

ISPRS Technical Commission VII Mid-Term Symposium 2014

ISPRS TC VII Mid-term Symposium 2014, held at Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul - Turkey, from Sept. 29th to 2nd October, 2014, aimed to provide a platform for sharing the results of research and development efforts in both national and international remote sensing applications and to help in identifying advances in remote sensing theory, research, experiments, applications, and technology throughout the world. The symposium addressed diverse topics related to methodologies and technologies within a unique forum keeping participants up to date with the latest advances in remote sensing applicable to various disciplines.

The ISPRS TC VII mid-term 2014 symposium was officially opened by Filiz Sunar, president of ISPRS TC VII followed by welcome addresses by the Turkish National Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing President, Metin Keşap and ISPRS Secretary General, Christian Heipke. A keynote speech was given by Ed Parsons, Google Inc., talked about “The quantified earth: The potential of "networked" sensors”. Finally brief information about the ISPRS 2016 Congress was given by Congress director, Lena Halounova.

In total, 81 participants registered from 21 countries representing all five continents. Altogether 3 plenary sessions, 10 oral sessions and 1 poster session were organized in the symposia. In the organized 3 plenary sessions, 9 (plenary session speakers) invited papers were presented. As a total, 13 contributed papers are included in the ISPRS Annals and 36 contributed papers are included in the ISPRS Archives. The papers submitted for ISPRS Annals and the abstracts submitted for ISPRS Archives were evaluated by the TC VII Working Group officers according to content, significance, originality, relevance and clearness of presentation. These, together with the free 3 tutorials (titled as “Authoring Flexible and Dynamical Teaching Materials for Earth Science”, “Introduction to Synthetic Aperture Radar” and “Synthetic Aperture Radar Interferometry”) given to young scientists before the opening session and 8 poster presentations, serve to demonstrate the importance of the mid-term symposium for sharing ideas and findings with a truly international community.

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