

The Schwidefsky Medal

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Professor Dr George Vosselman is Professor of Geo-Information Extraction with Sensor Systems in the Faculty of Geoinformation Science and Earth Observation (ITC) of the University of Twente. During George Vosselman's appointment as Editor in Chief, the International Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (IJPRS) has improved in multiple aspects. IJPRS has improved its ISI position among the category of remote sensing journals, becoming the journal with the 3rd highest impact factor in this category and improving values for other citation criteria, such as the 5-year impact factor, and total cites of previous years. The review process has been speeded up and the whole paper processing procedure

runs well via a comfortable WEB interface; this has been assisted by the appointment of additional associate editors. The number of submitted papers has increased and a healthy backlog exists. The size of the journal has been increased, both physically and in the number of pages published on the average; two special/theme issues per year are published, strengthening the ties with the scientific work of ISPRS Commissions and WGs. Relations to the publisher (Elsevier) have been running smoothly, and although some of the above improvements could have resulted in a corresponding increase of subscription fees, this has not been the case. All above improvements are to a significant extent due to the dedicated and careful work of George Vosselman.