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To  
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In this conference, near 200 participants were attended from all over the world. This conference was mostly highlighted on how Lidar applications for understanding forest ecosystem functioning and assessing, monitoring, and managing these complex ecosystems. I participated all the events in the conference. There were many presentations on remote sensing application for forest inventory that were closely related to my PhD thesis. In overall this conference presentation topics had good correlation with my doctoral research work. The conference sessions helps me a lot for better understanding and improve my skills on remote sensing and forest inventory. Moreover, we had a group discussion on new research ideas and of course delicious American food.

The best offering of the journey can still be considered to introduce new people, sharing of experiences and of course to find out new clue of research. It was nice to gather the cohesion of the expert of same field of research. These experiences also put encouragement to research career and future path. I strongly believe that the things learned in this seminar and new contacts for me in the future benefit of both research and career development. Personally, I feel more confident that I was able to increase my communication skills and find out that I am capable to cope with it in different situations. Seminar offered me a new research idea, a wide range of experience in my field of research and practice to discover some expert people as well as self-confidence, not forgetting the beautiful scenery of La Grande Motte, France. Last but not least, it furnishes me more research strength, power and ideas.

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