

Report on the ISPRS Geospatial Week 2019

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The ISPRS Geospatial Week was held from June 10 – 14, 2019 in the University of Twente, The Netherlands. Two ISPRS SC board members participated in the event – Sheryl Rose Reyes, Chair and Charmaine Cruz, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.

The first day opened with remarks from Dr. George Vosselman, Director of the Geospatial Week, and Dr. Christian Heipke, President of the ISPRS. In the morning, the ISPRS SC board members had a meeting with Dr. Nicolas Paparoditis, Congress Director and Dr. Charles Toth, ISPRS 2nd Vice President for the activities of the organization in the ISPRS 2020 Congress to be held in Nice, France from June 14 – 20, 2020. The ISPRS SC prepared the document on the proposed activities for the 3-day Youth Forum. Details that needed the Council's insights were mentioned during the meeting in order to ensure that the activities of the ISPRS SC can also contribute to the goals of ISPRS.



Figure 1. The opening ceremony of the ISPRS Geospatial Week 2019.

In the afternoon, the board members also had an informal meeting with Dr. Senthil Kumar, Technical Commission V President about the plans for the summer schools in 2020. He suggested that the ISPRS SC should reach to regions and countries where summer schools had never been held before in order to increase the presence of the organization and promote its activities. Summer schools were suggested to be held in Turkey, Australia, New Zealand or the small islands in the Pacific, a country in Africa and in the Scandinavian region. He also mentioned that he will support the ISPRS SC in finding a possible contact person in the said locations. The annual board meeting with other ISPRS SC board members who were unable to attend the Geospatial Week was also held late in the afternoon for reviewing the tasks and plans for the year and in 2020.



Figure 2. The ISPRS SC board members with the Technical Commission V President, Dr. Senthil Kumar.

On Wednesday, the ISPRS SC Chair, participated and presented in the Joint Meeting of the ISPRS Council. The updates for the organization were given from the period of the Technical Commission V midterm symposium in Dehradun, India to the ISPRS Geospatial Week 2019. Positive feedbacks were received from the members of the ISPRS Council about the accomplishments of the ISPRS SC. A feedback about the membership registration was also received, which will be fully addressed once the new Statutes are in place. Collaboration with the organizers of the summer school in Canada

was also initiated by Dr. Ahmed Shaker of Technical Commission III. Dr. Mario Hernandez, the regional representative from Latin America, also asked about the plans of the ISPRS SC in contributing to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals and was informed about the ISPRS SC's MOTIVATE Learning, which was part of the 2018 ISPRS Education and Capacity Building Initiatives.



Figure 3. Presentation by the Technical Commission V during the ISPRS Council Joint Meeting.

In the evening the ISPRS Students and Young Professionals Night was held in the Ideate Room, DesignLab in the University of Twente. Over 30 participants joined the event. A presentation about the ISPRS SC was given by the Newsletter Editor-in-Chief and a student provided a short tour around the different facilities and workshops in the DesignLab. The meet up was attended by participants from Brazil, Germany, China Taipei, Canada, Viet Nam, The Netherlands, South Korea and India.



Figure 4. The participants of the ISPRS SC Students and Young Professionals Night (photo taken after the event).



Figure 5. A tour of the DesignLab in University of Twente during the ISPRS SC event.

On Thursday, the ISPRS SC board members had a short meeting with Dr. Kohei Cho, General Secretary of the Asian Association on Remote Sensing (AARS), and Dr. Taejung Kim, Organizing Chair of the Asian Conference on Remote Sensing 2020. Details of the student activities in the conference were discussed, including the preparations for the ISPRS SC summer school. The board members also met briefly with Dr. Charles Toth about the final stages of the new Statutes.



Figure 6. The ISPRS SC board members with the ISPRS 2nd Vice Presiden , Dr. Charles Toth.



Figure 7. The ISPRS SC board members with Ms. Saskia Tempelman, who helped organize the event for students in the ISPRS Geospatial Week.

The ISPRS SC board members had a productive and meaningful attendance in the ISPRS Geospatial Week. It was a great event where the organization was able to host an event for students and young professionals and the beginning of the preparations for the ISPRS 2020 Congress.