

Report of the URSI-France Workshop (an ISPRS Perspective)

The URSI-France 2017 Workshop, under the sponsorship of the French Academy of Sciences, was dedicated to **“Radio Science for Humanity”**. The workshop was held at Campus SophiaTech, located in Sophia Antipolis, South of France, on February 1-3, 2017. **JS'17** was co-organized by Institute Mines Telecom - Telecom ParisTech and Université Nice Sophia Antipolis.

I was elected to the Scientific Committee of the Workshop and received contributions from more than 14 countries, 9 keynotes and 65 contributions.

My task as Past ISPRS President was to speak at the session devoted to former URSI President Françoise Lefevre. He worked as URSI president in extraordinary times from 2002-2005; 2005-2008 and 2009-2011. In the years between and until 2014 he worked as Vice President. I got to know him through the ICSU UNIONS Meeting in 2005, and from the Program I copy the related section...

After the 2008 URSI General Assembly in Chicago, François Lefevre has been interested in the contribution of Radiosciences to disaster management. He forged a connection with the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS). This extensive joint effort between these two distinguished societies was formed mainly by their two Presidents, François Lefevre and Orhan Altan.

Since 2009, URSI and ISPRS have been organizing joint workshops on "disaster management". These joint sessions were organized in Antalya in 2010 (GI4DM), Istanbul in 2011 (URSI GASS) and Melbourne in 2012 (ISPRS GA), all contributing to the document VALID (The Value of Geo-Information for Disaster and Risk Management VALID): Benefit Analysis and Stakeholder Assessment, published in 2013 by Professor Orhan Altan.

As a continuation of this work, at a joint URSI-ISPRS "Disaster and Risk Management" session held at the ISPRS 2016 General Assembly in Prague, a working group was formed for long-term collaboration between ISPRS and URSI.

Due to health problems, he could unfortunately not participate at the meeting, the session is recorded and will be handover to him with a glass sculpture prepared in his honor.

Another duty of mine was to chair the ISPRS-URSI special session on Disaster Management with 5 papers. I think this was all a good action of the ISPRS ICWGIII/IV.

Speakers of the Francois Levefre dedicated session





Hommage à François Lefeuve, *Tribute to François Lefeuve*

Pièce unique réalisée par Christophe Saba, Verrerie du Val de Pome, Biot
Original glass sculpture specially crafted by Christophe Saba, master glassblower of Val de Pome, Biot.

