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Thanks to Sponsors and Supporting Organizations

Lawrence W. Fritz

Distinguished participants to our 17th Congress, Ladies and Gentlemen!

The staging of an ISPRS Congress requires a multitude of resources -funds, people, materials. This Congress has a \$2.5 million cash budget with an equal or even greater amount of voluntary and contributed labor. Clearly this undertaking required a tremendous amount of support! Having experienced the many pleasures, the many long hours of planning and preparation, and the frustrations associated with coordinating this event, I can assure you that I personally am most appreciative of those many people and organizations that have contributed to making this Congress possible. We all are truly indebted to them for their support!

I have a few overhead charts here that show the government and corporate sponsors who provided financial and in-kind support. Our Government Sponsors provided primarily funds and people.

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In addition I express our appreciation to the 130 commercial exhibitors whose payments have helped enormously to underwrite our expenses and are the keystone of this endeavor.

Next I wish to acknowledge the cooperation and support of the organizations who prepared and conducted tutorials, workshops, and special sessions at this Congress. They include: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Development (Seminar); United Nations, Office of Outer Space Affairs (ISY Workshop); JOBRESA (Special Session); IEEE Computer Society TC-PAMI (Workshop); ETH-Switzerland and Tech. University of Munich (Tutorial); Politecnico di Milano (Tutorial).

Activities sponsored and conducted by other Professional Societies brought to the Congress the positive synergy of true international cooperation and collaboration for all our benefit. I thank the leaders of our 'Sister Societies' of the IUSM - IAG, FIG, ICA, SORSA for honoring us with their first IUSM Congress. The leaders of the American Societies are appreciated for altering their Convention schedules to join with us. It is not easy to coordinate three Major conventions concurrently in the same locale. The "27th IGC Congress" and the ASPRS/ACSM/Resource Technology "Global Change Convention" prepared quality technical programs and I hope that most of you have had opportunities to join them. I do appreciate the sincere cooperation and collaboration I've had with working with my IGC counterpart, Dr. Tony DeSouza. Over the past four years we have shared together in the joys and pitfalls that only Congress Directors experience.

I thank the Congress contractors who provided us with outstanding tours, interpretation, social and other Congress services.

For all of us here, I express our thanks to the twenty government agencies, corporations and scientific organizations who opened their doors and hosted us at their facilities on our technical tours as well as for private visitations. This is one of the great benefits of attending an international congress.

There is no way I can adequately express my appreciation to the many dedicated members of the Congress Organizing Committee. The hours, days, months and years that they have toiled preparing the many, many facets for this Congress have not gone for naught. Your attendance and participation here is their reward and we are all pleased that their efforts have been so successful. I salute the Chairs of our Committees, Al Stevens, Chairman of the Congress Secretariat; Tom Lauterborn, who led the successful Grants activity as well as Secretariat functions that included Resource Acquisition and ASPRS Staff coordination; Fran Holt, Associate Director for Documentation which includes the Publications, A/V, Translation, Publicity and Administration Committees; Bill Hoffer, Associate Director for Activities which includes your fun times prepared by Social, Bay Ridge Bash, Accompanying Persons, Tours, Protocol, Transportation and Interpretation Committees; and Mary Clawson, Associate Director for Services which includes Registration, Finance, Students and Facilities. Due to time constraints I have recognized only the leaders of the many committees here, but please join with me in expressing our appreciation to all of the Organizing Committee Members for their job well done!

In closing, please let me express my sincere thanks to my employer, GE Aerospace, who has given me financial support, administrative support and very essentially **time** to devote to the Congress! And most importantly, I thank my wife Evelyn and my family for their encouragement and ability to cope with my Congress priorities. I will repeat for you here a remark I made to the General Assembly the other day. Several people have asked me what I will do now when the Congress is over. My absence from family activities has been so significant that I am going to take time to reacquaint myself with my family and I am going to remarry Evelyn and I am going to take her on a second honeymoon. I really do appreciate her support.

I have mentioned many organizations and names very rapidly and I express my apologies if I have omitted anyone or organization.

Thank you all for your support!

Presentation of Congress Director's Best Poster Awards

Lawrence W. Fritz

Commission I

Dr. Roop C. Malhotra (USA)

"Simulation Study for Integrating GPS-Control and Infrared Photography in Aerotriangulation for Shoreline Mapping"

Manfred Schroeder (Germany)

"Spatial Resolution of a Digital CCD-Camera"
("Räumliches Auflösungsvermögen Einer Digitalen CCD-Kamera")

Commission II

Kurt Novak (USA)

"Real-Time Mapping Technology"

Qiming Zhou and Allan H. Evans (Australia)

"Development of a Multimedia Spatial Information System"

Commission III

Rysuke Shibasaki (Japan)

"A Theoretical Framework for Handling Spatial Data with Positional Uncertainty in a GIS"

Liu Bin-yi (China)

"Towards the Perceptual World: A Modeling Framework for Transforming Physical Environmental Digital Data into Perceptual Digital Data"

Commission IV

Agneta G. Engberg and Bo Malmström (Sweden)

"Evaluation of SPOT Data for Topographic Map Revision at the National Land Survey of Sweden"

Huang Qian, Huang Rentao, Zhang Xinchang, Lai Rongqing and Zhu Huiming (China)

"A Photomap of China with NOAA A VHRR Data"

Commission V

Rainer Pallaske, Werner Marten and Landolf Mauelshagen (Germany)

"Digital Orthophoto-System for Architecture Representation"

Hans-Gerd Maas (Switzerland)

"Complexity Analysis for the Establishment of Image Correspondences of Dense Spatial Target Fields"

Commission VI

Kirsi-Kanerva Artimo (Finland)

"ADP Education as a Part of GIS Curriculum"

John R. Jensen and Sunil Narumalani (USA)

"Improved Remote Sensing and GIS Reliability Diagrams, Image Genealogy Diagrams, and Thematic Map Legends to Enhance Communication"

Commission VII

Katarzyna Dabrowska-Zielinska, A. Ciolkosz, M. Gruszczynska and St. Lewinski (Poland)

"Assessment of Grassland Production Using Information from Satellite Remote Sensing"

Eihan Shimizu (Japan)

"Fuzzy Classification of Satellite Imagery by Neural Networks"



Address of Host Society

Dr. Stanley Morain, President ASPRS

Thank you Mr. President.

Distinguished delegates. In 1988 when the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) offered its bid to hold the XVII ISPRS Congress in Washington, we made a commitment to host the very best Congress possible, offering a wide variety of technical and social events for our international colleagues. In Kyoto, we proposed and you confirmed, Larry Fritz as our Congress Director. It is evident from his Director's report, given at the 3rd General Assembly, that he has performed his responsibilities in an exemplary way. I echo his gratitude to the numerous Federal Agencies, especially the United States Geological Survey; the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; the National Ocean Survey, and National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service of NOAA; US/AID; the U.S. Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; Engineering Center, Naval Research Laboratory; U.S. Army Topographic Engineering Center; Soil Conservation Service; and the National Science Foundation for their monetary and in-kind contributions; and to the Private sector, especially General Electric Aerospace Division, Hughes STX, Autometric, Computer Sciences Corporation, Intergraph, Michael Baker Jr. Inc., EOSAT, EarthSat, Geonix, Helava Associates, Carl Zeiss Inc., Prince William County Government, and the Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission for their generous financial support and in-kind services.

It has been our honor and pleasure to serve as hosts to each of the Ordinary Members, Sustaining Members, Regional Members, and all delegates and their accompanying persons. As President of ASPRS, it is also my honor and pleasure, on behalf of the Society's

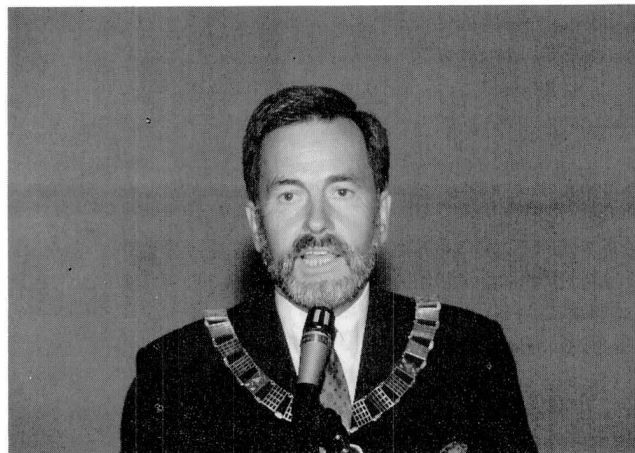
Board of Directors and our entire membership (and also the Board and Membership of ACSM) to salute the considerable and sometimes herculean efforts so freely given by the members of the Organizing Committee, and to the financial and contributory support their committees were able to create with government, industry and academia to ensure the success of this Congress.

It is surely evident to all of us that no single person could orchestrate a Congress of this complexity. Recognizing this, the ASPRS Board of Directors created an internal Secretariat for Finance and Logistics as a companion group to coordinate with Congress Director Fritz. In addition to Director Fritz, I now take this opportunity to publicly thank the twenty-five committees and their leadership for an outstanding job of planning and coordination. Director Fritz has been assisted by over 100 individuals, not to mention the essential services provided by our contractor organizations. These individuals are too numerous to name here, but they are listed on page 89 of the Final Congress Program. Nevertheless, I would be remiss not to draw your attention to the following: Al Stevens (*Congress Secretariat*); Tom Lauterborn (*Congress Secretariat for Grants*); Mary Clawson (*Support Services*); Bill Hoffer (*Activities*); Fran Holt (*Documentation*); Fred Doyle (*Honorary Advisor*); Jim Lucas and Les Perry (*Technical Program*), Fern Knauf (*Social Events*), Lola Britton (*Archives*), George Stutz (*Audio/Visual*), Alan Dragoo and Joe Wiedel (*Student Volunteers*), Bill Clark (*Plenary Sessions*), Bill Detwiler (*Resource Acquisition*), Bill French (*ASPRS Staff Coordination*), Don Hemenway and Jeff Olsenholler (*Publications*), Nora Tamberg (*Translation*), Charlie Boyle and Cheryl Madison (*Publicity*), Melanie Wyvill (*Administration*), Evelyn Fritz and Mary Doyle (*Accompanying Persons*), Richard Weber (*Protocol*), Stan Hovey (*Tours*), Tony Ragazzo (*Transportation*), Chester Slama (*Interpretation*), Mark Raffel (*Finance*), and Curt Musselman (*Registration*).

Ladies and Gentlemen...Distinguished Delegates...I ask that you join me now in our appreciation of these fine and hard working members of ASPRS and ACSM who volunteered their time (and the time of some innocent by-standers in their offices who just happened to be near by when work had to be done) so that all of us could enjoy a productive and enjoyable XVII ISPRS Congress. Let us all join hands in our appreciation.

Now, it is with sadness that we say good-bye...at least for a time. We have enjoyed your company and learned from your experiences. We have already made our plans to reunite at the Mid-Congress Symposia and in Vienna in 1996. We wish you all a safe journey home and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Thank you very much!



Address of Outgoing President

Dr. Kennert Torlegård

Distinguished Participants in the XVIIth Congress of ISPRS, Ladies and Gentlemen.

In many organizations the office of the President is purely honorary. In the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing it is indeed an honor. As your President it has been my duty and my privilege to represent the Society before international and national organizations and to manage the Society together with Council, the Technical Commission Presidents, the Financial Commission and the Editor of the ISPRS Journal. Since the last Congress in Kyoto I have been to many places around the world on ISPRS business and I have met many colleagues and with several of them I have been lucky to develop deep and valuable friendships.

I have had many invitations to visit Ordinary Members and to attend their meetings. It has not been possible for me to accept all invitations, but I have been in South Africa, USA, Germany, the former USSR, Brazil, Austria, Finland, U.K., Spain, and of course in Sweden. I am very grateful for the hospitality shown to me and the Society at these occasions.

We are now at the end of this Congress and I am about to hand over the office of President to Shunji Murai. Before doing so I want to express my sincere thanks to all my colleagues who have held office in the Society during the past four years for their very good cooperation. We have been a very good team. My particular thanks go to those who leave Council now.

To Gottfried Konecny, who has served in Council for 16 years, as Congress Director, Secretary General, President, and 1st Vice-President. My first personal contact with Gottfried was in 1973, when I had applied for the position of professor of Photogrammetry at the Royal Institute of Technology, and Gottfried was one of the experts who evaluated the merits of the applicants. In Helsinki in 1976 he became Congress Director and I became president of Commission V. Since 1984 we have

both served on Council and I have succeeded him as Secretary General and President. Gottfried, many thanks for your excellent example, for your cooperation, support, advice and friendship.

My thanks also go to the 2nd Vice-President Ivan Katzarsky whom I met at the Commission I symposium in Stockholm in 1974 for the first time and then later at several FIG and ISPRS congresses, and now we have had the pleasure of working together for four years.

Keith Atkinson, the Treasurer, is also leaving Council. I have known him for more than 20 years and I regard him as one of my best friends. When, in 1980, Sweden passed Commission V to U.K., Keith became secretary of the Commission. and there have been many national and international events at which we have met and developed our friendship. We have also enjoyed music, concerts, and choirs together. It has been a great pleasure to work together with you, Keith, in Council.

Larry Fritz will stay on Council for another period, now as Secretary General. To him we all owe many warm and sincere and hearty thanks. The most demanding of all offices in Council is that of the Congress Director. Larry has done a magnificent job. The Congress was so well planned, so well prepared and so well arranged. We have all enjoyed the result. No Congress has had so many participants, so many papers, so much of everything. It has been full of success. Our thanks also extend to all your co-workers in the Congress Committee. Larry, not only have you carried the responsibility of the Congress, but also you have contributed to all the other business of the Society. Your ability to analyze a problem and to come up with a constructive solution has been of great value for Council and the Society. It is good for the Society that you will continue as Secretary General until the next Congress.

Shunji Murai leaves as Secretary General and now becomes President. He is a hard working person who can strive enthusiastically for goals of great importance, such as stopping the deforestation of the tropics, and replanting to prevent soil disasters. With his many contacts in Asia he has done much for the advancement of our sciences and their applications. He has often reminded me of the importance of having a consensus before you go ahead and do things in international cooperation. In his company I have enjoyed many good experiences, and his special sense of humor has created many smiles and relaxing laughs, which is of great value, especially when we work under tension with difficult problems.

I also want to express thanks to the Financial Commission for their work. In Kyoto Giovanna Togliatti was elected Chairperson. But too early her life came to an end. Before we found a successor, Einari Kilpelä acted as chairperson. Later John Trinder was

appointed chairman. To them and Paulo Trino, the third member of the Financial Commission, we owe many thanks.

The Society is also very much indebted to David Tait who took over the office of Editor-in-Chief as successor to prof Jürgen Hothmer, who died unexpectedly and left a vacuum in the negotiations with publishers about a new contract for publication of the official Journal of the Society. David Tait took over and finished the negotiations. He has also accepted the position of Editor for the coming four years.

The scientific and technical advancement of our disciplines is most important for the Society. The management of this development is in the hands of the Technical Commission Presidents. Their contributions are the core of the life of the Society. They have been:

- Marcio Barbosa, Brazil
- Klaus Szangolies, Germany
- Li Deren, China
- Takeshi Hirai, Japan
- Armin Grün, Switzerland
- John Badekas, Greece
- Frank Hegyi, Canada

The contributions by the chairmen of the many commission working groups is of the utmost importance and it is also very much appreciated, but time does not allow me to mention all their names.

The General Assembly has had many good candidates from whom to select the new officers of the Society. Their names are already known, but let me repeat them. In Council you have:

- Shunji Murai, Japan, as President
- myself from Sweden as 1st vice President
- Armin Grün, Switzerland, as 2nd Vice President
- Larry Fritz, USA, as Secretary General
- John Trinder, Australia, as Treasurer
- Karl Kraus, Austria, as Congress Director

Members of the Financial Commission are:

- Keith Atkinson, U.K., Chairman
- John Badekas, Greece
- Ramon Lorenzo, Spain

Editor of the official Journal is:

- David Tait, U.K.

Technical Commission Presidents are:

- Luigi Mussio, Italy
- M. Mosaad Allam, Canada
- Heinrich Ebner, Germany
- Roy Welch, USA
- John Fryer, Australia
- Li Deren, China
- Roberto P. da Cunha, Brazil.

Directions for their work is formulated in the Resolutions which have been adopted by the General

Assembly and then endorsed by the Congress. More general guidelines are given in the Statutes and the Bylaws. In addition I would like to add a few remarks and wishes for the future, if I may.

- Officers of the Society should always have among themselves an open attitude in discussions and deliberations
- Council and Commissions should try to find a consensus in opinion before you make a decision
- But do not hesitate to make a decision without the consent of everybody, if it is necessary to make progress
- Communication with and dissemination of information to the Members is of the utmost importance, both from and to Council and especially between Technical Commissions and Working Groups on the one hand and Ordinary, Regional and, Sustaining Members on the other.
- Submit papers, news, reports, reviews etc. to the Editors of the official Journal, and encourage institutions, corporations and individuals to subscribe
- Develop more contacts with other international organizations related to photogrammetry and remote sensing, for example in fields of surveys and mapping, space sciences, image and vision sciences, earth sciences, GIS, environment and natural resources.
- Remember that the Society subscribes to non-discrimination on a basis of politics, nationality, religion, or sex, and remember that the advancement of our sciences is ultimately done to improve the quality of life of man wherever he lives, and to improve the possibilities for more people to live in peace on Earth.

In the past Congress period we have seen many changes on the political map of the World. This has also had effect on our Society. Some of the Ordinary Members have changed names and organizational form. When Germany was re-unified the Society lost one Member. Due to the political changes in central and eastern Europe, the Society has new Members at this Congress representing Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Belarus, Slovenia, and Albania. Other new Members are Azerbaijan, Bophuthatswana, and Saudi Arabia. Further changes in the Membership will most likely take place in the coming four years.

The Society has now an important role to play. The new members can benefit from the scientific and technical development which is coordinated and presented through the Society at symposia, colloquia, congresses and other meetings. The Society also can offer a network to colleagues in other countries, contacts can be established and exchanged of experience and support can follow. It is all within the scope of the Society: to develop the international cooperation for the advancement of photogrammetry and remote sensing and their applications. But how much this is worth and

to what extent it will take place that depends on you and me as individuals. We have to convince decision-makers at various levels, and above all we have to make use of the resources we have at hand, whether in universities and colleges, in private enterprises offering hardware, software and services, in governmental agencies and ministries. We can work in international projects, we can initiate projects, some of us can decide about funding and policy for international cooperation. It depends on us, you and me, what will be done! Photogrammetry and remote sensing cover disciplines that are applied in research laboratories, in industry, in municipal planning, in national mapping, in environmental and natural resources monitoring over larger regions. We all can use our position to contribute to the process of making the Earth a better place to live on.

As President I have had many opportunities to meet photogrammetrists and remote sensing experts and to listen and learn and to discuss the scientific, technical and managerial matters of our disciplines and their roles and relationships to other parts of the surveying and engineering sciences. I am very grateful for this experience, and for all the good relations and friendships that have developed during these four years.



Presentation of Chain of Office

Dr. Kennert Torlegård

My final duty as President is to transfer the President's chain to Shunji Murai. This magnificent collar was donated by Society by The Photogrammetric Society of Great Britain in 1964. Before me it has been carried by:

- Paes Clemente
- Hans Härry
- Luigi Solaini
- Samuel Gamble
- Jean Cruset
- Fred Doyle
- Gottfried Konecny

Dear Shunji, I wish the Society continued successful development under your leadership.

Finally, I wish you all a good and safe journey back home, and I look forward to see you again in Vienna in four years, if not before.

Thank you.



Address of Incoming President

Dr. Shunji Murai

Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen!

It is my great honor to have been elected as the new President of ISPRS that has 94 Ordinary members and a history of more than 80 years.

First of all, I would like to thank my teachers. Dr. Frederick Doyle, the past president for 1976-1980, taught me why Japanese scientists had to contribute to the Society. Fred ordered me not to escape from international cooperation simply because of the language handicap.

I was lucky to have been able to work together with Prof. Gottfried Konecny on the Council for the past eight years. Gottfried has been always a God-father to me and I tried to be a good son. Gottfried taught me the difference between an elephant and a crocodile. He ordered me to become an elephant who works very hard to get food by himself rather than a crocodile who does not work but only waits for some food jumping into his mouth.

The late Professor Giovanna Togliatti was almost my elder sister who taught me how I should make clear between yes and no. This is sometimes difficult to a Japanese.

Professor Kennert Torlegård is always like my elder brother who taught me how to manage huge files as the Secretary General. Kennert is a very smart and liberal gentleman from northern Europe. I am very pleased to know that he continues to serve as the first vice president.

I am happy to work with my colleagues for the next four years. Mr. Larry Fritz, my successor as the Secretary General, Prof. Armin Gruen as Second Vice President, Prof. John Trinder as Treasurer and Prof. Karl Kraus as Congress Director. Mr. Keith Atkinson, the new Chairman of Financial Commission was always my English teacher who corrected my incorrect English when he was Treasurer for the past four years.

ISPRS has many things to improve, reform or restructure in its organization including technical commissions, working groups, membership, symposia and congress. I will try to be a good leader together with the Council and Technical Commission Presidents. However, I appreciate it if you suggest to Council any constructive proposals and new concepts. I need contributions not only from Ordinary Members but also from Sustaining Members. The financial infrastructure is not strong enough to allow Council to attend many meetings of IUSM, the sister societies, UN and others. Most of communications are now made by facsimile which costs more than before. In this sense, we need more financial support.

If I review the activities of ISPRS, most participants used to be from advanced countries. However, we have to encourage the members of developing countries to join the activities of ISPRS. In this sense, ISPRS should support the regional activities.

Concerning the technical commissions, I think that the targets will be made clear and the activities will be attractive to the members.

In the last decade, the industrial and technological environment has changed with many of technological innovations, such as digital photogrammetry with CCD cameras, GIS, global change study with remote sensing data and so on. We have always to be careful in following up the new technologies, which will refresh ISPRS if we are flexible and rise to new challenges.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the new Council is about to begin its work. As the new president, I would like to request your cooperation and contribution to support the future development of ISPRS.

Thank you.

Address of Outgoing Congress Director

Lawrence W. Fritz

Distinguished delegates and participants in the 17th ISPRS Congress, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Four years ago in Kyoto when the USA was selected to host this Congress, I pledged to the delegates to make the 17th International Congress of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing a success.

To plan for this Congress took many, many years of labor from volunteers, ASPRS staff and officers, and the diligent work of Commission Presidents and Council. The task has not been easy and the product is not perfect, but the experience has been memorable and rewarding for all involved.

However, it is your presence and the participation of our many colleagues these past two weeks that has given us the greatest reward. My latest statistics indicate that we have had the pleasure to meet, greet, discuss and make friends with delegates here from at least 86 countries. The many, many international friendships that have been made here are a living testament of the true cooperative spirit that is fostered by ISPRS. We have been blessed. The weather has been outstanding and even the brief shower at our "bash at the beach" only added to the electricity of the evening.

To envision in advance an event of such complexity is very difficult. The pressures have built as this Congress approached. The vast variety of scientific organizations producing tutorials, workshops, seminars and intersociety sessions, coupled with the planning of daily tours, excursions and social events has approached being overwhelming. I am so pleased and proud of our organizing committee which has met the challenge and have had the opportunity to support you in so many ways. I personally am so thankful to so many of them. I hope you have enjoyed the Congress as much as I have!

Now, before we depart to all corners of the globe, let me give one further expression of thanks to my dear friends on Council. Your wisdom, support and encouragement have made me a better man.



Presentation of the ISPRS Flag

L. Fritz

Now in the tradition that began in Finland, it is my sincere pleasure to call on Karl Kraus, our new Congress Director, to receive the Flag of our Society. We all look forward to seeing it flying with honor in

Vienna in 1996. And I have the flag here. It shows 1910 Vienna, the first Congress of ISPRS and it is an honor to hand this flag over to Vienna 1996. Karl congratulations.

Address of Incoming Congress Director

K. Kraus

Mr. President, Members of the Council, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I feel deeply honored having received the flag of ISPRS which is a symbol of the spirit of our Society.

The flag of ISPRS is a token of international cooperation and friendship as well as sportive competition within and for our profession worthwhile to live for it.

I shall bring the flag home to my country, to the Austrian Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and we shall keep it safely for the next of these great events of ISPRS.

It is really a great thing for the small country of Austria to receive this honor after such countries like Germany, Brazil, Japan and USA.

It is high time that the Congress returns home to Vienna in 1996 after 83 years. As you know, the first Congress of ISP took place in Vienna in 1913, organized by the founder of the ISP, Edward Dolezal.

For the next Congress of ISPRS in 1996, I kindly ask you, Larry Fritz, and all the experienced members of the Council and the Commission Presidents, for help and advice. Please share your experience with us. I also ask all of you for cooperation in the coming four years.

I ask you in advance to excuse the little mistakes which obviously occur everywhere. I shall try to minimize the sigma-zero in the same way as Gottfried Konecny, Placidino Fagundes, Shunji Murai and Larry Fritz have done it.

Finally I wish all of you the best for your trip home and for the coming four years. I invite all of you with the German words:

Auf Wiedersehen in Wien!

Closing of Congress

L. Fritz

Thank you Mr. President. I wish you all a safe journey. I appreciate you all coming. Thank you. This session, this 17th Congress is now closed!

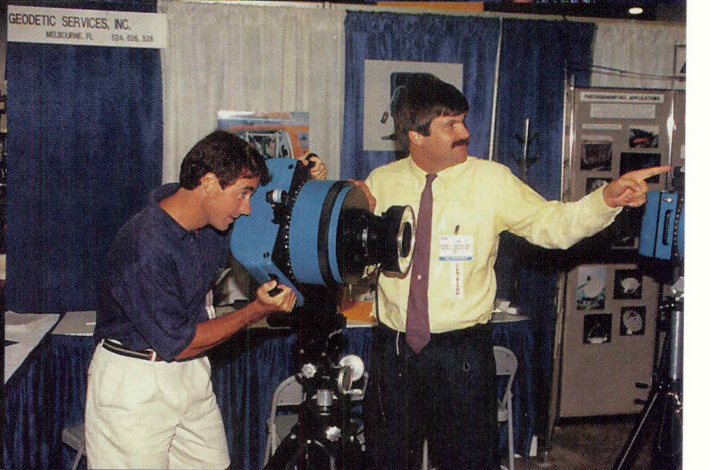
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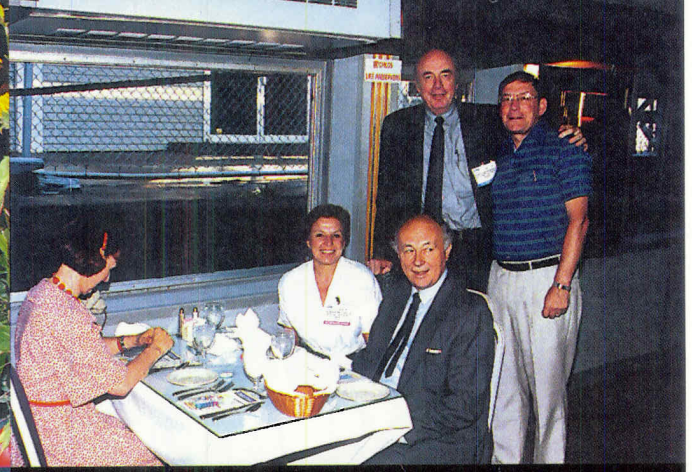
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