

5 questions to... Nicolas Paparoditis, ISPRS 2020 Congress Director



The ISPRS Congress is in full swing. How did you experience it until now?

Lena Halanouva, the current congress director has done a great job. It's a lot of work and this work has definitely paid off when you see all the delegates smiling as you walk around.

You won the bid to host the 2020 ISPRS Congress. How do you feel about this?

Actually quite relieved and already at work :). Indeed, it was our second bid in a row and thus the pressure was probably higher on us than for the two other bidders. I must confess that the recent events in Nice made it a difficult time for us during the competition but life goes on and these events should not change our way of living and behaving. I would like to warmly congratulate the two other bidders for the hard time they gave us and for defending so well the colours of their countries. I encourage them to continue and wish them all the best for next time.

What are you going to take away from the ISPRS Congress 2016?

All of it! Indeed, congresses and other ISPRS events are in constant but continuous evolution. We will build upon and continue what has already been done. Some nice technologies and new ideas were introduced here in Prague, and we will develop them to better fulfil the needs of our ISPRS community.

What is your opinion on the current status of the photogrammetry and remote sensing community?

Photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences are in permanent and rapid change due to the extremely fast evolution of technologies. We are facing new important challenges, e.g. multiplication with new platforms and sensors acquiring earth observations with multiple scale, spectrum, and points-of-view, autonomous digitisation and navigation, Big Data processing, volunteered geographic information, Big Data visualisation and analytics, and of course also education that has to deal with this constant evolution of methods, algorithms and technologies. These new challenges come together with strong opportunities for our community which makes it even more exciting being part of it as a scientist, as a solution maker, or as a decision maker.

Is there anything else you would like to share with the readers of the ISPRS Congress Daily?

Yes of course. I would be more than happy to host them for the 2020 Congress in Nice but also to see them at the next ISPRS events that will be held before the next congress, i.e. the ISPRS Geospatial Week that will be held in Wuhan, China in 2017 and the symposia of the different commissions that will take place in 2018.