

## **Brief Summary of ISPRS Technical Commission III Mid-term Symposium**

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The Mid-term Symposium of ISPRS TC III on "Developments, Technologies and Applications in Remote Sensing" was held in Beijing, China, from May 7-10, 2018.

A total of 763 participants from 52 countries and regions took part in the symposium, among them 34 invited guests, 10 student volunteers, 54 exhibitors, and 16 visitors. 48 ISPRS officers attended this symposium, including 4 Honorary Members, 5 Council Members, and 39 WG chair/co-chair/secretaries from TC III, TC II and TC IV.

Eighteen themes were designed, including 16 on the Working Group topics, one special theme, and one joint theme with UNGGIM-AP. The symposium received 727 abstracts/papers, and after evaluation by the Scientific Committee members, 510 full papers were accepted and published, including 467 papers in the ISPRS Archives and 43 in the ISPRS Annals.

The symposium included the opening ceremony, the closing ceremony, the reception dinner, a keynote session, 39 oral sessions, 18 poster sessions and a technical exhibition. There were 190 presentations in the oral sessions, 320 presentations in the poster sessions and 12 exhibitors in the exhibition session. During the symposium, 8 participants were awarded the Travel Grants from the ISPRS Foundation, one author was awarded the Young Author Award and two papers were awarded the Best Poster.

Social events were organized during the symposium. The welcome reception, with a live traditional Chinese music play in the evening of 7 May, offered a delightful opportunity for relaxing and catching up with friends.

ISPRS TC III business meeting was held twice on 9 and 10 May, chaired by TC III President Jie Jiang. All ISPRS officers in Beijing attended the meeting. ISPRS Council members held a meeting during the symposium, and they also met the president of Chinese Society for Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation on 7 May.

As preparatory activities, the International Seminar on Spatial Data Infrastructure and Applications SDI, and ISPRS Summer School were held before the Symposium. 25 participants from 12 developing countries attended the International Seminar, from 2 - 6 May. It was composed of 10 lectures, 4 technical visits, 2 day tours, and all the delegates attended the ISPRS TC III Symposium. The ISPRS Summer school was held on 3-6 May, with 31 participants, among them 8 students from France, Finland, Korea and other countries. 17 lectures were given by experts from 8 different countries, 8 Chinese universities and 7 ISPRS officers. A reception, a party, and a tour to the Great Wall were also organized in the summer school.