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# INTRODUCTION – INTRODUCTION – EINLEITUNG

The XVII Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing was an ambitious effort conducted by a hard working Congress Organizing Committee, supported by a large number of government and commercial organizations and hosted by the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, the Ordinary Member of ISPRS representing the United States. The contributions of Council and the presentation of a comprehensive scientific and technical program prepared by the Technical Commission Presidents cannot be understated in that the scientific program is the *raison d'être*. The hard work and dedication of all culminated in one of the most successful ISPRS Congresses to date. This archive *Volume XXIX, Part A of The International Archives of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing*, attempts to capture and record for posterity the multiple and diverse activities of this milestone event in the annals of our profession, the 17th ISPRS Congress held in the United States at the Washington D.C. Convention Center, August 2 through August 14, 1992.

We are pleased by the diversity offered by the scientific program: The tutorials and seminars on very timely topics sponsored by ISPRS Commissions and the United Nations; the sessions organized by the Working Groups of our Sister Societies of the IUSM; the Special Sessions jointly sponsored with other professional organizations such as IUFRO and JOBRESA; the 76 sessions prepared by the 47 Working Groups of the seven ISPRS Technical Commissions; and the opportunity for participants to commingle and interact both technically and socially with the concurrent 27th International Geographical Congress and the ASPRS "Global Change Conference" held in adjacent venues.

Through the collaborative support of the UN Department of Economic and Social Development; the UN Office of Outer Space Affairs; Energy, Mines and Resources Canada; and ASPRS through a large dedicated amount of Congress funds, we are especially proud that we were able to support the expenses of over 100 specialists from developing and reform countries to participate in the scientific, social and business activities of the Congress. Supplementing these resources were donations by the ISPRS Ordinary Member organizations of Japan and Switzerland for providing 2,500 Swiss francs to each of ten Young Authors of Best Papers. All of these resources for supporting photogrammetrists and remote sensing specialists in the developing nations of the World were dedicated to promote the core of our philosophy, i.e., to teach, inform and promote international cooperation.

We are pleased that this Volume contains summaries from all of the 130 sessions of the Scientific Program. For this we express our appreciation to the generosity of those who took notes at the sessions and provided the summaries. We also thank those who assisted in typing this document as well as to our National Science Foundation for its support of the publication of this document. We would also like to recognize the efforts of the very efficient secretaries who spent many hours assisting Council and the Technical Commission Presidents at the Congress: Joanne Heckman, provided by General Electric, USA; Chiwako Fujino, provided by the Japan Society (JSPRS); and Gesine Böttcher, provided by the University of Hannover, Germany.

Statistically this Congress was the largest ever convened in our profession. Over 5,600 attendees from 97 countries were registered.

Full Registrants	2,095
Students	219
Seniors over 65	30
Accompanying Persons	283
Exhibitors	<u>1,632</u>
Total Registrants	4,259 (w/o exhibit visitors)

In addition there were 1,362 ISPRS registered visitors to the Scientific, National and Commercial exhibition by 173 organizations occupying a net space of 4,800 square meters. In total there were more than 9,500 visitors to the Exhibition which was jointly sponsored with the 27th IGC and ASPRS Global Change conferences. The Supporting Program included:

	# of Events	Total # Attendees
Social Events	13	10,924
Tours & Excursions	<u>54</u>	<u>2,937</u>
Totals	67	13,861

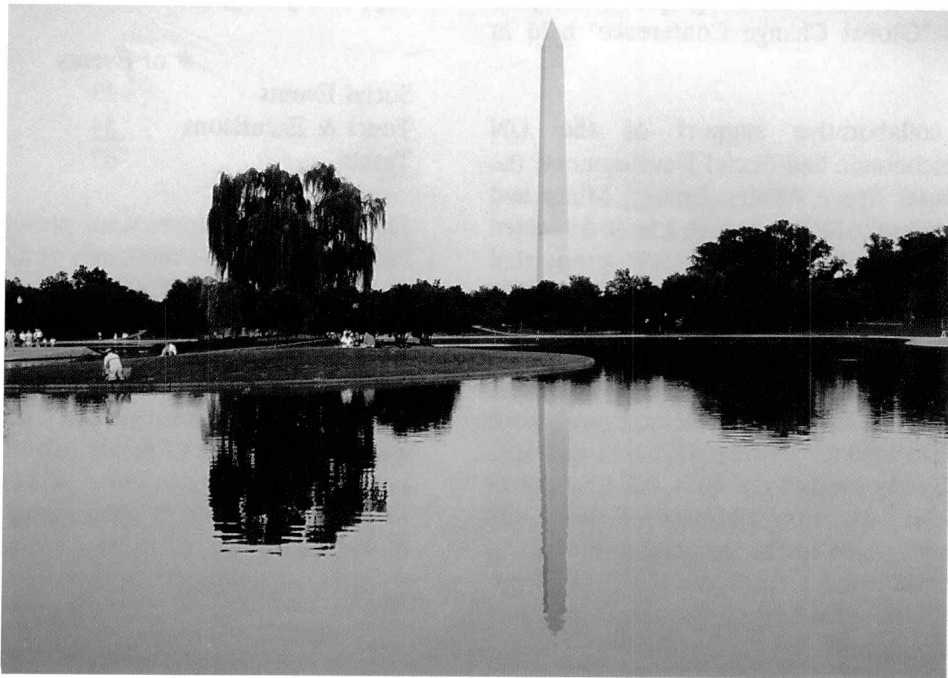
Just over 1,000 papers were presented in the Scientific Program from the submission of 1,608 abstracts. Part B of Archives Volume XXIX was printed in advance of the Congress and consists 946 papers in 9 Books totalling 5,611 pages.

In conclusion, we are thankful for the excellent weather and the avoidance of major calamities. It has been my honor and privilege to direct this Congress and I wish to thank the many, many participants of this Congress, all of whom contributed to its success.

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