

# The International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAMMETRY was founded in 1907 by Prof. Dr. Edward Dolezal of Austria to encourage cooperation and exchange of information between the various national societies of photogrammetry. This function is carried out primarily by the quadrennial Congress organized by one of the now 72 national Member Societies. Previous Congresses of the Society have been held as follows:

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| I    | 1910 | Vienna, Austria        |
| II   | 1926 | Berlin, Germany        |
| III  | 1930 | Zurich, Switzerland    |
| IV   | 1934 | Paris, France          |
| V    | 1938 | Rome, Italy            |
| VI   | 1948 | The Hague, Netherlands |
| VII  | 1952 | Washington, D.C.       |
| VIII | 1956 | Stockholm, Sweden      |
| IX   | 1960 | London, England        |
| X    | 1964 | Lisbon, Portugal       |
| XI   | 1968 | Lausanne, Switzerland  |
| XII  | 1972 | Ottawa, Canada         |
| XIII | 1976 | Helsinki, Finland      |
| XIV  | 1980 | Hamburg, Germany       |
| XV   | 1984 | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil |
| XVI  | 1988 | Kyoto, Japan           |

The 16th Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing in Kyoto is being held from 1-10 July. Election of Council officers, selection of a site for the 1992 Congress, and the selection of the Member countries to host the 1988-1992 Commissions will all take place during the 16th Congress. The results will be published in *PE&RS* as soon as the information is available.

The purpose of a Congress is to report, review, and discuss the new developments in photogrammetry and remote sensing that have occurred since the previous meeting. Practitioners from more than 100 countries – research workers, instrument designers and operators, manufacturers, suppliers of materials and services, teachers and students – come together to share their problems, experiences, and accomplishments.

The scientific and technical work of a Congress is organized by seven Technical Commissions, each of which is assigned to a Member country for the four-year period between Congresses. In the second year between Congresses, each Technical Commission sponsors a symposium on particular subjects within its assigned scope. The proceedings of these symposia will be published separately. Information concerning the purchase of symposia proceedings can be obtained by writing the President of the Technical Commission concerned.

In addition to the technical program, each Congress organizes a number of social events, technical and scientific tours, and excursions. International friendships made during these events last a lifetime and are perpetuated by both scientific and personal correspondence and occasional travel between Congresses. Political and social differences disappear in the common objectives of making the world a better place in which to live through applications of photogrammetry and remote sensing.

## Awards of ISPRS

The International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing has two coveted awards which are presented during the quadrennial Congress. The Brock Gold Medal Award for major accomplishments in photogrammetry is contributed by ASPRS Past President and Honorary Member Virgil Kauffman, and is administered by ASPRS. The Otto von Gruber Award for superior publications in photogrammetry was established by the International Institute for Aerial Survey and Earth Sciences (ITC) in the Netherlands. The rules and regulations for the ISPRS Awards are given beginning on page 1037 of the July 1981 Yearbook issue. Members of ASPRS are encouraged to submit nominations for either or both awards to President, ISPRS.