## **Melbourne Congress to debut Electronic Posters**

The ISPRS 2012 Congress in Melbourne, Australia, (25 August -1 September) will introduce the use of electronic poster sessions to the ISPRS community. No longer will participants need to travel the world with cardboard tubes containing their paper poster.



The poster sessions will be programmed as they have been in the past and will form an integral part of the Congress Technical Program. The sessions will include several minutes for the presenters to give a brief overview of their material, followed by time at large interactive touch screens throughout the venue to facilitate discussion. The system allows presenters to upload their material from their home base before the Congress, and then makes this available from the Congress web site so that participants have the opportunity to view the posters at their leisure.

All presenters will be able to upload their presentations before leaving for Australia, and all accepted abstracts will also be available for perusal before the Congress. Congress participants can then plan their technical sessions well in advance of arriving in the beautiful city of Melbourne. The Melbourne Congress and Exhibition Centre has free WiFi Internet, so any participant with a computer will be able to view all of the relevant material from anywhere in the venue.

This approach to managing presentations will make the Melbourne meeting a significant milestone in the progression of ISPRS Congresses. The Congress Director, Cliff Ogleby, says "we are looking forward to exploiting the opportunities offered by different technologies at the Congress, as well as reducing paper waste to a minimum."

## Key dates:

The second announcement for the congress will be distributed shortly; in the interim here are the key dates:

Deadline for Abstracts:	
Deadline for Full Paper:	24 October 2011
	28 November 2011
(Technical Commissions requiring peer review only)	2011010112011
Technical Commission III Full Paper:	28 November 2011
Deadline for submission of full papers for best young authors awards:	31 January 2012
Deadline for applicants for Grants & Fellowships:	7 March 2012

Notification:	March 2012
Deadline for Full Paper:	1 June 2012
Deadline for registration to Tutorials & Workshops:	1 June 2012
Early Bird Registration Deadline:	24 February 2012
Accommodation Deadline:	1 August 2012

Please bookmark the Congress web site (<u>www.isprs2012.org</u>) and sign up for the email bulletins.