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Dear Prof. Madden,

Thank you very much for the travel grant from The ISPRS Foundation. ISPRS Technical Commission V Symposium held in Riva Del Garda, Italy was my first international conference outside of my home country and it has been an interesting experience. Thanks to The ISPRS Foundation that I got the opportunity to visit the beautiful Riva Del Garda town, exchange ideas with researchers and get feedback on my work from some very experienced researchers in the field.

I presented my paper on "Error analysis of motion correction method for laser scanning of moving objects". This was a part of the project work that we did for Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), India and is still in progress. Through my oral presentation, I got the opportunity to express my ideas to a number of international researchers. It turned out that the some researchers from Germany had been trying to solve the same problem since last few months. They had attempted to solve this problem and were still struggling to come up with a workable solution. They found our method quite interesting and I had a long discussion with them on this method and a couple of other interesting ideas. Further, through those discussions I gained a different perspective towards this problem of scanning moving objects. Until before attending this symposium, we were not sure if the problem we had been trying to solve is being faced by someone else. After those detailed discussions, it seems that this problem is rather a common one and we are now sure that our method has the capability to offer interesting solution with least amount of effort, time and money involved as compared to two other existing methods.

Through various poster and plenary sessions, I got to interact with various researchers and got an opportunity to hear out their ideas. One of the most interesting talks was by Dr. Armin Gruen who shared his work on UAVs and his ideas and thoughts on using UAVs in geomatics. For someone (like me) who is just beginning to enter the field of UAVs, it was a pleasure to hear out the views of such an experienced researcher. I was intrigued by how much work has been done in this domain and how much is still there to be accomplished. I have finalized my research topic for my PhD just two days back and ideas gained during the talk by Dr. Gruen have definitely helped me in finalizing my topic. The exhibition center offered a peek in to some interesting products being developed by the industry, most interesting of which I found to be was 'SmartScan'.

Overall, it was a pleasant experience. This symposium offered me an opportunity to present my work at an international platform and update myself with the current state of the art. The visit to symposium was fruitful as I got expert opinion on my work, gained broader perspective in to different applications of my work and gained insights in to direction towards further investigation.

I am attaching a photograph with my colleague taken at the conference in Riva Del Garda. Again, thanks to The ISPRS Foundation for the support and promoting research.

Best regards,

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