

The TIF Travel Grant allowed me to participate in the ISPRS Geospatial Week 2025 in Dubai. I feel honored and lucky to have received this recognition from the TIF. Besides meeting new people and building new contacts, the participation in the Geospatial Week allowed me to renew and maintain contact with colleagues from other institutions. Additionally, I had the opportunity to connect different people with another, enhancing international cooperation not only for myself but also for my colleagues.

But also from a technical perspective I learned a lot during the Geospatial Week. I could broaden my knowledge, for example in the field of satellite-based research, and find people who work in similar directions as myself. I presented my work in the laser scanning workshop, where interesting talks helped me to understand the wide range of laser scanning related research. The discussion, following up on my presentation, was very interesting and I could get some input on how to improve my research.



### *My presentation on UAV trajectory measurements with robotic total stations*

But not only from a technical perspective, also from a cultural point of view, the visit in Dubai was worth it. The travel to the Geospatial Week was my first travel to the United Arab Emirates. I would say, life in Dubai is quite different to life in Austria and it was fascinating to experience.

I want to sincerely thank the TIF for honoring me with the Travel Grant, and am looking very much forward to participate in upcoming ISPRS events, such as the 3rd International ISPRS Workshop on 3D underwater mapping from above and below hosted at my home institution, the TU Wien, in Austria or the ISPRS Congress 2026 in Canada.

Best regards,

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