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WELCOME TO THE XXIInd ISPRS CONGRESS

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It is with much pleasure that I welcome you all to the XXII Congress of ISPRS, in my home town of Melbourne, Australia. An ISPRS Congress always offers the opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones, experience the latest developments in the science and art of photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial sciences, and to experience this in a unique and rewarding location. I have always anticipated the next ISPRS Congress with enthusiasm and pleasure, and now it is Australia's turn to repay that experience to the ISPRS community.



There have been many advances in the science and technology of information from imagery over the last 4 years since the Congress in Beijing. People everywhere now use on-line satellite image services routinely to navigate, to

explore new places and to plan their visit. We now have systems where users can contribute to the image and map database of 'space and place'; for example crowd sourced data is now an indispensable part of disaster response planning. Today there are small satellites that can be launched for a fraction of the cost of earlier imaging programmes, giving smaller nations

affordable access to multispectral satellite imagery. This technology can only continue to improve, making high resolution satellite imagery and the associated spatial information ubiquitous.

The mission of ISPRS is information from imagery. This encompasses far more than the speedy delivery of imagery over the internet. Our profession can almost automatically derive 3D models of the built environment, determine the shrinkage of the world's glaciers, determine sea level and temperature, monitor development and the impact on arable land, measure the size of cancer tumours, model tangible cultural heritage and give decision makers the tools they need to make informed and justifiable decisions. As a profession we can be proud of what we have achieved and can offer the world. The participation by so many people here at the Melbourne Congress is testament to the important role the Congress plays in the sharing of this knowledge.

You should also make time to discover Melbourne while you are here, it is a vibrant multi-cultural community with a long tradition of science, technology and the arts. There are many reasons why Melbourne is consistently awarded the honour of the world's most liveable city.

On behalf of the ISPRS, the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute of Australia, and the City of Melbourne, I welcome you all to the Congress and wish you a rewarding and enriching experience.



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