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This was my first time to attend ISPRS symposium. I very appreciated that ISPRS Foundation can support me in this event. In the opening ceremony, I was informed some important information about ISPRS overview, operation and interesting events. I also got benefits from the keynote speech "The potential of "networked" sensors".

In terms of the oral sessions, the topics are clearly distinct from each other, which is easy for me to choose what I am interesting in. All chairpersons, whom I joined the sessions with, can control the progresses very well. Therefore, I can switch to another interesting oral report very fluently back and forth. It is worth mentioning that the discussions in oral sessions were very enthusiastic. I kind of very enjoyed them during these oral sessions.

Although the poster session was overlaid with an oral session interesting to me, I was very glad to get in touch with other experts discussing about their scientific works. For each poster which I involved in, I always exhausted some relevant subjects with the author and other participants. I not only learned a lot from this session but also got opportunity to contact other scientists.

One special part in this symposium is White Elephant session, where speakers showed us how to improve skills in writing and presentation. I have to say this session is very beneficial to me for my whole research career. Actually, I come from Asia and my mother language is not English. So I even more need these lectures. I would like to see this White Elephant session can be continuous in the future events as well.

I gave an oral presentation in oral session II A (change detection). Afterward, some experts came to me and we had very nice discussions, which are helpful to me. Actually, I started to write down my Ph.D. proposal in Istanbul after end of this symposium. Some inspirations, I got from this symposium, really contribute to my proposal. I would like to attend the future ISPRS events because I always think these events can benefit me a lot. As I know so far, I will go for ISPRS workshop on next March in Munich, Germany, and I also look forward to Prague!