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FOREWORD

Council of the International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing confirmed that the last meeting before the Amsterdam Congress of the working group VI/3: International Cooperation and Technology Transfer is organized in Ljubljana, Slovenia, from 2. – 5. February 2000. The local host is Association of Slovenian Surveyors – Slovenian Section of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, which is the Slovenian ordinary member of ISPRS. The meeting was announced as a joint workshop of two working groups: WG VI/3 and WG IV/3, but the participation later was mostly from the WG VI/3.

It is a great pleasure for the Republic of Slovenia to organize and host this meeting, as it is the first time that an ISPRS event takes place in this country. Logo of the meeting »Bridging the Gap« reflects the spirit of international cooperation and technology transfer. Ljubljana is the capital of the Republic of Slovenia. It's symbol is a dragon from the Dragon bridge in the old centre of Ljubljana, which we have taken for a mascot of the meeting. Further on, Slovenia is geographically situated between developed countries and countries in a transition and could symbolically represent a bridge for international cooperation as well.

Proceedings of the meeting are published in two parts. In this first part which is published just before the meeting, approximately a half of papers and posters is published (which the publisher had received in time). In the second part, all other papers and posters will be published and a few papers from meeting in Cotonou, Benin will be included, which were not published in the Proceedings of Cotonou for some objective reasons. In addition to this, report of the Ljubljana meeting, list of participants, minutes of the business meeting and other relevant documents will be published in the second part as well.

The program of this workshop clearly underlines the terms of reference and ideas of the WG VI/3, i.e. cooperation between countries on different technological levels, cooperation between different sister societies, promotion and growth of basic knowledge and transfer of knowledge between different fields and related sciences, opening the floor for young experts etc. There are almost 50 papers grouped in seven sessions that cover the following topics: national projects, visualisation in photogrammetry and cartography, geodesy and Global Positioning System with special emphasis on differential GPS and GLONASS procedures in the CEI area, digital photogrammetry and data processing, geoinformation from satellite data, documentation of cultural heritage by means of photogrammetry, GIS and data quality. A tutorial on Application of airborne laser scanning data is organized in the framework of the meeting, as well as two round tables: Valuation of defined spatial units for the needs of official statistics and Application and applicability of metrical documentation of cultural heritage, the last one with contributions from CIPA and ICMOS/SI representatives.

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The ISPRS Congress in Amsterdam (16 – 23 July 2000) is approaching fast and technical commissions and working groups are intensively preparing themselves for this great event. Ljubljana meeting is thus very important for both, WG VI/3 and WG IV/3, to round their work of the inter-congress period and carefully prepare reports and program for the Congress.

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