

# Christian Heipke Wins Photogrammetric Award



The 2013 Photogrammetric Award (Fairchild) was awarded to Prof Dr Christian Heipke at the 2013 Annual ASPRS Conference in Baltimore, USA, on 26 March. Heipke was honoured with the award for his contributions including advancing the transition from analytical to digital photogrammetry and, more recently, helping to reinforce the essential connection between photogrammetry and computer vision.

Additionally, Heipke was also recognised for his significant achievements in object extraction from digital imagery and image matching, progressing the introduction of softcopy systems. Heipke has been Professor *Habilitation* (the highest academic qualification given overseas) since 1994, and has been a Full Professor and the head of the Institute of Photogrammetry and GeoInformation at the Leibniz University in Hannover, Germany, since 1998.

This award, the essence of which is practicability, is designed to stimulate the development of the art of aerial photogrammetry in the United States. The selection committee makes its choice based on an outstanding invention or design involving any type of equipment that applies to the art of aerial photogrammetry; any outstanding method developed for the general use of aerial photographs and/or imagery; outstanding research for study along aerial photogrammetric lines and outstanding effort for the general advancement of the art of photogrammetry. Lockheed Martin donates funding for the award, which consists of a silver presentation plaque.

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