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We are honored that so many experts from all over the world specializing in so many diverse areas of remote sensing and geoinformation are attending this conference. RSCy2017 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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