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Introduction

The organizing committee, scientific committee, and editors would like to thank the authors and participants who attended the Seventh International Conference on Remote Sensing and Geoinformation of Environment (RSCy2019), which was held 18–21 March 2019 in Paphos, Cyprus. The RSCy2019 conference focused on emerging issues in remote sensing and geoinformation of environment. The keynote speakers and thought-provoking technical program encouraged the exchange of ideas and provided the foundation for future collaboration and innovation.

The conference was organized by the Cyprus Remote Sensing Society in cooperation with and support from: ESA—European Space Agency (France), GEO—Group on Earth Observations (Switzerland), NASA (United States), Copernicus (Belgium), Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. (Germany), ETEK—Cyprus Scientific and Technical Chamber (Cyprus), the Department of Meteorology (Cyprus), the Department of Electronic Communications of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works (Cyprus), the Agricultural Research Institute, the Cyprus Tourism Organization (Cyprus), Cyprus University of Technology (Cyprus), Neapolis University Pafos (Cyprus), the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Geosystems Hellas S.A. (Greece), ICOMOS Cyprus, CyRIC (Cyprus), and Copernicus Relays/Copernicus Academy (Belgium). In addition, the conference was supported by the European Commission, the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST), Olyseus Innovations Ltd. (Cyprus), Cyprus Press and Information Office, CopHub.AC (Austria), and MedRIN—Mediterranean Regional Information Network, as well as our media partners, Remote Sensing, Sensors, Geosciences and Sustainability.

The manuscripts in this volume, reviewed for presentation and accepted for publication by the scientific committee, represent continued advancements in the field of remote sensing and geoinformation. The program, which included both oral and poster presentations, was organized around ten major themes: Agriculture, Atmospheric, Coastal Waters-Ocean-Large Water Regions, Remote Sensing for Cultural Heritage, Forests, Land Cover, Natural Hazards, Remote Sensing, Satellites and Urban Environment. The abstracts and subsequent papers make important contributions to the open scientific literature on remote sensing and geoinformation.

We thank the authors for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm. Experts from over 40 countries presented their scientific findings in the conference program. At the conference closing ceremony, awards were given for the Best Paper and Best Poster, following peer-review. In order to be eligible for the Best Paper and Best Poster Award, it was necessary for the authors to have submitted a manuscript for

the SPIE Conference Proceedings, to have registered for the conference, and present their paper or poster.

The conference was enhanced by the inclusion of the CopHub workshop, the LiDAR workshop at Paphos Castle, and the MedRIN meeting. We are honored that so many experts from all over the world specializing in so many diverse areas of remote sensing and geoinformation attended this conference. The conference was an excellent opportunity for colleagues to share their knowledge, network, and collaborate on future research. We encourage you to take this opportunity to learn about the latest, most state-of-the-art findings and applications in the field of remote sensing and geoinformation.

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