

## **Welcome to the 19th ISPRS Congress**

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## Welcome by Dutch Minister for Development Co-operation

*The Netherlands' Development Co-operation Programme strives continuously to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor countries. These gaps are particularly wide in*



*the next Congress in 1948 in The Hague, The Netherlands. Being the first post-war Congress, it took place in a spirit of great international co-operation and solidarity. Upon the ISP's recommendation, The Netherlands' Government decided to establish the International Training Centre (ITC) for aerial survey and earth sciences, to accelerate the production of geographical information in developing countries.*

*In the year 2000, ITC celebrates its 50th anniversary. By then, it will have organised training and educational courses in The Netherlands for 15,000 specialists from 150 countries and an equal number through its sister-institutes and projects abroad.*

*Many of them participate in the ISPRS network, which connects scientists and technicians from all over the world, in support of processes towards sustainable development.*

*Although communication has become much faster thanks to the new information and communication technologies, there is still much to be achieved to reach all corners of the world, and all levels of society, to support the accelerated uptake and impact of scientific findings, and vice versa to increase the influence of stakeholders' information requirements on research and development.*

*The theme for the turn-of-the-millennium ISPRS Congress in Amsterdam, "Geoinformation for All" reflects a spirit of world-wide solidarity, the wish to contribute to a better quality of life for all and a productive environment for*

*science and technology, including the spatial sciences, photogrammetry and remote sensing.*

*Bearing this very much in mind, I am very pleased and proud that Amsterdam has been chosen to be the venue of the XIXth ISPRS World Congress in the year 2000.*

*During the past century, photogrammetry received a strong impulse from Willem Schermerhorn, geodesist and first Prime Minister of The Netherlands after World War II.*

*Schermerhorn was elected president of the International Society for Photogrammetry (ISP) in 1938 and organised*

*present and future generations.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which reads "Eveline Herfkens".

*Eveline Herfkens  
Minister for Development Co-operation*

## Welcome by ISPRS President

*On behalf of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS), it is my pleasure to welcome*

*through its multi-national General Assembly, formulates Resolutions to guide future activities.*



*On 4 July, ISPRS celebrated its 90th anniversary. Its mission, membership and activities have expanded significantly since its founding in 1910. ISPRS encompasses GIS, Remote Sensing, Photogrammetry and related Vision Sciences. The ISPRS mission is: "... devoted to international co-operation for the advancement of knowledge, research, development and education in photogrammetry, remote sensing, the spatial information sciences, their integration and applications to support the well-being of humanity and the sustainability of the environment."*

*Officially, ISPRS is composed of member organisations representing 102 nations, 8 regional associations and 50 sustaining member companies and institutes. Its S&T activities are conducted by 7 Commissions and their 45 Working Groups and cover all aspects of image data collection, processing, analysis and application.*

*Enjoy the XIXth ISPRS Congress and join us in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of ISPRS and, very importantly showcasing our S&T achievements for the benefit of all. The setting in Amsterdam offers many social opportunities for Congress participants to relax and enjoy. In 1996, the ISPRS General Assembly elected 'The Netherlands Society for Earth Observation and Geo-Informatics' as Congress host. We appreciate the excellent activities being organised for us and we applaud their choice of con-*

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*The XIXth ISPRS Congress is a milestone event. It presents a comprehensive overview of the state-of-the science and technology; demonstrates advancements in image acquisition, processing, analysis and applications; exhibits developments and products; fosters international networking between data providers and information producers; provides a forum for international policy discussions and,*

*Lawrence W. Fritz  
ISPRS President*

## Welcome to the XIX<sup>TH</sup> ISPRS Congress by Congress Director and President of NSEOG

*The Netherlands' Society for Earth Observation and Geoinformatics (NSEOG) has the great honour to welcome you to the XIXth Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.*

*To make the Congress 2000 a trend-setting event, much attention focuses on the contribution of photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information systems to the well-being of human society through the generation of reliable information when dealing with the complex transition processes towards sustainable development, including food security, sustainable industrial and urban development, poverty reduction, equity, environmental protection and global change.*

*We want to emphasise that our spatial sciences belong to the pillars on which the future of our planet earth and its inhabitants depend.*

*In line with this, the motto of the Congress is:  
Geoinformation for All*

*With representatives from ISPRS sciences, industry and policy, as well as decision-makers, we will discuss the challenges involved in how spatial information sciences and technology can deliver timely and cost-effective contributions that are comprehensible and accessible for management, policy-makers and decision support and can make an impact upon all levels of society worldwide.*

*During the past four years, Council, ISPRS officers and our Local Organising Committee together have done a marvellous job in preparing this XIXth Congress in such a way that it can indeed be*

*a trend-setting event, as might be expected of a Congress that takes place at the turn of the millennium.*

*We hope and expect that everyone will enjoy the excitement of the scientific programme, with contributions from many young authors, as well as the charm and warmth of the social programme which should reflect the hospitality of the Dutch people and the cosmopolitan and liberal atmosphere of Amsterdam.*

*With your presence we can make the XIXth ISPRS Congress 2000 a really memorable event. We welcome you all with your partners to Amsterdam in July 2000 and thank you for your active participatory interest in our Society.*



Klaas Jan Beek

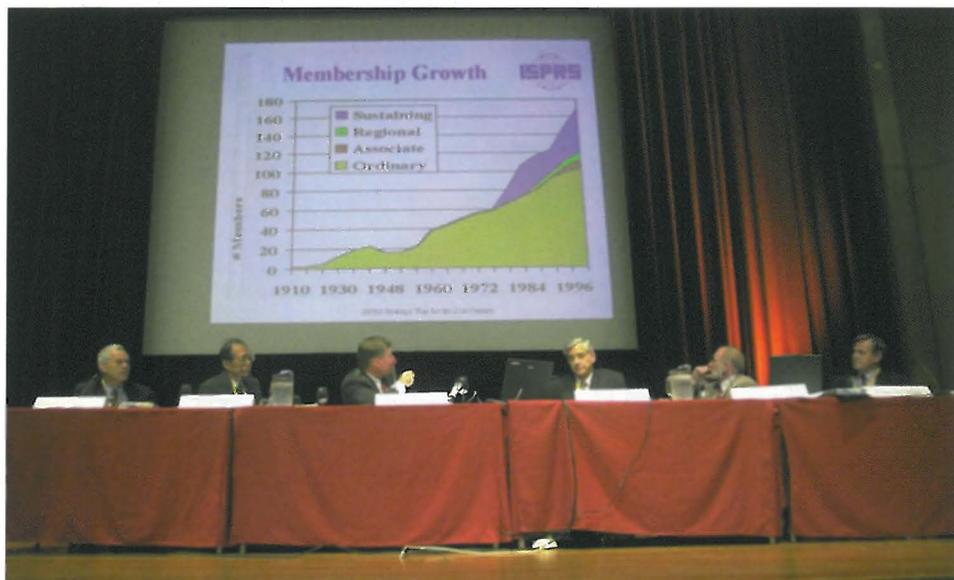
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