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First of all, I would like to thank ISPRS Foundation for this travel grant. I was excited when I heard that ISPRS Foundation awarded me the ISPRS travel grant for participating at Mid-Term Symposia of ISPRS Commission IV & VI and 2014 Geoinformatics Summer Camp & 11th ISPRS Summer School in China.

At these Mid-Term Symposia, two papers were presented by my colleagues and I, entitled “Towards a Location-based Service for Early Mental Health Interventions in Disaster Response Using Minimalistic Tele-operated Android Robots Technology” and “Towards a Web-based GIS for Teaching Geo-informatics at Under-graduate Level in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Iran”. The oral presentation of our contributions and discussion sessions after the presentations provided a unique opportunity for us to share our ideas with international researchers in the field of Geoinformatics and to get useful feedbacks on our research work.

The international ISPRS summer school was held in conjunction with the Mid-Term Symposium ISPRS Commission VI “Data, Information, and Knowledge Sharing for Geo-Education” and it provided a great opportunity for me to meet distinguish professors and young researchers from all around the world, meet one of my best friends and old classmates, Mr. Amin Mobasher after a long time, and extend my scientific network by making new friends. The presented topics in this summer school covered the fundamental concepts, methodologies and technologies on Spatial Statistics and Mobile Laser Scanning and Mapping. The school was really well organized and the presented course has met my expectations well as it was the mix up of both practical and theoretical blending.

Over all, attending the Mid-Term Symposia of ISPRS and ISPRS Summer School was very fruitful for me and brought me lots of outstanding and unique experiences, motivations and also very positive pulses for my future research works.

One again, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to ISPRS Foundation and selection committee for selecting me as one of ISPRS Travel Grant recipients.

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