests with me. Specifically, I knew a post doctor from Leibniz University Hannover and a doctoral student from the university of Twente. I also met and had nice talks with professors from York University, Ryerson University and University of Calgary in Canada and professor from University College London in the UK. These professors gave me insightful recommendations to my future career. Many thanks! It was also exciting to meet other big men in remote sensing community although I didn't get the chance to talk with them.