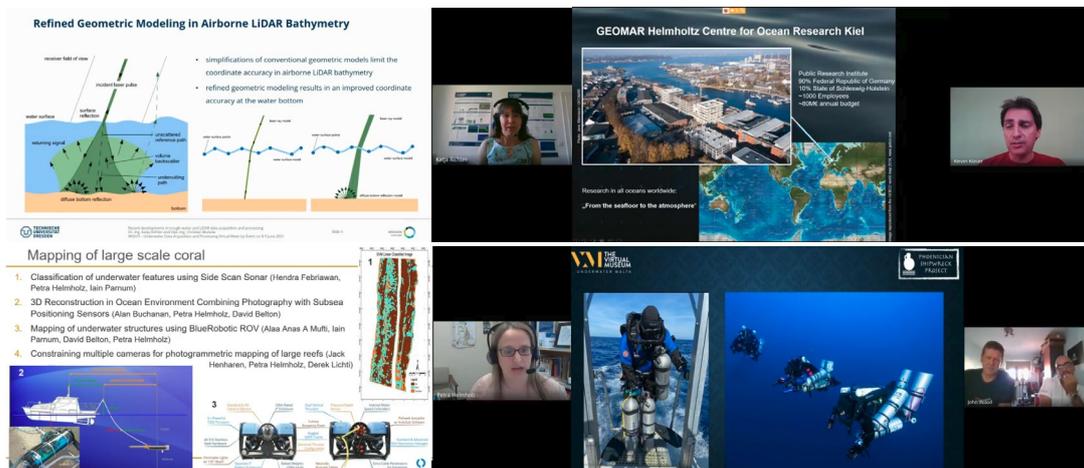


Report on the 1st virtual meet-up event of the ISPRS WGII/9 – Underwater Data Acquisition and Processing, 8-9 June 2021.

The 1st virtual meet-up event of the ISPRS WGII/9 – Underwater Data Acquisition and Processing, took place on 8-9 June 2021. It was jointly organized by Fabio Menna (Bruno Kessler Foundation), Mark Shortis (RMIT University), Dimitrios Skarlatos (Cyprus University of Technology) and Panagiotis Agrafiotis (National Technical University of Athens).



In the event, which attracted many new members to register to the working group, participated 83 out of [113 members registered on the WG webpage](#). The event provided an update on the research activities of the WGII/9 members by hosting 34 presentations ([final program here](#)), followed in 21 different countries around the globe. An informal but very informative discussion was also held using SLIDO. Questions were answered live by the speakers. Also, the SLIDO Q&A was kept open after the sessions and participants continued the discussion even after the live event, showing again a strong interest in the topics of the WG.



Photogrammetry was the main research area of the participants representing 71% of them for both days while Computer Vision, Camera Calibration and Surveying were following with percentages between 48-40%. Participants specializing in Robotics represented the 30% of the participants while experts in Engineering, Hydrology, Oceanography, Navigation, Geology, Archaeology, Biology and the industry participated too. The SLIDO Q&A indicated also that the vast majority of the participants is highly interested in benchmark datasets related to the scientific areas of the research group, however, most of them are not able to deliver any data. This triggered a data collection and sharing initiative by the WG that will be soon published in the WG's webpage.

The recorded videos of the event can be found at the following links: [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#) or on the YouTube channel here : [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#)