

Conference Report of
The 8th International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology
And
The 2nd International Summer School on Mobile Mapping Technology
April 29-May 3 2013, Tainan, Taiwan

These two joint mobile mapping themed activities were jointly organized by the University of Calgary, the Ohio State University, The Chinese Taipei Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (CSPRS) and National Cheng Kung University (NCKU), and officially supported by ISPRS, IAG, FIG, ION and National Science Council (NSC) of Taiwan. In addition, 8 government agencies of Taiwan subsidized these activities as co-organizers and 18 private companies supported those events with different level of sponsorships. The summer school was held from April 29 to 31, 2013, and the symposium was held from May 1 to 3, 2013. The venue of both events was at the International Convention Hall of NCKU. Both events went on schedule and smoothly. In terms of course delivering, paper presentations, number of participations, industrial exhibitions, and improving academic connections, these two events are commonly though successful.

The total number of registered participants for the summer school including lectures was 125, in which 110 of them actually attended the program. The attendance rate was 88%. The population rates of registered participants from government agencies, academia and industry were around 40%, 30% and 30%, respectively. Several well-known international enterprises, such as Garmin Taiwan, MediaTek Inc, Leador spatial from China, took part in this event aggressively. In addition, this event was truly international because the participants came from 18 different countries. Figure 1 illustrates the group photo of the participants.



Figure 1: Group photo of the Summer School participants.

The total number of symposium participants was 243, which is about the average number of the previous MMT symposiums. Among the participants, 95 of them came from overseas (19 different countries) and 148 of them were local people. Figure 2 illustrates the group photo of participants taken after the opening ceremony. There were 4 keynote speeches arranged in 2 plenary sessions and 3 invited talks arranged in technical sessions to enrich the technical content of this symposium. There were 84 papers presented in the symposium including 54 oral presentations and 27 posters. The total number of completed sessions was 16, including 12 technical sessions, 2 poster sessions and 2 industry sessions. Awards based on the technical content competition and oral presentation skills were offered for the first time of the MMT series symposiums. 5 contenders out of 20 were awarded “Innovation in Mobile Mapping Technology Award”, 15 contenders out of 30 were awarded “Best Student Paper Award”, and 12 presenters were awarded “Best Presentation Award”. There were 28 sponsors supporting those events of the symposium, in which 11 of those came from public sectors and societies and the other 18 came from industrial companies with different levels of sponsorships. As usual, this symposium offered an exhibition program for indoor and outdoor exhibitions. There were 13 sponsors participated in the indoor exhibition program, and 11 of them set up outdoor exhibitions for better appreciation of the advance of mobile mapping technology. Table 1 summarizes the statistics of the symposium. Three social events including ice break dinner, welcome banquet and half day city tour were arranged. Figure 3 shows the pictures taken during ice break dinner and welcome banquet respectively.



Figure 2: Group photo of the Symposium participants.

Table 1: Statistics of the symposium.

Participant Statistics		
Item	Number	Category
Registration	254	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Online Registration: 237 ● Onsite Registration: 17

Participants	243	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendees from Taiwan: 148 ● Attendees from overseas: 95 ■ Number of Countries: 19
Paper Statistics		
Item	Number	Category
Abstract received	101	
Full paper received	92	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Oral Papers: 57 ● Poster Papers: 35
Presentation Statistics		
Item	Number	Category
Keynote speeches	4	
Invited talks	3	
Sessions	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Technical sessions: 12 ● Poster sessions: 2 ● Industry sessions: 2
Total papers presented	81 (88%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Oral Papers: 54 (95%) ● Poster Papers: 27 (77%)
Award Statistics		
Item	Number	Category
Awards	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Innovation in MMT Awards: 5 ● Best Student Paper Awards: 15 ● Best Presentation Awards: 12
Sponsor and Exhibition Statistics		
Item	Number	Category
Sponsors	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sponsors of Public Sectors and Societies: 10 ● Industrial Sponsors: 18
Exhibitions	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indoor Exhibitors: 13 ● Outdoor Exhibitors: 11
Industry presentations	10	



Figure 3: Ice break dinner and Welcoming banquet.