

Reflections on the ISPRS Congress 2026

Attending the ISPRS Congress 2026 was a valuable and inspiring experience. The Congress brought together researchers from many countries and provided a broader international perspective on the current development of our field.

The oral presentations were particularly impressive. They introduced a wide range of ideas, methods, and emerging research directions. The poster sessions were also very useful, as they provided opportunities to speak directly with the authors, ask detailed questions, and better understand the thinking behind their work. This kind of one-to-one communication made the scientific exchange more open and practical.

I also attended several commission meetings as an observer. One of the most memorable was the open meeting of Commission I, where the future priorities for the next term were introduced. The discussion highlighted the need for closer connections between our field and areas such as artificial intelligence, large models, robotics, and spatial intelligence.

One point that particularly impressed me was the recognition that our community will remain an essential part of the future development of spatiotemporal intelligence because we are not only users of data, but also important producers and providers of high-quality spatial data. This means that our field should not simply respond to technological change. We should actively contribute to it.

Overall, the Congress broadened my international perspective and encouraged me to think more deeply about the future direction of the field. I am grateful for the opportunity and support that made my participation possible.



Figure 1. A plenary session at the ISPRS Congress 2026.