

Closing session

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President of the ISPRS Commission VII

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the end of this ceremony I should like to conclude that we have seen much progress in our various fields of application of remote sensing. Many of us have been able to present their ideas in official papers or poster sessions. Others have tested their ideas in discussions with colleagues. Some papers will never be written, because the hypotheses lost their sense during this week.

Thanks to our Working Group chairmen and officers we have been able to reach conclusions and recommendations for the future. There is much to be done and much will be done.

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But it is also good to know that in 1988 there are other countries interested to take over from us this responsibility for Commission VII. At this moment, I believe that it is appropriate to thank the people who dedicated themselves fully to the success of this Symposium.

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Journalist question: what about military satellites, if SPOT satellites are available to everyone:

Conclusion:

- Many intelligent people looking at SPOT can produce much strategic information
- strategic information is not necessarily always only what you can see secretly, you might say peeping through the key hole of military satellites.

Dr. Olson said yesterday, that the remote sensing specialists should seek a better dialogue with the government officials if we want to achieve something. But with all our disciplines, institutions, committees and societies there may be an increasing confusion about whom is actually responsible for what? Therefore, who should say what to the policy makers.

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A. Scientific Programme.

1. The chairmen of our Working Groups. I must mention the chairman of Working Group III, Spectral Signatures of Objects, Dr. Guyot, who organizes an International Symposium in France every two years, attended by several hundred participants.

2. The scientific committee of this Symposium, with the Chairman Prof. Verstappen and co-Chairman Prof. Ligterink, and Dutch liaison officers for each Working Group. Also thanks to the chairmen of WG

Sessions and ITC students who assisted there.

3. Our keynote and invited speakers, who guaranteed the general level of this conference. Dr. Konecny, Dr. Törlegard and Dr. Muray of ISPRS added prestige to our meeting.

4. Organisation:

Several committees:

- Excursion Committee, Chairman Beck, for the technical visits, and the accompanying persons;
- Exhibits Committee, Chairman Van Konijnenburg, and the Exhibitors, who gave us a detailed insight of their most recent instruments and services;
- Logistics Committee, Chairman Vollenga, Director of DISH and including:
 - the staff of ITC technical and internal services and the staff of DISH, the Dutch International Student House;
 - the students of the Inter Hostess School, The Hague
 - the students of the Hotel School Apeldoorn.

These students of both schools were so very professional, that I have not noticed the difference! They have added charm to our meeting. Apparently in many ways you can learn from a ISPRS Congress.

- Intercontinental Travel in Rotterdam, for arranging the registration.

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- The Netherlands' Remote Sensing Board
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

This was a long list, but everyone involved in the organisation has worked with dedication and can now with great satisfaction look back upon a successful Symposium.

We have agreed today, what we are going to do: where our next meetings are going to be held, and therefore we know now, where and when we shall meet again. We look forward to seeing you there and I thank you all for coming to Enschede, wishing you all a safe journey home.

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