

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Symposium CIPA



During beautiful and sunny September days (11 - 16.2011) in Prague, which is the capital city of the Czech Republic, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Symposium CIPA took place. The International Scientific Committee for Documentation of Cultural Heritage (CIPA) is one of the international committees of ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) and it was established in collaboration

with ISPRS. The Symposium was organized by CIPA in collaboration with the Czech Technical University in Prague, the oldest technical university in Central Europe (founded 1707) and the Czech Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS member). The main topics of this venture were all about historical monuments and sites documentation, visualisation, presentation and education. Together twelve technical sections were established.

To date the Symposium has been signed by 228 experts and students from 30 countries around the world and 155 papers for speech and digital presentations have been received. It was possible to select from two types of contributions: peer reviewed papers (intended for publication in scientific journal), non-reviewed papers and posters. Altogether 111 requests were submitted for paper peer review, 51 papers were successfully reviewed (45% from all papers). Throughout the duration of the symposium 115 speech presentations and 40 digital postings (one poster session during the the last day of the symposium) have been presented. During symposium technical exhibition in faculty foyer was carried out; it can be stated there was little interest demonstrated (only 9 technical stands). Exhibited were special laser scanning instruments and technology, no more „pure“ photogrammetry. All-important laser scanning field representatives attended. Nowadays, laser scanning seems to dominate terrestrial, aerial and mobile variations. In photogrammetry only true orthophoto of historical objects is often produced; digital photos are used mainly for 3D models.

Although CIPA objectives in cultural heritage are considered a virtuous cultural activity, it is very difficult to get financial support. Very little effort goes into preserving the documentation of often-devastated cultural heritage as well as sponsorship of this activity (only Prague City Hall supports our action...). For this reason we would like to thank all the enthusiasts, who are doing exceptional work in this field.

The symposium main program was closed on Thursday on symposium social evening – reception in old Prague. We would like to thank for the support of Prague City Hall, which helped to organise the social event – reception in the Prague City Hall beautiful historical premises in “Art Deco” style with live jazz music band.

You can find more information about the symposium by visiting: <http://www.cipa2011.cz>.

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Opening ceremony–Mr. Cliff Ogleby (speaking, director of the next ISPRS congress in Melbourne), Mr. Mario Santana Quintero (president CIPA), Prof. Orhan Altan (president ISPRS)



Dean of Faculty of Civil Engineering, CTU in Prague (Mrs.Alena Kohoutkova) and president of CIPA (Mr.Mario Santana Quintero)