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Dolmabahçe Palace

The Congress Gala Dinner, the final social function of the Congress was held in the magnificent gardens of the Dolmabahçe Palace, the last residence of the Ottoman Sultans which was built during the years 1843 – 1856 and cost five million gold pieces equivalent to 35 tons of gold. It covers an area of 110.000 m². The function was a sit-down dinner where a delicious menu consisting of examples from the famous Turkish cuisine were served.

A platform was built in front of the stairs of the Palace where the Congress Director invited the past and future members of the Council and Technical Commission Presidents. Together with the Commander of Mapping, Major General Ali Fuat Saraç, they presented each member with a book on Turkey as a remembrance of the days they had spent there.



Fashion Show

The following awards were presented during the dinner:

The Gino Cassinis Award was presented to Sherman Wu by the ISPRS Second Vice President Gerard Begni and SIFET Representative Sergio Dequal.

The Eduard Dolezal Award was presented to Jiang Jie by ISPRS President John Trinder and Karl Kraus of the Austrian Society for Surveying and Geoinformation.

The Schwidefsky Award was presented to Emmanuel Baltasvias and Zhilin Lee by the ISPRS First Vice President, Lawrence Fritz and representative of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Photogrammetrie and Fernerkundung, Klaus Szangolies.

The Willeem Schermerhorn Award was presented to Marguerite Madden by the ISPRS Secretary General Ian Dowman and George Vosselman of Geoinformation Netherlands.

The Samuel Gamble Award was presented to Ray Harris, Haggai Nyapola and Victor Savinykh by ISPRS Treasurer Ammatzia Peled and Costas Armenakis of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics.



Haggai Nyapola receiving his award from Ammatzia Peled and Costas Armenakis

After the ceremony of Award Presentation, the guests were treated to a magnificent fashion show by the famous Turkish designer, Cemil Ipekci.

Mr. Ipekci was born in 1948. After graduating from the Royal Academy in Belgium, he returned to Turkey and opened his own fashion house. His motto is "Dressing is a fantasy to cover oneself and it reflects the mood one has greeted the day in the morning."

The Incoming Congress Director Chen Jun and ISPRS former Treasurer Ammatzia delivered speeches.

Then the guests were invited to dance to the tunes of the orchestra accompanying the tenor Dr. Ferhat Gocer. Everybody was happy and as the hours went by, all the guests joined in the lively atmosphere and danced.

SPEECH BY THE PROF. CHEN JUN, 2008 BEIJING CONGRESS DIRECTOR

Dear colleagues, friends, Ladies and gentlemen:

First of all, I would like to thank all national delegates and participants for choosing Beijing (China) as the hosting city for the next ISPRS Congress.

Beijing is a historical city. It was the capital of five dynasties. You may enjoy Forbidden City, Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, etc. One thing I would like to remind you, as a Chinese saying goes; who has not been to the Great Wall is not a hero. Now ISPRS 2008 Beijing provides you the opportunity to be a hero.

Beijing is also a modern and lively city, with colorful culture and fascinating traditions. Here you can enjoy Peking Opera, Chinese acrobat, traditional tea houses, Beijing-style bars, as well as delicious Chinese dishes. In four years, you'll see a new Beijing with great and artistic Olympic facilities. We are going to host the next Congress one month before the 2008 Olympic Games. You might stay longer to enjoy the following summer Olympic Games, or visit some other beautiful places in China, such as Xian, Tibet and Shanghai.

Bringing the ISPRS Congress to Beijing will not only provide a good opportunity for the Chinese community to learn from you, the world leading scientists, professionals and academics, but also demonstrate the remarkable progress we Chinese achieved in ISPRS related areas. You are invited to visit our institutes and industry, and to observe the new research and developments. We hope to share with you, friends and

colleagues, our experience and spirit of the progress, and to explore cooperation.

Dear friends and colleagues, welcome to Beijing!



The new Council and Technical Commission Presidents in front of the Dolmabahçe Palace

SPEECH BY PROF. AMMATZIA PELED, PRESIDENT OF TECHNICAL COMMISSION VIII

Mesdames et Messieurs,
Meine Dammen und Herren
Ladies and Gentlemen,

This sums up my knowledge in the three official languages of the ISPRS and with your permission I'll move to my native Hebrew....

Standing here before you, this charmed evening in this magnificent garden after watching such a vivid and breathtaking performance of music, choreography movement and even some designer costumes, where I was not sure whether I should watch the designs on just the models (and mind you, I guess some of them were even "young Turks"), I may declare this was and going to be one of the pinnacles of this great Congress, so close to its end.

I think the unquestionable success of this Congress is mainly due to the hard, diligent and methodically work of the Congress Director, my good friend, Orhan Altan. When over a year ago he told me what would be served as the entree (or was it the main) course at the Bosphorus cruise dinner party, I immediately understood this will become yet another most successful ISPRS event. My wild guess is that Prof. Altan himself did not realized it, yet at that time he never relaxed, and to the best of my knowledge, will keep on with his hard work until the last guest and participant will arrive safely back home. This success belongs also to the most excellent team of individuals that assisted Prof. Altan in running this Congress. I cannot name here all of them but allow me to just thank personally Sevil Hatoon who have treated all of us here as a true mother and demonstrated a tender, warm and yet professional attitude. Through her we may forward our warm thanks to all of the staff and

volunteers who were and are the key to the success of this wonderful week in Istanbul.

Behind me you all see the entrance to the Dolmabache Palace. On my very first visit to Istanbul, some years ago, I visited this magnificent memorial to past years. I suggest, you also visit this palace. I remember many interesting spots, rooms and halls but the one that struck me most and which I'll carry with me all these years was the modest memorial of Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey who in his will to the his people, that part of it is inscribed in the granite base, says: "take care of the youth as they are the future".

Thus, I have to praise Prof. Altan, once again. On the occasion of Council discussion over the option to have some special sessions for young scientists, he adopted the idea instantly. This was further upgraded by him and became a two day youth forum, like if a youth Congress within the congress. In addition, our hosts, with the support of the Turkish government are offering a one week youth camp, to all young scientists who have joined us here. We at ISPRS should also adopt this attitude and follow the path broken at this Congress and make it our policy to support our students and young employees as they will further advance and lead our society and professional mission.

I therefore propose a toast to "our General", the President of the Turkish Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, To the Turkish Society, to the Director of the Congress and his staff and to the participants of this Congress, that without your commitment and devotion there is no Society, and to the future of ISPRS.

