At the formal opening ceremony on 30th August, a word of welcome was given by Ir. L. van Zuylen, in his capacity as representative of the Netherlands Society for Photogrammetry. Thereafter the Symposium was declared open by Professor Dr. W. Schermerhorn, Dean of the International Training Centre for Aerial Survey, Delft. After addresses by Major-General R. Ll. Brown, Vice-President of the International Society for Photogrammetry and by Mr. E. Walter of UNESCO, the following Presidential Address was delivered by Professor Dr. L. U. de Sitter, Vice-President of Commission VII, I.S.P., in the absence of the President, Professor Dr. C. H. Edelman.