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# REPORT AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNITED NATIONS/INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND REMOTE SENSING WORKSHOP ON REMOTE SENSING DATA ANALYSIS METHODS AND APPLICATIONS

(Washington, D.C., 6-7 August 1992)

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#### INTRODUCTION

## A. <u>Background and objective</u>

1. The present report contains a summary of the proceedings of the United Nations/International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) Workshop on Remote Sensing Data Analysis Methods and Applications. The Workshop was part of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications for 1992, as proposed by the Expert on Space Applications and recommended by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The Programme was subsequently endorsed by the Committee and the General Assembly.

2. The Workshop was hosted and cosponsored by ISPRS and organized by the United Nations (Office for Outer Space Affairs) and ISPRS. It was held at Washington, D.C., from 6 to 7 August 1992.

3. The Workshop was held during the XVIIth Congress of ISPRS, held in Washington, D.C., from 2 to 14 August 1992; Workshop participants also participated in the ISPRS Congress. In addition, some Workshop participants also took part in the World Space Congress, the joint meetings of the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) and the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), held in Washington, D.C., from 28 August to 5 September 1992.

4. The objective of the Workshop was to provide a forum for scientists concerned with algorithms, software development, software systems and hardware employed in the reduction and analysis of data and their applications. Such a forum fostered communication between developers and users with a wide range of expertise in the production and use of software packages for photogrammetry and remote sensing applications.

5. The present report, which covers the background, objectives and organization of the Workshop and contains the texts of the papers presented to the Workshop, has been prepared for the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Scientific and Technical Subcommittee. Participants will report to the appropriate authorities in their respective countries.

## B. Organization and programme of the Workshop

6. Represented at the Workshop were: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Switzerland, Taiwan Province of China, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania.

7. Funds allocated by the United Nations and ISPRS for the organization of the Workshop were used to cover the cost of international air travel, per diem expenses for participants and speakers for the period of the Workshop and the ISPRS Congress and registration for the Congress.

8. The Workshop was formally opened by a keynote lecture by D. K. Rasmussen from the Institute of Geography, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. A welcoming address was also made by Dr. A. A. Abiodun, the United Nations Expert on Space Applications.

9. The United Nations developed the programme of the Workshop (see annex I to the present report) in collaboration with ISPRS. The Workshop was conducted through a series of three plenary sessions.

10. The participants expressed their appreciation to the United Nations and the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing for organizing and hosting the Workshop, for their financial assistance and for the technical quality of the programme.

#### PRESENTATIONS TO THE WORKSHOP

11. Several papers were presented to the Workshop. The papers were grouped into three main themes, corresponding to the sessions of the Workshop: (I) Data formats, basic processing and image enhancement techniques; (II) Computerassisted data interpretation and digital mapping; and (III) Integration of remote-sensing data and GIS. The text and/or charts of the papers presented to the Workshop appear in annex II to the present report. As most are technical in nature, they are reproduced solely in the language of submission.

#### Annexes

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Annex I

#### PROGRAMME OF THE WORKSHOP

<u>Thursday, 6 August, 0830-1645</u> Opening statement A.A. Abiodun, United Nations Expert on Space Applications

Key lecture: Remote sensing data K. Rasmussen, Institute of analysis methods Geography, University of Copenhagen

## Session I: Data formats, basic processing and image enhancement techniques

(Chairman: D.G. Goodenough, Canada)

Geometric and radiometric models in processing SPOT imagery for object-space surfaces

Image analysis software

Image processing: edge and feature
extraction, linear feature extraction,
general segmentation, image matching
and object orientation

J. Wu, Center for Space and Remote Sensing Research, National Central University, Taiwan, Republic of China

J.C. Trinder, School of Surveying, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

L.W. Hayes, University of Dundee, Dundee, Scotland

Session II: Computer-assisted data interpretation and digital mapping

(Chairman: B. Forster, Australia)

Intelligent information extraction at the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing

Radiometric corrections for quantitative analysis of multispectral, multitemporal and multisystem satellite data

Multivariate analysis techniques

D. G. Goodenough, Pacific Forestry Centre, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

G. Guyot, INRA Bioclimatologie, Montfavet, France

N.J. Mulder, International Institute for Aerospace Survey and Earth Science (ITC), the Netherlands

Annex I (continued)

Image scanners and interactive

T. T. Sarjakoski, Finnish

workstations for semi-automatic mapping, with emphasis on low-cost solutions

Friday, 7 August, 0830-1500

Session III: Integration of remote sensing data and GIS

(Chairman: A. MacDonald, United Kingdom)

Extraction of quantitative information from remote sensing data and integration into GIS

Integrations of sea surface temperature data sets using MOS-1 satellite data for validation and monitoring

Deforestation assessment using satellite imagery and GIS techniques

ed Kingdom) E. Baltsavias, Institute of Geodesy and Photogrammetry,

Geodetic Institute, Helsinki

Finland

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland

S. Takeuchi, Remote Sensing Technology Center, Tokyo, Japan

D. Alves, National Institute for Space Research, Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil

## Session IV: Discussion and Conclusions

(Chairman: A.A. Abiodun, United Nations)

# <u>Annex II</u>

## PRESENTATIONS TO THE WORKSHOP

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<ol> <li>"Remote Sensing Data Analysis Methods",</li> <li>K. Rasmussen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark</li></ol>
2. "Geometric and Radiometric Models in Processing SPOT Imagery for Object-Space Surfaces," J. Wu, National Central University, Republic of China
3. "Image Processing: Edge and Feature Extraction, Linear Feature Extraction, General Segmentation, Image Matching and Object Orientation," J.C. Trinder, University of New South Wales, Australia
4. "Image Analysis Software," L.W. Hayes, University of Dundee, Scotland
5. "Intelligent Information Extraction at the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing," D.G. Goodenough, Pacific Forestry Centre, Ottawa, Canada
<ul> <li>"Radiometric Corrections for Quantitative Analysis of</li> <li>Multispectral, Multitemporal and Multisystem Satellite Data,"</li> <li>G. Guyot, INRA Bioclimatologie, Montfavet, France</li></ul>
7. "Multivariate Analysis Techniques," N.J. Mulder, ITC, the Netherlands
8. "Image Scanners and Interactive Workstations for Semi- Automatic Mapping, with Emphasis on Low-Cost Solutions," T. T. Sarjakoski, Finnish Geodetic Institute, Helsinki, Finland
9. "Extraction of Quantitative Information from Remote Sensing Data and Integration into GIS," E. Baltsavias, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland
<pre>10. "Integrations of Sea Surface Temperature Data Sets Using MOS-1 Satellite Data for Validation and Monitoring," S. Takeuchi, Remote Sensing Technology Center, Tokyo, Japan</pre>
<pre>11. "Deforestation Assessment Using Satellite Imagery and GIS Techniques," D. Alves, National Institute for Space Research, Sao Jose de Campos, Brazil</pre>