



CLOSING CEREMONY

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Congress Directors Report



Congress Director, Nicolas Paparoditis reports on the Congress and thanks the attendees, and his team, for their contribution to the huge success of the event



The XXIV Congress: some photos



The XXIV ISPRS Congress : an unusual script

- A large terrorist attack in Nice on the night of the French bidding party in the XXIII Congress Prague in 2016
- Congress dates in 2020 had to be changed because of the announcement in 2019 of the departure of Tour de France from Nice at the initial dates of the Congress
- Congress dates shifted to 2021 in February 2020 because of COVID-19 pandemic
- Congress dates again shifted to 2022 in December 2021 because of continuing COVID pandemic
- Current world tensions and their consequences have had an impact on the participation

The XXIV ISPRS Congress : a preparation impacted by pandemic

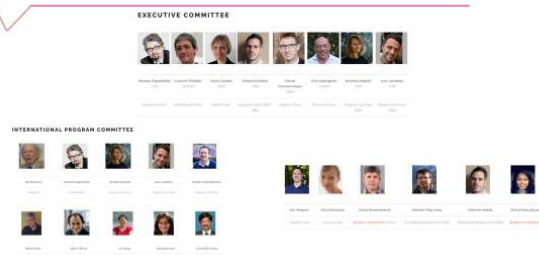
- Permanently struggling to cope with the uncertainties (participants, exhibitors, etc.)
- A complex communication to organise in a confused world
- A remote presenter registration fee with a 50% reduction registration was introduced by council to encourage paper submissions for countries not knowing if they could travel in 2022
- Unfortunately Chinese colleagues (500-600 participants usually) and other colleagues (Japan, etc.) were not able to attend in 2022 due to their national policies to limitate the expansion of the pandemic.
- Airfare costs have severely increased thus reducing the capacity to travel

The XXIV ISPRS Congress : the three editions

- Finally 3 editions of the XXIV Congress were organised
- The 2020 virtual and Open-Access edition limited to two scientific tracks, August 30-September 2 2020.
- The 2021 digital edition organised as a full Congress without GA, July 5-9
- The 2022 physical meeting in Nice as a full Congress with GA, June 6-11 (with some hybrid and some remote)



The Congress committees





The XXIV Congress sub-events

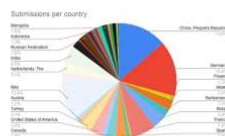
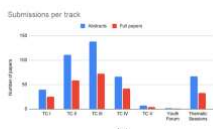
- One General Assembly (2022)
- Scientific tracks (2020, 2021, 2022)
- Plenary sessions with awards and keynotes (3 in 2021, 6 in 2022)
- Keynotes (6 in 2021, 10 in 2022)
- Forum tracks (2 Fora in 2021, 8 Fora in 2022)
- A CATCON contest (2022)
- Technology tracks (2021 and 2022)
- Industry exhibitions (digital in 2021, on-site in 2022)
- A gala dinner (2022)



The submission and publishing results for 2021 editions

667 papers were submitted (2,147 authors from 56 countries)
431 abstracts
236 full papers

Papers published in Annals/Archives : 466
353 papers published in ISPRS Archives
113 are published in the ISPRS Annals



The 2021 and 2022 editions keynotes

2021



2022



Some innovations in the XXIV Congress

- A 3-day only exhibition, a new technology track for Industry, development of the « Building the future together » fora track
- A plagiarism check for all camera ready full papers, introduction of *paper conditionnal acceptance* coming with a consolidation report
- A very early bird registration fee, free booths for Congress bidders
- A successful experimentation of the 10 mn pre-recorded videos
- An introduction and a continuous improvement of the Digital Congress platform to view the pre-recorded videos, the live streams and the session replays
- Pre-recorded videos made Open-Access on the ISPRS media library
- An open class room CATCON contest



Some recommendations of the Congress Director

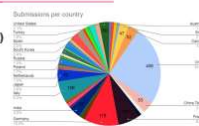
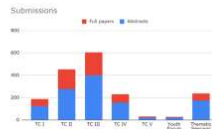
- A need for implementing a more professional approach to organize events
- All the Congress internal processes have to be documented
- We need a unique platform/website to manage the Congress information dissemination, submissions, registrations, and digital platform
- Develop the digital media and digital platform, and the long term archiving of videos on TIB with the ISPRS webmaster
- Make our large events more Industry friendly and give a better feedback to our sponsors and exhibitors
- We should probably think of a shortening of the event or at least the Conference in the Congress



The submission and publishing results for 2020 edition

1,776 contributions submitted (2,150 authors from 80 countries)
1,132 abstracts
644 full papers

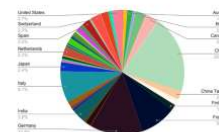
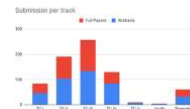
Papers published in Annals/Archives : 1054
716 papers published in ISPRS Archives
338 are published in the ISPRS Annals



The submission and publishing results for the 2022 edition

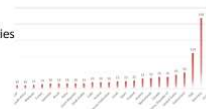
959 papers were submitted (1475 authors from 77 countries)
354 full papers
605 abstracts

Papers published in Annals/Archives : 743
524 papers published in ISPRS Archives
219 are published in the ISPRS Annals



Some statistics for the XXIV Congress and the 2022 edition

- **2720 participants** in all for the 3 editions = 1800 « standard » registered participants + 492 « 2020 only registration » + 428 « 2021 only registration »
- **1250 participants on-site** (Friday 10:00 AM) from **59 countries**
- **300 presenters and participants from remote**
- **170 remote participants** for the opening plenary session
- In average, **60-70 persons** attending remotely per day with peaks at **130** (opening plenary session)
- **30 booths** in the exhibition



Hybrid or not hybrid ?

- Hybrid brings organisational difficulties, work overload, overcosts, for a limited added value in such events
- Remote presentation should be avoided as much as possible especially in the Scientific tracks
- Remote participation is interesting for the future in particular for the participants with no papers who can not afford the travelling and the accommodation and for participants who would like to limitate their carbon emissions

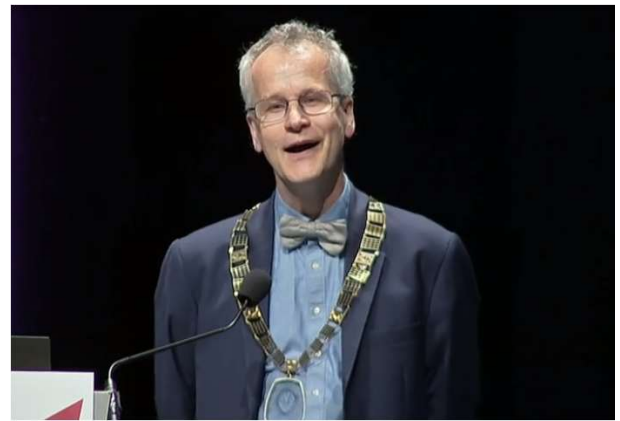
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Outgoing President's Speech



Christian Heipke, ISPRS President 2016-22, giving his outgoing speech at the Closing Ceremony

Exchange of the Presidential Chain



Outgoing President, Christian Heipke handing over of the Presidential Chain to incoming ISPRS President, Lena Halounová

Incoming President's Speech



Lena Halounová addresses the attendees with her vision for the coming ISPRS term 2022-26

Exchange of the ISPRS Flag



Au revoir France - Welcome/bienvenue Canada! Derek Lichti, Congress Director 2026, accepts the ISPRS flag from the outgoing Congress Director

Invitation to Geospatial Week 2023, Cairo, Egypt



ISPRS GSW 2023 Director, Naser El Sheimy invites attendees to the coming edition on the bank of the Nile, in Cairo

Awards presented at the Closing Ceremony



Three of the Best Poster Awardees receiving their certificates



The CATCon recipients



The Presidents Honorary Citation were awarded at the Closing Ceremony



Presentation of Certificates of Recognition

Address of Incoming Congress Director Derek Lichti

XXV ISPRS Congress
Toronto, Canada

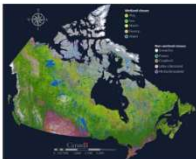
4-11 July 2026
Congress Director: Derek Lichti

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The CRSS-SCT
Canadian Remote Sensing Society – Société Canadienne de Télédétection

- Independent, not-for-profit professional society
- Since 1972: has organized the world's longest running national remote sensing symposium
- Since 1989: an Associate Member of the Asian Association on Remote Sensing



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Toronto, Canada




- Easy to get to!**
- 2 international airports
- 65+ airlines
- 1100 daily flights
- Travellers from 68 countries and territories only require an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to enter Canada by air
- The Congress will be registered with the Canada Border Services Agency
 - Assists with the visa application process
 - Helps exhibitors with customs
- Discount code from Air Canada for reduced airfares




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Toronto, Canada




- Easy to get around!**
- Dedicated train from airport to downtown
- Extensive transit network
- Transit pass for congress participants
- Bike Share Toronto*

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Toronto, Canada

- Many accommodation options for all budgets**
 - 183 hotels, 36 000 rooms
 - > 23 000 Airbnb listings
 - Residences at 3 universities: Ryerson, Toronto, York

Many options close to the conference venue (in red box)!

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Toronto, Canada

- Ryerson residence examples

Residence	Room type(s)	Rate
Pitman Hall	Single rooms shared bath	\$55/night
Daphne Cockwell Complex	Single room in 2 or 4 bedroom apartment	\$65/night
International Living/Learning Centre	Single rooms	\$86/night

- Meal plans available (e.g. \$11 hot breakfast)

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Toronto, Canada

- Toronto is the 4th largest city in North America
- The most culturally diverse city in the world with 230 ethnic backgrounds: BBC Radio 2016
- Multiculturalism is federal policy since 1970s
- Huge range of dining options!
- 2nd safest city in the world: Economist Intelligent Unit 2021 Safe Cities Index
- Canadian full tax rate: 85.86% full (5+ years; 8 May 2022)
- Average July temperature: 22.3 °C
- Co-host to FIFA World Cup Matches in June 2026









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Venue: The MTCC

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

- Largest convention facility in Canada
- ISPRS has South Building exclusivity
- Heart of Toronto Downtown Core
- 90% of event waste diverted from landfill

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Conference Theme and Legacy Project

- Theme: From Imagery to Understanding**
 - Imagery: is our primary data source
 - Understanding: achieving greater awareness about the planet and its diverse peoples to meet the many challenges we face
- Legacy Project**
 - Explore and report mechanisms successfully used in Canada and elsewhere to convince governments to support work in the ISPRS domain
 - Legacy: creation of materials that can be used by organizations worldwide to foster interest and gain support for what we do

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Program at a Glance

- In-person event with a virtual registration option
- Daily plenary and parallel technical sessions
- Exhibition and Industry Forum sessions
- Technical tours
 - Teledyne Optech
 - MDA HQ
 - Ryerson Centre for Urban Innovation
- Canadian Symposium on Remote Sensing and the Indigenous Mapping Workshop
- Full social program

DAY	MORNING SESSION	AFTERNOON SESSION	EVENING ACTIVITIES	STUDENT ACTIVITIES
SATURDAY JULY 4	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	City Tour	Swaganger Hunt
SUNDAY JULY 5	Opening Ceremony	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Networking Reception
MONDAY JULY 6	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Exhibition Reception
TUESDAY JULY 7	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Student Reception
WEDNESDAY JULY 8	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions
THURSDAY JULY 9	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions
FRIDAY JULY 10	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions
SATURDAY JULY 11	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions

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On Site Registration Fees

- Many early registration options
- Reduced fees

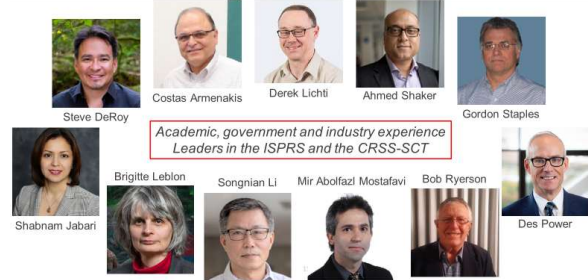
REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE			
	VERY EARLY-BIRD	EARLY-BIRD	REGULAR
	EUR	EUR	EUR
FULL FEE - BASIC	524	745	814
FULL FEE - STANDARD	814	994	1139
REDUCED FEE - BASIC	262	373	407
REDUCED FEE - STANDARD	407	497	573
1 DAY FEE - BASIC	166	200	235
1 DAY FEE - STANDARD	235	269	304
ACCOMPANYING PERSON	200	200	200



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Bid Team



Academic, government and industry experience
Leaders in the ISPRS and the CRSS-SCT

Student Activities

- **Emerging Professionals program (Youth Forum)**
 - Led by Emerging Professionals (students and Post Docs)
 - Mentoring and professional development session
 - Hackathon
 - Scavenger hunt in downtown and gaming night
- **Pre-Congress Summer School**
 - Design competition focused on a grand challenge related to the conference theme *From Imagery to Understanding*, e.g. a UN SDG
 - Student teams develop solution over the week
 - Lectures on methodology, technology and app development
 - Student presentations judged: winning team presents at a plenary session



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Final Notes

- Our team is focused on delivering a first-rate scientific conference
- We have support from all levels of government and industry across Canada
- I have served the ISPRS in several roles since 2004
- I will to continue my devotion to the ISPRS as Congress Director
- **We look forward to welcoming the ISPRS back to Canada after 54 years for the 2026 Congress in Toronto!**



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Some Toronto Activities



Thanks

Bid Committee Members

Ahmed Shaker
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Brigitte Leblon
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Des Power
Gordon Staples
Bob Ryerson
Steve DeRoy
Shabnam Jabari

Destination Toronto

Angela Jefferies

MTCC

Rahul Shah

Booth volunteers

Moigan Jadidi
Ivan Detchev
Shahram Sattar
Samira Kamel
Mohamed Mostafa
Ruisheng Wang
Jonathan Li

Some Tours



1.5 h drive to Niagara Falls

Nearby Tour
Destinations



Muskoka Region north of Toronto
Post Congress tour to Québec



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See you in Toronto in 2026

Thank you!

Merci !



CN Tower EdgeWalk