

Dear Mr. President,

France, through the French Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (SFPT) has submitted an official bid to host the Congress of the International Society Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) in 2020.

As you know, the last Congress of the ISPRS organized by France was in 1934. Since then, France has actively participated in the activities of ISPRS (Chair of technical committees, conferences) and contributed significantly to the development of analytical and digital photogrammetry, both at academic and industrial level with the development of the first 3D city-model in the late 70s, the first operational software for an automatic correlation to generate digital models from aerial or spatial digital images, in the early 80s.

France has contributed in a major way to the high-resolution optical remote sensing with the design and operation of the different generations of SPOT satellites and recently with the launch of the two Pleiades satellites. France has also developed the first raster digital cameras for aerial photography in the 90s, which led to the first digital coverage of a country. This results in the existence of a significant scientific and technical community, very active, gathered in the SFPT and closely with CNES.

For all these reasons, we strongly support this very legitimate candidature of Nice as the host city for the 2020 ISPRS Congress.

In the strongly hope that the Nice candidacy for 2020 will retain the attention of members of the ISPRS, please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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