

PREFACE

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The purpose of this symposium was to promote communication and the exchange of ideas between scientists and technicians involved in the interpretation of photographic and remote sensing data. Our objective was to focus the discussions on the main topics of Commission VII's working groups.

Solutions were explored for the following key questions:

- What changes are likely to occur in our environment by the years 2000 and 2050?
- Will global temperatures increase enough in the near future to create catastrophic impacts on our natural resources, major shifts in populations, and adverse effects on the quality of life in general?
- Which parts of the world will be affected most by global change?
- What are the most cost-effective photographic and remote sensing techniques for global monitoring?

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