

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



Since more than a decade the Siberian State University of Geosystems and Technologies (SSUGT) or its predecessor Siberian State Academy of Geodesy (SSGA) organized the largest geospatial exhibition event in the Russian Federation with a large international participation. Through this interchange SSUGT soon became involved in international scientific exchanges carried out by international scientific organizations in the geoinformatics disciplines, such as the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the International Cartographic Association (ICA). For Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, represented by ISPRS, it became possible in 2005 to reestablish the excellent relations with Russian scientists existing from 1980 to 1984, when Prof. Ivan T. Antipov of the former NIIGAiK was Vice President of ISPRS. In 2012 at the ISPRS Congress in Melbourne, Australia, Prof. Vladimir Sereдович was elected as chair of the ISPRS Working Group IV/2 with Argina Novitskaya as Secretary. They organized two successful ISPRS workshops in Novosibirsk at the Interexpo GEO- Siberia 2013 and 2015. Prior to the ISPRS Congress in Prague in July 2016 the ISPRS Workshop in 2016 offers the possibility for a target oriented review for the future international activities in global mapping efforts. The Russian Federation is the largest country in the world in which mapping and satellite remote sensing make an important contribution to economic development and environmental protection. Therefore, ISPRS appreciates the organization of the third ISPRS Workshop 2016 and the participation of Russian scientist in this global effort.

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