



12.2 Report of the South-East Asian Regional Representative

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The Regional Representative for South-East Asia, in the period of 2012 - 2016, conducted various activities to promote ISPRS in the region. In the position of AARS Deputy General Secretary, the RR continuously supports ISPRS by arrangement of various meeting, seminars and summer schools.

Summer schools following the annual Asian Conference of Remote Sensing are an excellent example of collaboration between AARS and ISPRS, to promote ISPRS in Asia and SEA region. The 8th ISPRS Student Consortium and the WG VI/5 Summer School were organized from Nov. 30 to Dec. 4, 2012, at Burapha University, Chonburi, Thailand. The ISPRS – ACRS Summer School 2013 was organized in Werdhapura Village Center, Indonesia, from 25 to 30 October, 2013. The ISPRS-ACRS Summer School 2015 was organized at the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines from 24 to 28 October, 2015.

The 9th International Conference on Geo-information for Disaster Management 2013 (GI4DM2013) was successfully held at the Institute of Geography, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology, from 9 to 11 December, 2013. 90 participants from 18 countries participated in the conference.

In 2014, a scientific collaboration project between the Institute of Geography and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, ETH, Zurich, was initiated with the support of ISPRS, AARS and the Asian Institute of Technology, AIT. The project supported 9 participants from Vietnam, to attend the Asian Conference on Remote Sensing held in Manila, Philippines, from 18 to 23 October, 2015.

In the framework of this project, a workshop titled “Modern Trends of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing” was organized in Hanoi on Oct. 16, 2015. 45 participants from Vietnam and Laos PDR participated in the workshop.

The regional representative has discussed with the Laos PDR representative about the possibility to become an Ordinary member of ISPRS.

Regional Representative’s recommendations to ISPRS: It is time to formulate separate policies for developing countries in general, and countries in SEA region in particular, to encourage scientists to join ISPRS’s activities. These policies should reflect the following points:

- Low registration fee to attend workshops, seminars and conferences organized by ISPRS
- Waiving of publication fee in ISPRS scientific journals
- Capacity building through technology transfer workshops and pilot projects.