



Late last year the sad news reached ISPRS, that Prof. Dr.-Ing., Dr. sc. techn. Ákos Detrekői, a prominent Hungarian photogrammetrist, had passed away on December 18, 2012.

He was born at 27.11.1939 in Budapest (Hungary), studied at Technical University Budapest, Surveying Engineering from 1958 till 1963 and he stayed at the same university all his life. He was first assistant at the Institute of Geodesy at the same University. After obtaining a PhD degree in geodesy he was docent and later professor at the Institute of Theoretical Geodesy. From 1979 onwards he was the director of the Institute of Photogrammetry (from 1999 Institute of Photogrammetry and Geoinformatics).

He was Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering and later Rector of the University. He received several awards, among others; Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the German Geodetic Commission at the Bavarian Academy of Sciences, FIG bronze medal, Szent-Györgyi Albert Award, German Bundesverdienstkreuz 1. Klasse.

He was an active member of ISPRS and participated in several Conferences, where he represented Hungary at the General Assemblies.

Ákos was an exceptional individual. ISPRS owes him thanks for his contributions and respect for his lifetime achievement as a true professional of our discipline.

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