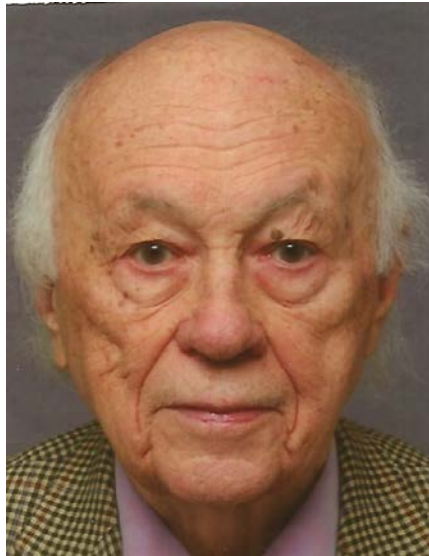


INTRODUCTION TO THE WORKSHOP OF ISPRS WG IV/2: “GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION AND HIGH RESOLUTION GLOBAL LAND COVER/LAND USE MAPPING”



ISPRS Working Group IV-2, chaired by Prof. Vladimir Seredovich conducted a successful workshop during the 80th Anniversary of the Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and the Interexpo GEO-Siberia-2013. At that time the joint UNGGIM-ISPRS Project, which was trying to carry on with the activities of the United Nations Secretariat in New York of the 1960’s and 1970’s was by no means complete. Due to excellent international cooperation from all parts of the globe, including that from the Russian Federation, we can now present a result. It is a start for a monitoring process for what our professional activities are producing.

It is an honour again to hold a workshop in Novosibirsk at a time, when the Siberian Academy of Geodesy has been officially recognized with University Status.

ISPRS has at this time identified a new goal. Satellite imagery data sources not only provide a basis to compile and to update topographic base data, but they also permit to monitor land cover of the globe and to set it into relation with land management and land use for a sustainable development. The workshop promises to become a platform for these crucial efforts for the years to come.

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