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The chairs for this SPIE conference on Remote Sensing of Oceans, Sea Ice, and Large Water Regions for the year 2010 wish to thank all of the participants who attended the meetings, the authors who presented oral papers, and especially those who also presented their work in the poster session. The papers accepted for inclusion at the conference and reviewed and accepted for publication represent various stages of new remote sensing science and technology. The chairs are pleased to assist in seeing these papers delivered and available in the open literature—available around the world.

Additionally, we thank the authors from European nations representing the private sector who made outstanding presentations. Several presentations were also made from NASA and EUFAR in airborne remote sensing, and we appreciate their time to attend the meeting and to describe the airborne remote sensing research and activities supported by various organizations.

There are also several papers that described aspects of active and passive remote sensing related to oil detection and monitoring—past, present, and future activities. These were very useful and provided up-to-date information concerning this important topic in the United States at this time.

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