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The conference is dedicated to providing rapid dissemination of scientific and technical information, and attracted scientists and professionals from throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Approximately 50 oral and 25 poster presentations were given, covering a broad range of topics in the field of remote sensing applications in environmental science.

The program was organized according to major themes, with 10 sessions on Agriculture: Land Use and Change Detection, Vegetation and Crop Monitoring (2); Ecosystems: Forestry and Coastal Applications, Estimation of Vegetation Parameters; Hydrology: Hydrological and Ecosystem Modelling, Irrigation Water Management, Lidar and Radar Applications in Hydrology, Thermal Infrared Remote Sensing, Energy Balance and Evapotranspiration. The poster presentations also had good representation from the three major themes. The presentations described both fundamental and applications-based research activities from modelling, to laboratory and field experiments, to operational applications.

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