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ISPRS Events Calendar

Three new PhDs in one week

Mrs. Kirsten Wolff, Mr. Jafar Amiri Parian and Mr. Devrim Akca.

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Conference on information extraction from SAR

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Board to contribute their experience, knowledge and time to the preparation for the Congress.

To work efficiently and effectively, we have the Local Organizing Committee for organizational issues, registration and accommodation, and the Scientific Program Committee for calling for papers, planning sessions, workshops, forums and communicating with ISPRS technical commissions and relevant international organizations. With such a well-established organizing system, we have worked closely with ISPRS Council to prepare for the Congress. The Congress web site was officially open. The first announcement of ISPRS 2008 Beijing was delivered to potential participants world wide. Brochures of the technical exhibition of the Congress and invitation for sponsorship were posted to relevant companies, organizations and research institutes. Information about the Congress has spread over the world.

Besides the platinum sponsor Leica Geosystems, silver sponsor ESRI and bronze sponsor PCI Geomatics, some well-known companies will be sponsors of the Congress in near future. More companies have shown their interests to participate in the technical exhibition. Companies' involvement will surely be a brilliant spot of the Congress.

In this issue of ISPRS e-Highlights, you can find the second announcement of the Congress, which includes the Congress scientific program, call for abstracts and papers, technical visits, social program, sightseeing tours and registration etc. For more information about congress, please refer to the [congress website](#). I believe the overall plan for the Congress is a good one, which combines the past successful practice, initiatives of the organizing committee and input of

the ISPRS council members. I hope you can use the information to consider your participation. I also welcome you to help improve the plan to meet your expectations.

From now on, one year in advance of the Congress, we will go all out to make the plan a reality. Please mark your calendar for the important Congress and prepare for your attendance. Let's work together towards a successful ISPRS 2008 Beijing.

Chen Jun
ISPRS Congress Director

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Almost three years has passed since China got the right to host the 21 ISPRS Congress. In Istanbul, Turkey, July 2004, China promised to offer one of the best ISPRS congresses in Beijing July 2008. We understand that keeping the promise needs much more efforts than making it. With the hard work of the organizing committee and support of the ISPRS community, preparation for the ISPRS 2008 Beijing has been going well.

We set up the National Steering Committee. Chinese vice Premier Zeng Peiyan was invited to be its honorary chairman. Mr. Xu Guanhua, Minister for Science and Technology, Mr. Lu Xinshe, Vice Minister for Land and Resources, Director General of State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping are co-chairmen. Some of Chinese academicians, well-known scientists and high rank officials related to photogrammetry, remote sensing and GIS are committee members.

ISPRS council members, honorary members, and some highly respected professionals in the fields of ISPRS joined the International Advisory

Three new PhDs in one week at the Chair of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing of ETH Zurich

by Thomas Hanusch, IGR, ETH Zurich

Since the 12th week of this year, the scientific community of photogrammetry and remote sensing is enriched by three new PhD's: Mrs. Kirsten Wolff, Mr. Jafar Amiri Parian and Mr. Devrim Akca.



Mrs. Kirsten Wolff Mr. Devrim Akca Mr. Jafar Amiri Parian

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5th International Geomatica Congress, Havana Cuba

The 5th International Geomatica Congress 2007 with the theme "Geomatics for Development" took place within the framework of INFORMATICA Convention, at the Havana Convention Palace from 12-16 February 2007, with the focus on how Geomatics can contribute to development of Cuba. Geographic dimensions of e-Government, disaster management, human development, among other national priorities were discussed, as well as many applications of Geoinformation of interest to enterprise sectors. A number of international NGOs were



represented at the Congress, including ISPRS by John Trinder, First Vice President. Papers were given by Cuban and international visitors on a broad range of topics on Geoinformation. Overall the congress was a significant event for Cuba. In addition, a number of workshops were held before and after the congress, two of which were on close range photogrammetry and geomatics education, the latter led by Dra Tania Sausen of INPE Brazil. A brief summary will be given of the first of these workshops.

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Invitation to the ISPRS 2008 Beijing

The XXI Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) will be held in Beijing, China during 3-11 July 2008. The theme of the ISPRS 2008 Beijing is "Silk Road for Information from Imagery". The ancient Silk Road was a well-known trade route between China and the west. It also contributed a lot to information exchange and spread of scientific knowledge around the world. Now we are in the age of information. How should

the useful information be provided and shared? It has been a challenge and hot topic. ISPRS has been devoted to the development of international cooperation for the advancement of photogrammetry, remote sensing and their applications. Through the efforts, we can create a new silk road for information from imagery. The new silk road will connect users, scientists, researchers and decision makers etc. The ISPRS 2008 Beijing will be a milestone of the "Silk Road for Information from Imagery".

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Council Minutes Goa

The ISPRS Council met on 3rd and 4th October 2006 in Goa. Read the Minutes.

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3rd International Conference "Earth from Space - the Most Effective Solutions"

Organizers: RDC [ScanEx](#), [NGO Transparent World](#)

Rapid development of the space information technology lately deprived the limited groups of specialists of the privilege to control telecommunications, navigation and remote sensing of the Earth from space, which took a giant step into our day-to-day life. At present, we can witness how Earth observation from space helps to resolve a wide range of practical tasks, becoming a modern public information instrument.

The goal of the conference is to show the ex-

perience of practical use of satellite monitoring in different branches of economy together with the recent developments in remote sensing as the backbone of cost-efficient functioning economic systems.

The 3rd International Conference "Earth from Space - the Most Effective Solutions", to be held from 4th to 6th December 2007, Moscow (Russia) is the perfect opportunity to demonstrate the latest innovations, achievements and practical results in sphere of space information technologies.

The conference is supported by International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS), GIS-Association and Federation of the Russian Cosmonautics with the information support from RBC publishing house, Geoprofi magazine, GeoTop Catalogue as well as foreign mass media representatives: GIM International, GIS Development and GeoConnection International.

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Vale Robin Letellier

It is with much sadness that I need to inform of the unexpected passing of Robin Letellier. Robin was lecturing in the USA and suffered a stroke as a result of this he passed away. Many members of CIPA have lost a dear friend and colleague. He was a tireless supporter of CIPA and its objectives, serving on the committee for many years in various capacities including Vice President.



Robin Letellier received a B.A. in Architecture from Laval University, Quebec City, in 1969. He was Chief of Architectural Documentation Services, Heritage Conservation Program for Parks Canada between 1970 and 1997. Between 1974 and 1999, he was the Canadian delegate to the ICOMOS International Committee for Architectural Photogrammetry (CIPA).

Robin is a founding member of the Recording and Documentation Committee of ICOMOS Canada, and was Chair of the Committee between 1983 and 1991. Between 1984 and 1999, he lectured annually at the ICCROM Centre (Rome) on the subjects of architectural documentation and information management. Since 1996, as management consultant he has been assisting national and international conservation organizations with

improving their operations. Recently, he has been promoting new conservation management practices through presentations, seminars, and workshops in Japan, Thailand, Laos, Philippines, Indonesia, Brazil, Italy, Austria, Poland and Slovenia.

He was working with the Getty Conservation Institute to develop a Bridging-the-Gap initiative towards creating partnerships between international conservation organizations (i.e. ICOMOS, UNESCO, ICCROM, CIPA, GCI, etc.) to improve heritage conservation standards and practices and publishing a book entitled Recording, Documentation and Information Management for the Conservation of Heritage Places – Guiding Principles.

Cliff Ogleby (CIPA President)

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Final report of the conference on information extraction from SAR and optical data, with emphasis on developing countries

by Dr. Çigdem GÖKSEL & Dr. Fusun BALIK SANLI



Coffee Break

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A Technical Session

We had 2 plenary sessions with four keynote speakers and five technical sessions with well attendance.

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Geo-Siberia 2007

Geo-Siberia 2007 conference and exhibition was held in Novosibirsk, Russian Federation from 25-27 April 2007, organized by the Siberian State Academy of Geodesy (SSGA) in Novosibirsk, and attended by more than 400 participants, including 40 international visitors.

At the opening ceremony, the Vice Mayor of Novosibirsk, and as well as other local and visiting academics, including John Trinder First Vice President ISPRS, welcomed participants to the conference and exhibition. The exhibition included many international companies and local government and

considered the convergence of geospatial technologies and the importance of location to many users. The second plenary concentrated on engineering application and covered Geoinformatics, a paper from Gottfried Konecny on high resolution imagery, and business intelligence. These sessions set the scene for an interesting conference with a strong interest in commercial developments which was also reflected in the large exhibition which allowed delegates to get a good idea of the technology which is being used and developed in the Middle East.

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The participants in the round table discussion of international cooperation with SSGA

commercial organizations involved in the spatial information industry

The conference included papers (mainly in Russian) by staff of SSGA, international visitors, local researchers and industry representatives. In the opening plenary session, Professor Kaprik, Rector of SSGA spoke of the SSGA education program, which comprises specialists in cartography, geodesy, photogrammetry etc, in 5 institutes, 27 departments and others related to them. The summer is used for field practice. The Academy spends 100m rubles per annum (25 rubles≈1 USD) on research and has excellent facilities for R&D. Cooperation with various industry groups is very fruitful and creating innovative technologies. SSGA and MIIGAik in Moscow are the two major education institutions in Russia for geodesy, photogrammetry etc.

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Book Review of ISPRS Highlights

The ISPRS Highlights is a widely distributed journal among ISPRS members including professionals of surveying, photogrammetry and geospatial information sciences worldwide. From time and time, the Highlights publishes reviews on the newly published books, which will provide the most up-to-date information and comments about publications in the discipline. For more information about ISPRS book review, please check the [book review web page](#)

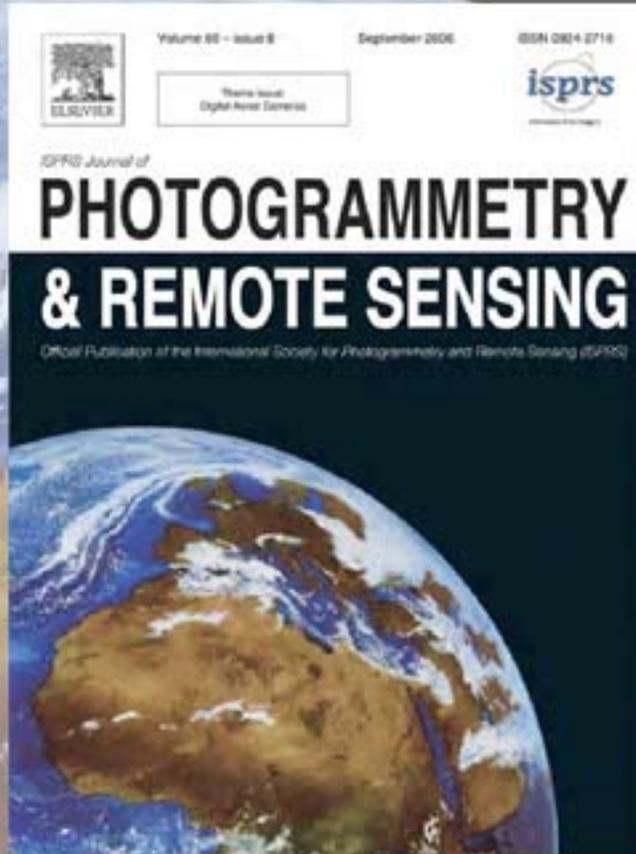
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New Member Profiles

CycloMedia Technology B.V.

CycloMedia specialises in the large-scale and systematic visualisation of environments based on 360° panoramic photographs or cycloramas. CycloMedia develops her unique and patented image recording- and processing technology in-house. Currently, CycloMedia has 35 cars equipped with this special camera system for systematically photographing the environment from

the public road. In urban areas the CycloMedia cars take panoramic images every 10 meters, in rural areas every 40 meters. The recordings are stored in a database that allows access over the internet for a wide variety of applications. The location, orientation, and time are registered for each recording.

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