

Impressions from the ISPRS Geospatial Week 2017

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During 18-22 September 2017, I had the opportunity to visit the ISPRS Geospatial Week 2017 in Wuhan, China, for which I received a Travel Grant from the ISPRS Foundation. I arrived to the conference with the main intention to meet with my colleagues of the ISPRS working group ICWG III/IVb Remote Sensing Data Quality (RSDQ) and to organize our efforts for advancing our activities. The conference provided an excellent opportunity for this. We had one joint presentation within the International Symposium on Spatial Data



Quality (ISSDQ) and were able to discuss our approach with the wider research community. In the same context, I also presented my study “Assessing the agreement between EO-based semi-automated landslide maps with fuzzy manual landslide delineation”. The study is part of the validation concepts that have been developed in the project Land@Slide (EO-based landslide mapping – From methodological developments to automated web-based information delivery; <http://landslide.sbg.ac.at>). The project is close to its end and valuable feedback from the discussion at the Geospatial Week could be included in the final reports. It also enables the investigation of new research opportunities. The project is conducted at the University of Salzburg and funded by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency FFG in the Austrian Space Applications Program (ASAP 11). The opportunity for engagement in the ICWG III/IVb RSDQ that has been provided by the Geospatial Week has been honored by my department. Their support allows me to intensify my efforts in the working group.

The ISPRS Geospatial Week was attended by large number of international researchers that presented studies of a very high quality that gave a lot of “food for thought”. I gained insights into new theories, concepts and methods, specifically in ISSDQ 2017, in Laser Scanning (LS2017) and in the International Workshop on Image and Data Fusion (IWIDF 2017). The conference enabled me to meet with some researchers that I already knew and to establish new contacts with several researchers that focus on complementing methods and similar application fields. With some of them, I could already discuss opportunities for future collaboration.

In all, the attendance of ISPRS Geospatial Week 2017 in Wuhan, China, was very successful for me. I want to thank the ISPRS Foundation for this great opportunity. I definitely consider visiting the subsequent Geospatial Week in 2019 when it takes place in Dubai.