

Report on Attending the ISPRS Commission IV Symposium

After attending the ISPRS Commission IV Symposium from 01/10/2018 to 05/10/2018 I have become richer for an experience that is very valuable for me as I am at the beginning of research carrier. Since this was the first time for me to attend an event of this type, I did not know what to expect. However, my overall satisfaction with this conference is very high for multiple reasons that I will explain in the following paragraphs.

First of all, as I already mentioned, I am at the beginning of my research carrier and this was the first time for me to present my work to a wider audience. Many participants attended the session in which I presented "Validation of the global high-resolution GlobeLand30 land cover map in Europe using land cover field survey database – LUCAS". Some of the session attendees have shown interest in the topic I presented, and thus I was asked several questions, and got some advices for future work. The comments and questions motivated me to implement some improvement regarding methodology and content in my research project, and thus they were really useful for me.

Moreover, there were several sessions hosting the researchers and experts interested in the same topic as myself: "Land cover maps production and accuracy assessment". Attending these sessions gave me an insight into approach of these researchers, current challenges they are facing, as well as the results of their research. I came up with several ideas for integration of the certain methodologies presented into my research as well.

Attending the sessions which were not specifically related to my research was also interesting. Most of the presentations were informative, so I have been able to learn new subjects and to change the focus from my topic of interest to a wider range of topics. I found this potentially useful for inventing new ideas for research or for collaboration with other participants.

Nonetheless, the ISPRS Commission IV Symposium gathered many academic researchers and experts from Spatial Information field and it was my pleasure exchange their findings and views during conference sessions, coffee breaks and conference dinner. It is enjoyable to create connections with people with the same interests, and it might be suitable for make plans for collaboration.

Finally, I would like to thank the The ISPRS Foundation (TIF) for providing me the travel funds, and giving me, in this way, a chance to attend the ISPRS Commission IV Symposium. It was a great starting point for me as a researcher. The experience I obtained by attending the symposium will enhance my future research career since I am now richer in terms of knowledge, experience, connections and ideas.

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