

Dear Madams and Sirs,

I was awarded the ISPRS Foundation, Inc. (TIF) Travel Grant to attend the ISPRS Commission IV Midterm Symposium which was held in Suzhou, China between 14 and 16 May 2014. Attending the symposium was a great experience and i feel grateful to have been there. I would like to take this chance to report my enriching experience at this symposium.

Personally, I think this conference was well organized and very successful. I fully enjoyed the event with so many interesting seminars and discussions on various topics. Several of the sessions had been very informative and insightful on their particular subjects. Specially the sessions of *Planetary Mapping and Spatial Databases* of the various planetary bodies were great interest to me. It was exciting to get the first results on the *Chang'E-3* mission from the Chinese colleagues and some insights into the European *iMars* project which has started recently at the beginning of 2014. *Chang'E-3* mission offers great new opportunities for the Moon surface mapping which is also a part of my work. The *iMars* project, on the other hand, envisages a fully automated large-scale processing solution to process the Martian surface. These two themes are directly related with my current work and thanks to this event i have got the chance to learn the most recent activities and developments in these fields.

Moreover, the presentations and my private talks with the leading scientists definitely helped improve my current work and also shape my thoughts about my future professional decisions. It also gave me a better perspective on what are the leading scientists on my field are dealing with. During the conference, i met different researchers with similar interests and seeing their interests about my work is a big motivation. Meeting Prof. Jan-Peter Muller from University College London (UCL) and Prof. Dr.-Ing. Christian Heipke from Leibniz University of Hannover (LUH) was one of the biggest gains of this symposium for me. We still keep in contact and i am looking forward to see their comments and contribution to my work.

My participation would not be possible without your support, I thank all the ISPRS organizing community members for giving me this grant and financially supporting my expenses.

Sincerely,

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