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I last wrote about the ISPRS Congress in *GIM International* nearly two years ago – in autumn 2012 – when the XXIII ISPRS Congress in Prague was still a long way off. However, time is passing rapidly and we are nearly in the middle of the quadrennial periods between ISPRS congresses. The next edition, which will be held from 12-19 June 2016, is now just two years away. Preparations for the XXIII Congress started just after the end of the XXII ISPRS Congress. The activities cover the scientific, organisational, financial and social side of the event.

The ISPRS Council has decided to continue its policy on proceedings applied in Melbourne, Australia. This means that papers will be published either in the Annals, or in the Archives. Papers are placed in the Archives, which is the series with a very long

history, if abstracts submitted by the authors are accepted by reviewers. Meanwhile, the Annals is a form of proceedings with full paper double-blind peer review.

Both the Archives and Annals have been used within ISPRS since 2011. In addition to having been published at the Melbourne ISPRS Congress in 2012, they will also be published at the ISPRS Midterm Symposia in 2014. For the XXIII ISPRS Congress in Prague, the submission date for full papers (for the Annals) is 30 November 2015 and for abstracts (for the Archives) is 13 December 2015.

The ISPRS Congress will be combined with a Summer School (SS) which will take place in Telč (Southeast Moravia) one week before the Congress.

The Congress is already supported by the Platinum Sponsor: Leica Geosystems. The ISPRS 2016 Congress web page offers various additional possibilities for sponsorship and there will be a large exhibition. Details can be found in the Sponsorship Book and the Exhibitor Manual.

The very latest information about the Congress can be found on the Congress website [<http://www.isprs2016-prague.com>] which is continually updated, and on the Facebook page of the Congress: ISPRS 2016 Congress – Prague. There you will also find – among other details – some attractive photographs of Prague in particular and of the Czech Republic in general.