

First of all, I want to express my sincere gratitude to ISPRS Foundation who gave me the travel grant to support my travelling to ISPRS Technical Commission II Symposium 2018 in Riva del Garda, Italy.

As a student who just got a master degree in March, it was the first time in my life to join such a big academic event. The conference was held in a small town with fantastic scenery and the whole event was well organized, like presentations, poster sessions, coffee breaks, welcome party and social dinner, providing a good atmosphere for academic talks and discussions. Also, foods in coffee breaks, lunches and dinners were very tasty. The conference covered a wide range of topics in photogrammetry and remote sensing, from laser scanning data to satellite images, from rule-based to data-driven methodology.

The most exciting thing for me was that I came across many interesting and innovative ideas. Keynote speakers delivered high-quality speeches which gave overviews of state-of-art technologies and current challenges in research disciplines. Companies' talks allowed me to keep up with most recent products and discover the gaps between research and industry. This gave me a vision in my future research.

During the conference, I met many researchers whose topics were relevant to my current work. Talking to them sparked some innovative ideas in my mind which could be applied to my current research work. Also, exchange of ideas helped me to have better understanding of current achievements and limitations in my research area. The missing parts of current research could be my PhD research questions in the coming years. In addition, it was a valuable opportunity to have a short presentation to share my research work in front of researchers. I was very happy to know some people were quite interested in my topic and they did ask some interesting questions. This helped me know the value of my research and feel I am making a little difference in this world. I have more faith in what I am doing and gain more confidence in my coming PhD study.

All in all, attending the conference is a precious experience in my academic life. I hope could attend ISPRS conference again in the future.