

Summary of the Activities of the ISPRS Student Consortium Board Members in the 38th Asian Conference on Remote Sensing

The 38th Asian Conference on Remote Sensing (ACRS 2017) was held in the Ashok Hotel, New Delhi, India from October 23-27, 2017 with the theme, “Space Applications: Touching Human Lives.” The conference was organized by the Indian Society of Remote Sensing, the Indian Society of Geomatics, and the Asian Association on Remote Sensing (AARS).

The ISPRS Student Consortium board members decided to meet during this conference because the Technical Commission V (TC V) officers were also part of the organizing committee as well as other key people from the working groups. Furthermore, there were several student activities organized within the conference and the ISPRS SC and WG V/5 summer school follows after the conference. The ISPRS SC board members present were Sheryl Rose Reyes (Chair, Japan/Philippines), Angelica Kristina Monzon (Newsletter Editor-in-Chief, Philippines) and Mr. Charles Jjuuko (Website Administrator, The Netherlands/Uganda).

The ISPRS SC board members initiated and attended several meeting during the conference. The first meeting was with Dr. Chaowalit Silapathong, former Deputy Director of the Geoinformatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA) of Thailand for a potential collaboration with the ASEAN Research and Training Center for Space Technology and Applications (ARTSA). The second meeting was with Dr. Christian Heipke, President of the ISPRS, for the final revision of the summer school guidelines as part of the harmonization of all summer schools organized and co-organized by ISPRS as well as the potential amendments to the ISPRS SC statutes. The third meeting was a meeting called by Dr. Kohei Cho, General Secretary of AARS, with the goal of strengthening international collaboration and presence of the ISPRS in Asia.

Moreover, the ISPRS SC board members also provided additional assistance in the organization of the student activities in ACRS 2017. The current ISPRS SC Chair has also been involved in the organization of the student activities in ACRS since 2014, specifically, the Student Session, WEBCON and the Student Night. In this year’s ACRS, Ms. Reyes co-chaired the WEBCON 7 together with Dr. Fuan Tsai, former WG VI/5 chair, and chaired the Student Session with Ms. Monzon as co-chair. The ISPRS SC board members also helped organize and facilitate the Student Night. A presentation and promotion of the ISPRS SC was also delivered by Ms. Monzon during the Student Session.

The 18th ISPRS SC and WG V/5 Summer School followed after the ACRS 2017, which was held in the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, which is a 6 hour drive from New Delhi. This year’s summer school theme was “Geo-processing Tools and Technologies in Citizen Science,” which was a timely theme in today’s issues related to the use and significance of the profession.

In summary, the ISPRS SC board members were able to meet key people who are involved and willing to contribute to the future of the organization. The experience also provided insight in the different student activities that are being organized in ACRS, how it is organized,

challenges encountered and the lessons learned. This was also a very important work that we had with the people of the TC V and its working groups and Dr. A Senthil Kumar and Dr. Sameer Saran had provided great support for the board members. The ISPRS SC would like to envision a future of collaboration with different international organizations, as well as a close working relationship with TC V and the ISPRS Council.