ICA and ISPRS co-organise Digital Cartographic Summit during Geospatial World Forum 2017 in Hyderabad

ICA - the International Cartographic Association, together with ISPRS co-organised a two-day workshop entitled Digital Cartographic Summit as part of the Geospatial World Forum (GWF) in Hyderabad, India during Jan. 24 and 25, 2017. For ten years, GWF has been a meeting point for international political, business and administrative leaders in the geospatial field, and is also attended by academia. It is typically comprised of different workshops.

The Digital Cartographic Summit 2017 was organised at the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the Survey of India. The Survey, founded in 1767, is one of the oldest surveying institutions in the world. The workshop featured a presentation from Dr. Swarna Subba Rao, the Surveyor General of India, who brought to life the history of the Survey, including the involvements of one of his predecessors, Sir George Everest, during the great trigonometric survey and the height determination of the highest mountain in the world, named after him. Menno Jan Kraak, ICA president, and ISPRS president Christian Heipke gave their views on the future of cartographic data acquisition and mapping. Further sessions were dedicated to technological developments in sensors, data representation and user needs. A closing panel, including Johannes Riegl (Riegl Measurement Systems) and Ed Parsons (Google) investigated and discussed future trends in surveying, mapping and the geospatial domain as a whole.

As judged by the participants, the workshop was a very interesting meeting with a lot of lively presentations and discussions. While paying tribute to the long and successful history of the Survey of India, it also shed ample light on new developments and challenges we will undoubtedly meet in the near future and discussed possible solutions and scenarios to cope with the upcoming changes.