The Samuel Gamble Award

The Samuel Gamble Award is sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Geomatics in honour of Dr. Samuel G. Gamble, former President of ISPRS, and Director of the 1972 Congress. A recipient of the award shall be a person who, like Dr. Gamble, has contributed significantly to the development, organization or professional activities of the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences, at the national or international level. The winner of the Award is Kohei Cho, Japan.

Professor Dr. Kohei Cho is a Professor of the Department of Network and Computer Engineering of Tokai University, Japan. He has made significant contributions in the field of remote sensing. His dedication to working on education and international coordination in Asia are especially outstanding. Between 1982 and 1992 Koheo Cho worked for government agencies in Japan and in 1992, he moved to Tokai University. From 1992 to 1996, he was involved in the Regional Remote Sensing Seminar on Tropical
Ecosystem Management coorganize by NASDA and ESCAP every year in countries in Asia. In 1996, he initiated the educational software contest CATCON at the ISPRS Vienna Congress. Since then, CATCON has been organized every four years at the ISPRS Congresses and has become one of the official events of ISPRS. In 2004, Kohei Cho was elected as the President of ISPRS Commission VI on Education and Outreach, and he initiated the Student Consortium as the first official student organization within ISPRS. In 2007, he was elected as the Deputy General Secretary of AARS to support the General Secretary. At the ACRS 2008 in Colombo, he initiated a new student program for students under the framework of ACRS. He continually promotes and encourages students and young scientists in Asia. In 2009 he was elected as the General Secretary of AARS, and was awarded the Dr. Boon Indrambarya Gold Medal to his contribution to remote sensing in the Asian region. He has published more than 100 papers on remote sensing in national and international journals and proceedings. He is also co-author of 14 books on remote sensing and image processing.