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This was a new conference that was introduced at the SPIE Defense, Security, and Sensing symposium held in Orlando, Florida. Conference 7694 was Ground/Air Multi-Sensor Interoperability, Integration, and Networking for Persistent ISR and ran 6–9 April 2010. The goal of this conference is to bring together the technical, operational (users) and policy community to provide a forum for discussion of problems, issues and technology involving interoperability for persistent ISR. The conference had about 50 technical papers in oral presentations and another 10 papers presented during the poster session. The conference was highlighted by four keynote speakers, who are centered in the world of ISR interoperability at the coalition warfare level, and an open forum panel in which there was a "no holds barred" audience questioning of the panel members. I hope you find the proceedings both provocative and informative.

I am looking forward to an even more exciting conference at SPIE Defense, Security, and Sensing in 2011, and hope that everyone will join us.

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