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Introduction

This volume contains selected papers presented at the 2nd International Conference on Earth Observation for Global Changes (EOGC2009) held on 25–29 May 2009 in Chengdu, China. The First International Symposium on Earth Observation of Global Changes was held in Madrid, Spain in 2006. In the future, the EOGC events will be held biennially and rotate between Asia, Europe, North America, and other continents. It has been planned that EOGC2011 and EOGC 2013 will be held in Munich, Germany and Toronto, Canada, respectively.

The central theme of the EOGC2009 conference is Earth Observation for Global Changes. The main topics included international Earth observation efforts on global change studies, remote sensing of land use and land cover changes, coastal and marine ecosystems, snow, ice and the polar environment, ecoenvironmental change monitoring in the Tibetan Plateau, applications of remote sensing in the Wenchuan Earthquake, global geodetic observing system for global change studies, GNSS for emergency and disaster management, geospatial data processing and integration, and education and training in Earth observation technology and applications.

The conference provided a forum for original research contributions and practical experiences of the development and use of various Earth observation technologies, data interpretation techniques, and application methods. Validation of the societal impact of operational Earth observation products, as well as the benefits from the enhanced products to be produced by the Global Earth Observing System of System (GEOSS) and Committee of Earth Observing System (CEOS), currently under development, was also discussed. Over 700 abstracts and 456 full papers were received. Approximately 400 participants came from 22 countries and regions, including Austria, Australia, Canada, China, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Italy, Myanmar, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, The Netherlands, UNEP, and USA.

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