

Obituary: Tuan-Chih Chen



1943 – 2011

It is with deep sadness that I share with you the unexpected passing of Prof. Tuan-Chih Chen. He died in an accident after Christmas, 2011. He was the ISPRS Calendar Editor since 2000.

His son, Yen-Fu Chen, informed me that he studied civil engineering to a Master's degree in Taiwan. He spent a few years studying in Germany and also worked in Saudi Arabia for a couple of years during his main academic career in the Chung Chen Institute of Technology. He has been actively involving in various societies in Taiwan such as The Chinese Geoinformatics Society, the Chinese Society of Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing and Chinese Cartographic Association and promoting their links with the ISPRS. He was WG VI/1 Co-Chair (1992-1996) and WG VI/4 Chair (1996-2000). When I became Technical Commission VI President in 2004, he was the first person who came to me to express his willingness to help me on running the Commission. I asked him to become WG VI/4 Chair and we worked together for four years. He was always active on utilizing internet within the frame work of ISPRS. His work as the Calendar Editor was always very prompt and precise. In the end of last year, I send an e-mail to him asking to check the ISPRS Calendar. It was a pity that the reply came from his son informing about his sudden death. Tuan was always smiling and kind to others. He was well known for taking his wife, Chiu-ai Lin, with him when attending the ISPRS and ACRS conferences organized in various locations around the world. We always enjoyed their joyful presence. The photo below is the last greeting card I received from him one year ago. Let us pray for the repose of his soul.

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