

I am Prasad Deshpande, PhD student of Dept. of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India. I presented my poster in the theme IWIDF – International Workshop on Image and Data Fusion in ISPRS Geospatial Week 2019. This was my first experience in various aspects including first publication, first international conference participated, first visit abroad, first time interaction to such experts in various domains related to remote sensing.

The most interesting thing I found about the ISPRS GSW 19 conference was that the sessions were divided into different themes covering a variety of topics in remote sensing and the emphasis was given on the emergings topic including UAVs, Crowdsourcing, HyperMLA. This motivated me to be a participant. Luckily my abstract was accepted for the conference, and the reviews were really informative. The profiles of the reviewers were also interesting. For developing countries, especially India, it is difficult to manage funds to attend foreign conferences. I feel fortunate to get ISPRS Travel Grant of 1100 USD, in the initial phase of my research career. I should also emphasize that initially 800 USD was allocated, but after the special request, 300 USD was allocated additionally. It supported me financially.

The conference provided me an opportunity to meet researchers, professors, and students like me coming from all over the world. I got exposure to research themes and research culture of various universities. Notably, the presentation in the UAV theme was really fascinating. I got valuable suggestions on my poster, and a few students were also interested in applying my algorithm in their study area. From the presentations, I got some new ideas to tackle the problems on which I am currently struggling. I hope the interactions with different students and professors will lead to potential collaborations in the near future. Overall, I am satisfied with the technical aspects of the conference.

Apart from the conference, being my first visit to Europe, I enjoyed the food, weather, and overall lifestyle very much. Especially the bicycle culture in the Netherlands is genuinely appreciable. Along with the countryside in Twente, I got an opportunity to visit the city side in Amsterdam also.

I am sincerely thankful to ISPRS for organizing GSW Conference as well as providing me travel support. I will be happy to attend future events as well!

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