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Welcome Reception

Date: Sunday 16th July
Time: 17:00 – 18:30 hours
Location: Amsterdam Rai, Auditorium / Onyx Lounge
Cost: Free to all registered delegates and registered accompanying persons.

The reception will include snacks, drinks and music. Dress is informal.

Opening Ceremony

Date: Monday 17th July
Time: 09:30 – 12:30 hours
Location: Amsterdam RAI, Auditorium
Cost: Free to all registered delegates and registered accompanying persons.

On Monday, 17th July 2000 the Congress will be opened, combining traditional ISPRS ceremonies of previous congresses with local culture. The keynote address will be presented by Dr Ismail Serageldin, Vice President for special programmes of the World Bank, chairman of the World Commission on Water for the 21st Century and chairman of the Consultative Group on Agricultural Research (CGIAR). The aims, challenges, applications and benefits of the sciences working together under the umbrella of ISPRS have been summarised in the challenging theme of the ISPRS Congress: "Geoinformation for All". J. Dangermond (ESRI), K. Kasturirangan (ISRO) and He Changchui (FAO) will present their vision on this theme during the second part of this Plenary Opening Session. This session takes place in the Auditorium of the Amsterdam RAI, from 09:30 to 13:00 hours. At 13:00 hours, the Opening Ceremony of the Exhibition will take place in the Delta Hall.

Exhibitor's Reception

Date: Monday 17th July
Time: 17:00 – 19:00 hours
Location: Amsterdam RAI, Delta Hall
Cost: Free to all registered delegates and registered accompanying persons.

The reception will include snacks, drinks and music. Dress is informal.

High Tea

Date: Monday 17th July
Time: 15:00 – 17:00 hours
Location: Amsterdam RAI, La Ronde

Cost: Free to all registered accompanying persons. The traditional High Tea will be an excellent opportunity to meet with other accompanying persons. Dress is informal.

Civic Reception

Date: Wednesday 19th July
Time: 18:30 - 19:30 hours
Venue: Maritime Museum, Kattenburgerplein 1, Amsterdam
Fee: NLG 25, -

You are welcome at a reception at the Maritime Museum organised by the Municipality of Amsterdam and the Netherlands Foreign Trade Agency. The Maritime Museum is the treasury of Dutch Naval history. The museum is housed in 's Lands Zeemagazijn', built by order of the Amsterdam Admiralty in 1556. The reception will include snacks, drinks and traditional Dutch music. Dress is informal.

To get to the Maritime museum from the Central station you can take bus 22 or 32 to the stop "Kattenburgerplein".

Congress Dinner Show 2000

Date: Friday 21st July
Time: 19:30 – 24:00 hours
Location: Studio 21, Sumatralaan 47, Hilversum
Cost: NLG 80, - for participants and accompanying persons
NLG 200, - for non-registered participants and holders of day tickets.

2000 years of Dutch and World History, as well as a look into this new millennium, will pass in lightening review. Dress code is formal. Buses will depart as of 18:45 hours from main entrance of the Amsterdam Rai to take you to Hilversum, where the Dinner Show will be held, and the bus will take you back to Amsterdam.

Closing Sessions

Date: Sunday 23rd July
Time: 12:30 - 15:30 hours
Location: Amsterdam RAI, Forum
Cost: Free to all registered delegates and registered accompanying persons.

There will be two Plenary Closing Sessions: the Commission Summaries Session and the Closing Ceremony.

Technical Tours

TT1 Esa/Estec

Date: Tuesday 18th July
Thursday 20th July
Time: 13:00 – 18:00 hours
Location: Noordwijk
Cost: NLG 30, -

The visit to ESA/ESTEC will include a visit to the test facilities of ESTEC and a visit to the Noordwijk Space Expo.

The space facilities under construction at ESTEC will be shown. Moreover, Noordwijk Space Expo offers information and entertainment for visitors of all ages. You can witness the story of space from the earliest days to beyond the year 2000. Both actual space hardware and its results are shown.

Buses will depart from the main entrance of the Amsterdam RAI.

TT2 TNO Physics and Electronics Laboratory

Date: Tuesday 18th July
 Time: 13:00 – 18:00 hours
 Location: The Hague
 Cost: NLG 30, -

Please be sure to bring your passport!

Remote sensing and reconnaissance are the techniques used in both the civil and military worlds for situational assessment of the earth's surface. This can be done from air and space-borne platforms. Nowadays the emphasis is on radar sensors, because of their all-weather, day and night performance capability. The TNO-FEL Remote Sensing group studies the use of sensors and their application for many customers in both civil and military worlds. They are involved in applications such as cartography, command and control (based on information superiority), decision support systems, crop monitoring, oceanographic measurements, satellite calibration and interferometric height measurements. Facilities operational at TNO-FEL will be shown. Buses will depart from the main entrance of the Amsterdam RAI.

TT3 NLR and The Geomatica Business Park

Date: Wednesday 19th July
 Time: 12:00 – 19:00 hours
 Location: Marknesse
 Cost: NLG 30, -

The National Aerospace Laboratory NLR is the central institute in The Netherlands for aerospace research. Its principle mission is to provide expert contributions to activities in aerospace and related fields. NLR independently renders services to government agencies, private companies and other organisations. The NLR Space Division is, amongst other fields, active in the field of development and application of advanced image processing algorithms, operation of airborne sensor systems for remote sensing and dissemination of Landsat and ERS-1 data (National Point of Contact). The NLR establishment is situated in the newly reclaimed polders of the central part of The Netherlands. An impression of this area, frequently used as a test site within the framework of European field campaigns, will be obtained during this excursion. At the same location, the Geomatica Business Park stimulates the settlement and interaction of private companies in the area of remote sensing, photogrammetry and GIS, with special attention to young starters in the rapidly growing geoinformatics business sector.

Buses will depart from the main entrance of the Amsterdam RAI.

TT4 MD-RWS

Date: Wednesday 19th July
 Friday 21st July
 Time: 13:00 – 17:00 hours
 Location: Delft
 Cost: NLG 30, -

The Survey Department is the specialist for geoinformation supply (topographic and thematic) and information technology for the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management (MD-RWS). On behalf of the Ministry, and in the field of geoinformation, the Survey Department acts as a provider of basic geometric infrastructure and of geo-spatial data. Its activities also include application-oriented research, consultancy and data management. Fields of expertise may be summarised as follows: mathematical and physical geodesy, remote sensing, photogrammetry, GIS, land surveying, hydrography, cartography and information technology.

During your visit, special attention will be paid to the new digital elevation model of The Netherlands (laser altimetry), various aspects of the digital photogrammetric production and revision process, multispectral airborne scanning, and interferometric SAR and virtual/visual reality developments and applications.

Buses will depart from the main entrance of the Amsterdam RAI.

TT5 ITC

Date: Thursday 20th July
 Time: 12:00 – 19:00 hours
 Location: Enschede
 Cost: NLG 30, -

The International Institute for Aerospace Survey and Earth Sciences (ITC), develops and extends knowledge of geoinformation management. By means of education, research and consulting, ITC contributes to capacity building in the developing world. 'Geoinformation management', 'world-wide' and 'innovative' are key words at ITC, concentrating on Earth observation, the generation of spatial information from images and on the development of data integration methods. The Institute has a scientific staff of some 150 professionals of 25 nationalities. Since 1950, more than 15,000 students from over 150 countries have followed one of ITC's forty courses in The Netherlands, leading to PhD, MSc and Professional Masters degrees and post graduate diplomas. In June-July 1996, after a construction period of 18 months, ITC moved into a tailor-made new building in Enschede designed by Max van Huut in a modern organic style, meaning that the architect tried to find a balance between the rational and intuitive. Organic architecture uses variously shaped angles, lively, warm colours and natural materials. During your visit to ITC you not only have the opportunity to explore ITC's new living environment, but you will also see various aspects of the work of staff of the institute in projects in developing countries. The guided bus ride from Amsterdam to Enschede provides you with a border-to-border view of the various landscapes of The Netherlands.

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