

FOREWORD: SPECIAL ISSUE

Remote Sensing for Monitoring Tropical Moist Forests

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME that the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) has published a special issue of *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing (PE&RS)* devoted to articles pertaining to remote sensing of tropical forests. The response to the call for papers was better than expected, and this special issue includes nine papers that were selected from a larger number of articles submitted. The papers included in this volume represent a wide range of applications, sensor systems, and tropical regions where the work was performed. Overview and background articles with global perspective appear first and the remainder of the papers are grouped by primary sensor systems utilized from coarse spatial resolution sensors (e.g., AVHRR, Space Shuttle photography) to increasingly finer resolution sensors (e.g., Landsat MSS, TM, SPOT, and Aircraft Scanners).

It has been a pleasure to be involved in the organization and editing of the Special Issue on Remote Sensing of Tropical Forests. The guest co-editors want to thank everyone who submitted papers and especially all of the reviewers who were willing to take time out of their busy schedules to participate in the peer-review process. We wish to acknowledge the people who reviewed one or more manuscripts for this special issue. They are listed here by alphabetical order with the exclusion of one reviewer who requested to remain anonymous:

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43rd Photogrammetric Week Stuttgart, 9-14 September 1991

This internationally-recognized "vacation course in photogrammetry" has been held at Stuttgart University since 1973. Because Professor Dr.-Ing. Friedrich Ackermann, one of those responsible for the scientific program, is to retire soon, this 43rd Photogrammetric Week will be his farewell seminar. Essential lines of his work have been chosen as the main topics for the meeting:

• GPS for Photogrammetry • Digital Photogrammetric Image Processing • Photogrammetry and Geo-Information Systems •

Lectures and discussions will be held in the mornings. Technical interpreters will be available for simultaneous translations into German or English. Demonstrations are scheduled for the afternoons.

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