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## **ISPRS Congress edition 2021 digital only, physical meeting shifted to 2022**

Considering the current pandemic situation worldwide, the restrictions to travel and cross borders in the short term, and then the health risks for the members of our community, the ISPRS Council, after a long deliberation, has made the difficult decision to run the 2021 edition of the XXIV Congress digitally only (online) on the planned dates in July, 2021 and a primarily in-person meeting in June 2022.

This 2021 edition of the XXIV Congress will have all the features of a classical ISPRS Congress except for the General Assembly which will be postponed to the 2022 edition of the XXIV Congress, to be held from June 6-10, 2022. This 2021 edition will feature the classical Congress program, including scientific tracks and sessions, plenary sessions with exciting keynote speakers, a forum track to discuss hot topics for our community (the role of geo in pandemics, earth resource and climate change monitoring, smart cities and autonomous navigation, etc.). The 2021 edition will also involve a technology track for the industry to present their latest innovations, and an exhibition to meet with sponsors and exhibitors.

All papers submitted in 2021 that successfully pass the peer review process will be published in the Proceedings (Annals and Archives) of the 2021 edition of the XXIV Congress. If authors agree, the videos of the oral presentations of the papers will be made available on the ISPRS media library together with the presentations of the 2020 edition, allowing a stronger dissemination of scientific contributions in the geospatial community.

All registered participants of the XXIV Congress will have the possibility to participate, and present their scientific contributions in both events with the same registration.

Newly registered participants will have the choice to participate only in the 2021 edition or to register for an attractive bundle for the 2021 and 2022 editions.

We all deeply regret that we will not be able to meet and network physically in 2021 but we do believe that the current vaccination programs with lifted travel restrictions will allow us to meet physically again in 2022. We are also convinced that both events will be successful and serve the geospatial community at large.

We thank you for supporting ISPRS, particularly through these difficult times!

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