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Introduction

This proceedings volume contains papers presented during the conference on Remote Sensing for Agriculture, Ecosystems, and Hydrology. The conference was part of the International Symposium on Remote Sensing sponsored by SPIE. The symposium was held at the Amsterdam RAI Exhibition and Convention Centre, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 22–25 September 2014.

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 48 oral and 19 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 12 sessions on Agriculture: Crop Yield Monitoring; Surface Characterization; Monitoring of Rangeland and Forests; Change Detection and Vegetation Monitoring; Microwave and Radar Applications; Thermal Infrared Remote Sensing; High-Resolution Remote Sensing: Spatial and Spectral. Hydrology: Energy Balance and Evapotranspiration (2) and Water Resources (2).

The technical session "Utilization and Validation of RS Observations and Tools for Hydrology, Agriculture, and Flood Mapping and Modelling", was included as a joint session of the 9239 Program. We extent our thanks to Dr. Shahid Habib, from NASA Goddard Space Flight Ctr. (United States) for organizing and chairing this session.

The poster presentations also had good representation from the above-mentioned themes. The presentations described both fundamental and applications-based research activities including modelling, laboratory and field experiments, and operational applications.

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