

20 Years of ARIDA with ISPRS



ARIDA (Association for Real-time Imaging and Dynamic Analysis) is a Japanese non-governmental organisation devoted to the development of the advancement of image sensing and its applications. The association's scientific interests include photogrammetry, remote sensing, spatial information systems and related disciplines. Further applications include industrial design and manufacturing, architecture and monument preservation, medicine and others.

ARIDA was established on 17 May 1994, making this year our association's 20th anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly look back on the association's activities over the past two decades. Generally, we have met every other month to share the latest developments of the related researches and technologies. Additionally, we have been making a positive contribution to the industry through frequent international seminars, workshops and so on. We have organised a total of six 'International ARIDA Seminars', namely in Zurich, Melbourne, Trento and Gifu (Japan). ARIDA's first ISPRS-related activity was to exhibit with a booth at the 1996 ISPRS Congress (Vienna). Since Prof Hirofumi Chikatsu, president of ARIDA, became the Commission president of TC V (1996-2000), ARIDA has been contributing to ISPRS events under his leadership. Six 'International Workshops with ISPRS TC V/6 & TC V/SIG' were co-organised, namely in Bangkok (Thailand), Onuma (Japan), Ayutthaya (Thailand), Kunming (China), Vulpera (Switzerland) and Pisanulok (Thailand). We have also collaborated with CIPA (The International Committee for Documentation of Cultural Heritage) for a joint workshop in Kyoto (Japan), and supported the ISPRS TC V Symposiums in 1998 and 2014. Looking back on all the activities, it is clear that ARIDA has good, strong links with ISPRS.

ARIDA intends to maintain its links with ISPRS and to continue its activities in order to strengthen and extend the relationships with related societies. Two events are currently planned:

- Joint symposium with Japan Society for Precision Engineering, '3D Laser Scanning and Imaging Symposium Japan', on 26 September 2014 in Tokyo
- Joint workshop of ISPRS TC IV/7 and TC V/4, 'Indoor-Outdoor Seamless Modelling, Mapping and Navigation', from 21 - 22 May 2015 in Tokyo.

The second workshop listed above will deal with a wide variety of topics including BIM/CAD/indoor GIS, close-range photogrammetry, image-based modelling, point cloud and more. You are cordially invited to attend the events and your contributions are very welcome.

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