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Dear Mr. President, dear Chen Jun,

with this letter DGPF, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Photogrammetrie, Fernerkundung und Geoinformation e.V., nominates Prof. Christian Heipke for the position of President of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) during the intercongress period of 2016 - 2020.

Since 1998 Christian Heipke holds a professorship of photogrammetry and remote sensing and is Head of IPI, the Institute of Photogrammetry and GeoInformation at Leibniz Universität Hannover. Within ISPRS Christian has served in different positions over the last more than 25 years. In 2012 he was elected as Secretary General of ISPRS. During the last three years he has devoted a significant amount of his time to society affairs and has convincingly demonstrated his international leadership skills, e.g. in reforming the ISPRS commission structure, in improving the scientific visibility of ISPRS proceedings, and in introducing individual membership.

Christian has expressed an interest in serving ISPRS as President for 2016-2020 to continue his work for the society in helping to guide it into a sustainable future, a task which he sees as a great challenge. DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; the German Science Foundation) has declared that they will continue to support his activity in a similar way as for the position as Secretary General. DGPF will support his activity by additional funds.

DGPF believes that Christian Heipke is an ideal candidate for the position of ISPRS President 2016-2020. The German Society for Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Geoinformation and I personally ask the delegates of the ISPRS General Assembly to vote in his favour during the upcoming Prague Congress.

Thank you very much for considering this nomination.
Yours sincerely,

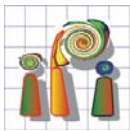
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Attachment: Curriculum vitae of Christian Heipke

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Curriculum vitae, Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Christian Heipke



Christian Heipke was born in Lüneburg, Germany in 1961. Since 1980 he studied Geodetic Sciences and Surveying at the universities of Hannover, Sydney, and Munich. He graduated from the Technical University Munich in 1986 and subsequently joined the Industrieanlagen-Betriebsgesellschaft (IABG), Ottobrunn as a Research Scientist. In 1990 he became Research Fellow at the Chair for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Technical University Munich. In the same year he received a Ph.D. degree (Dr.-Ing.) and in 1994 the *venia legendi* (Dr.-Ing. habil.), both from TU Munich.

From 1991-1994 he led the research group 'Digital Photogrammetry' at the same institution. Throughout 1995 he was a visiting professor of photogrammetry at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. He returned to TU Munich at the beginning of 1996, where he headed the research group 'Image matching and object extraction'. He was awarded another visiting professorship at Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland in spring 1998.

In October 1998 he was appointed Head of the Institute of Photogrammetry and GeoInformation, Leibniz Universität Hannover, where he currently leads a group of about 25 researchers, most of them funded through grants from national and international science organisations and from industry. From 2009-2011 he served as Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering and Geodetic Science. In 2012 he was on sabbatical leave and worked at the IGN-MATIS research laboratory in Paris for six months.

His professional interests comprise all aspects of digital photogrammetry & remote sensing, image understanding and their connection to GIS and computer vision. His two areas of special expertise are *automatic sensor orientation* and *object extraction from images*.

Christian Heipke has successfully supervised more than 25 PhD theses and has about 350 scientific publications to his name, some 80 of which appeared in peer reviewed international journals. He has acted as guest editor of major international journals in photogrammetry and remote sensing, and he is on the editorial board of a number of scientific journals. He has organized and co-organized numerous international scientific meetings in the fields of photogrammetry, remote sensing, GIS and computer vision, in particular the biennial ISPRS Hannover Workshop on High Resolution Earth Imaging for Geospatial Information (since 1999). He has chaired ISPRS working groups for 16 years and was vice-president of EuroSDR (European Spatial Data Research, formerly known as OEEPE) from 2004-2009, in which he was responsible for research. From 2011-2014 he was chair of the German Geodetic Commission (DGK). Currently he serves as ISPRS Secretary General.

He is the recipient of the Otto von Gruber Award 1992, the most prestigious award for young scientists in photogrammetry and remote sensing, the Frederick J. Doyle Award 2012 for outstanding and sustained qualities in the profession, both offered by ISPRS, and the Photogrammetric (Fairchild) Award 2013 from ASPRS. He is an ordinary member of the German Geodetic Commission, the Braunschweig Scientific Society (BWG) and acatech - the German Academy for Technical Sciences, and a corresponding member of the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA). Furthermore, he is a member of the German Society for Geodesy, Geoinformation and Land Management (DVW), the German Society for Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Geoinformation (DGPF), the German Society for Pattern Recognition (DAGM), the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS), and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

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