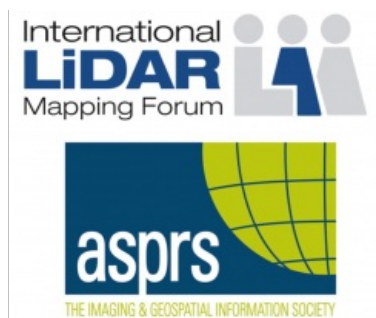


# ILMF and ASPRS Annual Meeting to Take Place Together in 2018



Diversified Communications, organiser of [International LiDAR Mapping Forum](#) (ILMF), and the [American Society for Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing](#) (ASPRS) have announced that their annual geospatial events will take place together in Denver in 2018. Lisa Murray, director of ILMF, made the announcement with ASPRS president Charles Toth during the opening remarks at the 2017 International LiDAR Mapping Forum at the Hyatt Regency in Denver, USA.

The combined event will feature a single exhibit hall and inclusive social activities, giving attendees access to more geospatial solutions and networking than would have been possible had the events continued separately. The events will maintain parallel technical programs, including ILMF product reviews and ASPRS workshops, awards, and

committee meetings. Attendees will be able to purchase a conference pass that allows entry to programs of their choice, or they may choose a universal pass that allows entry to all programs.

Lisa Murray with ILMF expressed her excitement about the opportunity. She said the geospatial community has long been asking event partners to work together and considers this is a giant step toward a shared vision of bringing industry members together with government and academia for a powerful combination of education, technology innovation and commercial exchange. Diversified Communications and ASPRS share the goal of creating more value for members, attendees and exhibitors by offering multiple learning tracks and a vibrant exhibit floor that pairs the latest technology with hands-on workshops and in-market solutions.

## Geospatial community

Charles Toth, president of ASPRS, commented that for years, geospatial community members have asked if ILMF and ASPRS could come together. ASPRS is happy that the time has finally come to make that a reality. The current leadership of both organisations views colocation as a great benefit to the loyal attendees of both events. The joined 2018 ILMF/ASPRS Annual Meeting is an opportunity for both organisations to focus on their core strengths to create an outstanding conference experience. A single exhibit hall will maximise exposure to vendors' new products and services. Combined social activities will support the personal interactions and networking opportunities the community enjoys.

ASPRS will bring pre-conference educational workshops and open committee meetings to encourage broader participation in the many important standards, certification, and outreach activities that are a hallmark of ASPRS. Parallel technical programs will create an opportunity for attendees to experience the content traditionally unique to each meeting. ASPRS features peer-reviewed presentations from academia, government, and the private sector across the spectrum of photogrammetry and remote sensing research and applications. Attendees at ILMF/ASPRS 2018 can look forward to a rich, exciting, and informative conference experience.

ILMF and ASPRS will take place together in Denver, Colorado, USA, from 5-7 February 2018. The 2017 ILMF will conclude in Denver this Wednesday, February 15. The 2017 ASPRS Annual Conference is taking place in Baltimore on 12-16 March 2017.