

Brief report

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The United Nations/Belarus International Workshop on Space Technology Applications for Socio-Economic Benefits

11-15 November 2013, Minsk, Belarus

The international workshop was hosted by the the Belarusian State University (BSU) on behalf of the Government of Belarus and co-sponsored by the Secure World Foundation (SWF).



The workshop programme included presentations that detailed the current use of the space technology for socio-economic benefits and discussed the on-going and planned initiative, discussion sessions the main purpose of which were a contribution to the creation and consolidation of existing networks and partnerships. A 1-day training describing the analytical and technological process from satellite observations to actionable social and/or economic decisions was offered to participants in cooperation with the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS).

The issues of the workshop were as follows: enhancing use of space science and technology applications to promote sustainable development and to secure global public goods; data sharing and retrieval; regional and international cooperation; and building institutional and governance capability and capacity.

About 40 representatives from the developing states as well as representatives from various companies of Belarus and Russia took part in this workshop.

According to the ISPRS recommendation I represented the society during the United Nations/Belarus International Workshop on Space Technology Applications for Socio-Economic Benefits on November 11-15, 2013 in Minsk and to make there an invited presentation at the Technical session 1: International and regional cooperation:

“ISPRS - International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

Serving society with information from images”

The second presentation I gave at the Technical session 6: Capacity building in space science and technology:
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Socio-Economic Benefits of Geo-Information Space Created and Used on the Basis of Space Technologies

The workshop made a significant contribute to international cooperation by providing opportunities to exchange in-depth information on Space Technology Applications for Socio-Economic Benefits.

Furthermore, I have negotiated with Mr. Sergei Chernikov from the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs at Vienna. We discussed about more active ISPRS mission in their managing.

I had meetings with the representatives from developing countries, particular from Angola and Burundi, where we talked about their representative in the ISPRS and active participation.

Besides, I visited the administration of the Belarusian State University and discussed about their participation in ISPRS events.

Finally, I would like to mention that the workshop was very useful event and made great contribution to international cooperation and exchange in-depth information on Space Technology Applications for Socio-Economic Benefits.

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