

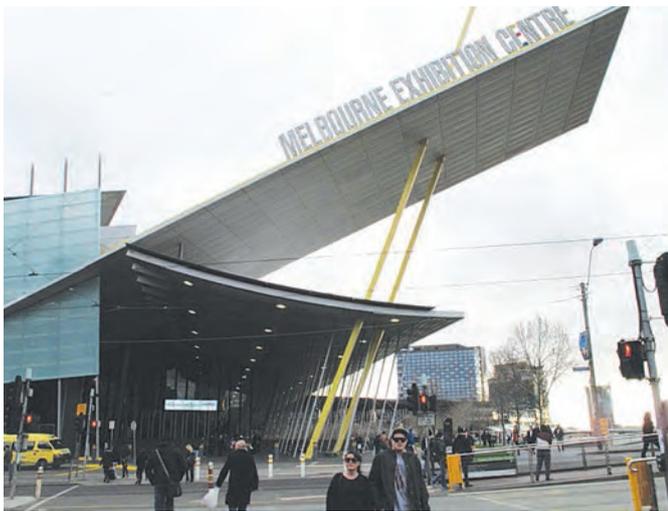


Land Surveying Division Chairman's Message



Sr Koo Tak Ming LSD Council Chairman

The XXII Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) and the General Assembly (GA)



The Melbourne Exhibition Centre, the Congress Venue

The ISPRS2012 offered delegates eight exciting days of tutorials, presentations, and technical tours. The main technical programme consisted of plenary sessions, oral presentation sessions with 12 parallel streams, and short

presentation sessions with interactive, digital posters. There was also an engaging social programme that delivered a mix of cultural and sporting events. Sr Simon Kwok, VP, and I attended the meetings of the General Assembly (GA) of the ISPRS during the 22nd Congress held on 25 August to 1 September 2012 in Melbourne, Australia. The HKIS is an Ordinary Member of the ISPRS, and we have to cast our vote on agenda items in the GA.

The eight-day program was fully packed with four GA sessions, four plenary sessions, various technical/theme/special sessions on top of the welcome reception, a Congress dinner, and other social events.

Mr Orhan Altan, the President of the ISPRS, chaired the General Assembly, which featured lengthy agenda items to be decided on by members. Among them, members had to elect the hosts of the Technical Commissions, the host of the 2016 ISPRS Congress, and fellow members for key posts in the Council of the Society.

	Saturday August 25	Sunday August 26	Monday August 27			Tuesday August 28		Wednesday August 29	Thursday August 30		Friday August 31	Saturday September 1
9:00	Workshops and Tutorials	Plenary	Technical, Theme and Special	ARSPC Plenary	Youth Forum	Technical, Theme and Special	ARSPC Plenary	Plenary	Technical, Theme and Special	CATCON	Plenary	Technical, Theme and Special
9:30												
10:00												
10:30	Coffee Break											
11:00	Workshops and Tutorials	Technical, Theme and Special	Technical, Theme and Special	ARSPC	Youth Forum	Technical, Theme and Special	ARSPC	Technical, Theme and Special	Technical, Theme and Special	CATCON	Technical, Theme and Special	Plenary
11:30												
12:00												
12:30	Lunch Break											
13:00	Business Meetings											
13:30												
14:00	Workshops and Tutorials	Technical, Theme and Special	Short plus Interactive	Youth Forum	Short plus Interactive	Technical Tour	Short plus Interactive	Short plus Interactive	Technical Tour	Short plus Interactive		Closing Ceremony
14:30												
15:00												
15:30	Coffee Break											
16:00	Opening Ceremony	Technical, Theme and Special	Technical, Theme and Special	ARSPC	Youth Forum	Technical, Theme and Special	ARSPC	Technical Tour	Technical, Theme and Special	Technical, Theme and Special	Technical Tour	Technical, Theme and Special
16:30												
17:00												
17:30	Networking Break											
18:00												
18:30	Welcome Reception		Exhibitors Reception								Pre-dinner drinks	
19:00												
20:00		Home Hospitality Evening						Restaurant Evening and Foundation Function		Free Evening	Conference Dinner	AFL Game (Australian Rules Football)
20:30												
21:00												
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ISPRS 2012 Program Overview



The Council of the Society

The direction and management of the Society, including the conduct of its technical and scientific program, is undertaken through the following components: the Congress, the General Assembly, the Council, the Financial Commission, the Technical Commissions, and the Sustaining Members Committee. The scientific activities of the Society are entrusted to and conducted by eight Technical Commissions and their Working Groups. At every quadrennial Congress, the General Assembly: (a) elects eight Ordinary Members who will host the eight Commissions and (b) approves Resolutions that provide direction for scientific activities to be undertaken.

We are delighted to learn that Mr CHEN JUN of the National Geomatics Centre of China (國家基礎地理信息中心) was elected President of the ISPRS. The Congress Director elected was Ms LENA HALOUNOVÁ of the Czech Technical University, who will host the 2016 ISPRS Congress in Prague. The GA serves as a platform for international experts in photogrammetry and remote sensing to shape our future with the latest technology and international cooperation.



Prof Zhilin Li of the HKPU was mentioned during the GA for his excellent research work



CHEN, Jun, President of the ISPRS, 2013-2016

The Plenary Sessions of the Congress highlighted the need to see the future through a better knowledge of the present, the Way Forward for Dynamic GIS, and Geomatics and Disaster Management. We were also glad to recap our memories of university in the old days by listening to Dr Steward Walker, ex-NELP lecturer and the Director of BAE Systems, deliver a lecture on the Development of Photogrammetry.



Orhan ALTAN, President of the ISPRS, 2008-2012



The audience during the Congress



The Plenary Session on the Development of Photogrammetry



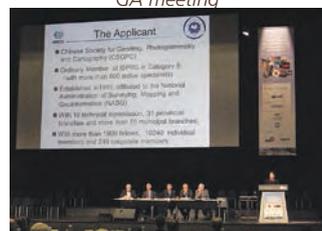
Dr Steward Walker, ex-NELP lecturer



Sr Simon KWOK, VP, and Sr TM KOO, LSD Chairman, during the GA meeting



The HKIS is an ordinary member of the ISPRS



The admission of new Members



Sr KWOK casts the vote on behalf of the HKIS



Presentation during a Technical Session

The welcome reception provided a leisurely and friendly environment to delegates on the first Congress evening so that we could meet old and new friends.



Great fun during the Welcome Reception with traditional Australian Idols



Delegates from Mainland China, Taiwan, Macau, and Hong Kong during the Congress Dinner



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Famous seafood from the Australian Seaside



The Congress Director during the Congress Dinner

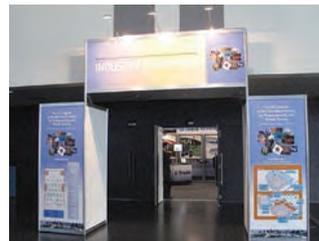


Dr John Shi, Commission II Chairman, with delegates from Macau and Hong Kong



Delegates from Mainland China, Taiwan, Macau, and Hong Kong during the Reception

The Congress Exhibition, with 85 exhibitors, displayed some state-of-the-art products and services in the area of photogrammetry and remote sensing. We exchanged ideas with major suppliers about Hong Kong's current situation using photogrammetric techniques in data capture and how the latest techniques would further improve the quality of land surveying in Hong Kong.



Exhibition Hall



State of the Art in the Exhibition

The Congress dinner was held during the last evening of the Congress at the Melbourne Horsing Racing Course. Delegates took the opportunity to say farewell to their international counterparts.

Orientation for new students of the Department of Land and Surveying Geo-Informatics (LSGI) 2012

Prof Ding delivered the opening speech to new students who had just enrolled in the program, either in the HD, BSc (3-year), or BSc (4-year) program. The HKIS was invited to brief the students on their career paths, as well as the route to achieving the status of professional land surveyor. I wish them a good start and look forward to seeing them in their future careers as land surveyors in Hong Kong.



Opening speech by Prof Ding



Sr KOO during the Presentation

LSD Contact Points

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