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ISPRS Technical Commission V Symposium

"Close-range imaging, ranging and applications"

TIF Travel Grant Report by Georgia Stavropoulou

My name is Georgia Stavropoulou, one of the recipients of the ISPRS foundation travel grants for attending the ISPRS technical Commission V Symposium on Close range imaging, ranging and applications, in Riva del Garda. This financial support was really helpful for me as I would not have been able to cover my travel costs otherwise. I would like to express my gratitude by writing a report regarding the benefits that I gained through this experience.

First of all, as a young researcher, I consider my attendance in the symposium very beneficial, as it was the first time that I presented my work in front of an audience with a similar educational background and scientific interests. Apart from the honour of your work being recognized and accepted to a world-renowned symposium, the feeling of contribution to your field, even with a small amount of knowledge, is always satisfying. This experience gave me the opportunity to theoretically put my work within a more specific framework and reevaluate the importance of what I do. As a result, I was motivated to continue my work in research, having as a goal to participate and contribute dynamically in this scientific field.

Moreover, I consider the opportunity to meet and socialize with both young and experienced researchers very valuable, as through this kind of interaction I was able to form a broader idea regarding the promising research areas and my future career possibilities. I had the chance not only to get informed about the current research trends in photogrammetry and cultural heritage documentation, fields that are of immediate interest to me, but also to gain an insight into other interesting research areas, as computer vision, and understand how they can be combined with traditional techniques. I really enjoyed the multi-disciplinarily of the subjects and I found very interesting how the close range imaging techniques can be implemented in wide range of fields, such as railway construction, hydraulics or geology, for the purposes of recording or monitoring. I felt deeply inspired, especially by the work of early stage researchers, and I got plenty of ideas for further expansion of my own work.

Last but not least, having the financial support by the TIF, I had the chance to visit a beautiful place such as Riva and enjoy the Italian culture and nature, combining an important step for my career with a travel experience.

Concluding, I would like to mention that your commitment to funding young researchers is admiring. As I receiver of this support myself, I hope more young researchers will have the opportunity to attend the symposium and I sincerely feel grateful for you generosity.