

Mr. the Rector Henryk Filcek,

Dear Prof. Janusz Wapinski, President of the
Polish Society of Photogrammetry,

Dear Prof. Zbigniew Sitek, President of the
ISP Commission VI

Dear Eng. Josefa Jachimski, Secretary of the
ISP Commission VI,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

a resolution adopted by the ISP Council when he met last year in Reston, U.S.A., on a statutory annual session, recommended that all the 1978 symposia he held in English, in order to shorten the expenses for such meetings which gather one to two hundred peoples. Of course :

1) French and German remain ISP official languages for the ISP Congresses;

2) the Member Body organizing a symposium is entitled to use its own language or any other one, official or not, at its own charge and provided that English is used as the speaker's language or as translated from the speaker's language : so was it in Tokyo for Japanese or in Moscow for Russian, so will it be in Paris for French;

3) it is my duty to follow, more than anyone else, the ISP Council decisions on the matter. So, I am sure that the French and German speaking friends who are present here will understand that I speak English. The present year is situated midway from our XIIIth quadrennial Congress, which was held in Helsinki, two years ago and of the XIVth Congress to be held in Hamburg, July 1980.

So 1978 is an important landmark on the road of ISP development.

First : the Council which will be held in Paris is to be the most important of the annual ones, because its Members will meet there the Chairmen of the seven Technical Commission and of the Financial Commission, and also the representatives of the major instrument makers;

Second : because each of the ISP Technical Commissions has, as Commission VI has these very days, to organize a symposium, in order :

- to state how their various working groups are processing with their preparation to the 1980 Congress : more than forty groups are so working to that purpose,

- not to limit the action of working groups to a rather boring administrative job, to deal with one or two items of particular interest, with more time available than it is possible in a large quadrennial congress. By the way, let me add that Prof. Gottfried Konecny, the 1980 Congress Director, will explain you later on, how it will be possible for each Commission to have much more time at its disposal than it has in official sessions, thanks to poster sessions.

The leadership of Commission VI was given to Poland by a vote of the General Assembly in Helsinki, two years ago. The more of you remember that our Polish Member Body chaired Commission VI for the period 1972-1976 and even earlier. Unfortunately, its President, Prof. Stompke, died in 1974. Later on, Prof. Sitek was appointed as the chairman of Commission VI and the good work he then carried on, together with Dr. Jachimski, in a short time preceeding the 1976 Congress, lead the General Assembly to entrust Poland again with the charge of the Commission.

As it is for the other technical commissions, since a rather recent time, the Council insisted to obtain that, whatever the Member Body in charge of a technical commission is, the chairmanship of a part of the working groups be given to colleagues from other countries. So, the scientific activity of the commissions is extended to a much larger number of Countries than seven.

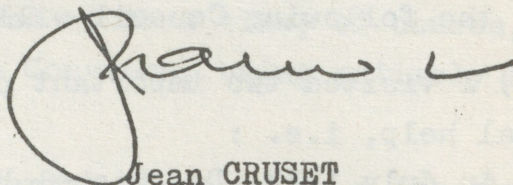
One of the main goals the present ISP Council has to reach is to reinforce the links that have existed from long (well before the creation of the ISP Commission VII the 1952 Congress, in Washington) between photogrammetry and photo-interpretation, quite naturally extended to remote sensing, later on. Obviously, that is the common interest of both these applied sciences. Commission VII, meeting in Freiburg, West Germany, in the early days of July, which is completely devoted to remote sensing, and Commission III, last week in Moscow, adopted a resolution inviting the ISP Council to propose the 1980 General Assembly that the name of the Society be turned to "International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing" and urging the Technical Commissions other than VII to increase the part of remote sensing in their activities. Secretary General Frederick Doyle will explain it to you better than I do and ask your vote to support the Council's action before the present symposium closes.

This present symposium is to be an important milestone on the way leading to the success of the Hamburg Congress. It is my duty and great pleasure, on behalf of the whole Council, whose 50 % are present here, to thank Prof. Zbigniew Sitek and Dr. Josef Jachimski for the important work they have carried on to create and animate the Commission's working groups, to prepare and hold the present symposium, the success of which being a real guarantee for the success of the 1980 Congress. We thank you for every mark of friendship that we have received here and that I feel sure we shall receive from our Polish colleagues all along the symposium.

We also thank very heartily the Polish Society of Geodesy, the Polish Society of Photogrammetry and the Technical University of Krakow for their support.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your kind attention.

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