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The selected and reviewed papers for presentation at the conference and accepted for publication in this volume make important contributions to the open scientific literature available regarding remote sensing of water bodies.

Several technical sub-committee members also presided over the sessions at the conference and we appreciate their time in assisting with the conduct of the conference. Of particular note are the excellent papers regarding meddies in the Atlantic Ocean, the optical properties of water in the Gulf of Mexico, and the calibration of radar altimetry systems near the island of Crete.

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