

Taking the Stage at Intergeo

GIM International has been serving a worldwide audience of mapping and surveying professionals for more than 30 years. Over the decades, we have published countless features about state-of-the-art technical developments in our industry, shared challenging case studies employing the latest survey methods, zoomed in on the advancing capabilities of sensors, reported the rise of new technologies to capture our environment and provided context for how our readers can benefit from it all. We have always done our utmost to bring you the latest product-related and business news covering the entire geospatial spectrum – first by distributing our magazines across the globe, and subsequently also through our website, weekly e-newsletter and more recently our social media channels. In view of the growing challenges facing our planet, the need for us to continue in our mission is greater than ever. Although the landscape for media and publishing companies has changed considerably over the years, we are determined to remain your number-one source of information about the comprehensive field of geomatics.

We are also always on the lookout for other ways of highlighting all the innovation going on in the geospatial industry which is why we are pleased to have been invited to put together the conference programme at the Forum on the third day of this year's Intergeo (Thursday 19 September). We have managed to secure two renowned keynote speakers from the mapping industry, as well as nine other high-profile experts from research institutions and pioneering companies in our business. The *GIM International* conference track is divided into two sessions: the morning and the afternoon. The morning session, titled 'Geomatics in the Next Decade', will give you a realistic yet enthralling glimpse into the geospatial future. Meanwhile the afternoon session, titled 'The Many Faces of Mobile Mapping', will cover all the advancements in mobile mapping, whether the system is mounted on a car, on a train, on a drone or on your back. I hope you will come and see *GIM International* take the stage on this inspiring day at the world's leading trade fair for geodesy, geoinformation and

land management, which this year is being held in Stuttgart. You won't regret it!



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Huge Variety

The ISPRS Geospatial Week is a unique combination of workshops aiming to promote international cooperation and knowledge exchange in the field of geospatial science and technology. This year, the event was held from 10-14 June in Enschede, The Netherlands. It was organized by the Faculty ITC, University of Twente, on the university campus, which is a pleasant environment with modern facilities and green surroundings suitable for indoor and outdoor discussions. *GIM International* was the media partner of the event, where around 750 experts, scholars and users gathered, originating from all around the world. I had the pleasure to be part of the local organizing committee led by Prof George Vosselman. The preparation was done in a highly professional manner; the collaboration between everyone involved was smooth, structured and very well organized. Personally, I heard very positive feedback from many participants during the event. Some of the tutorials held just before the event, such as those on deep learning using point clouds and images, were fully booked very early on. The 13 workshops jointly organized with the members of the ISPRS working groups ran in parallel, but there was quite an even distribution of people in the rooms. They covered a huge variety of topics, starting with classical photogrammetry and remote sensing using images and point clouds obtained from different platforms and sensors, and ending with the very trendy use of machine learning and deep learning techniques. The fact that the fifth edition of UAV-g was also part of the Geospatial Week significantly contributed to the number of participants, since there is very high interest in unmanned systems and their applications. Judging from the participants' feedback, the exhibition, lunches and dinners were also highly appreciated. A Q&A on the ISPRS Geospatial

Week can be found on pages 16 and 17 of this magazine.



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