



## ISPRS Honorary Member

**Orhan Altan**

in 2016

Orhan Altan is nominated for Honorary Membership of ISPRS in recognition of his long and distinguished service to ISPRS and its aims. Orhan Altan first made his mark on ISPRS as Congress Director in 2004 and has since held many roles and responsibilities within the Society including President from 2008- 2012. The year 2010 was the centennial anniversary of ISPRS and Orhan Altan played a major role in organising the celebration of this event.

Orhan Altan has introduced a number of important initiatives into ISPRS including the establishment of the Student Consortium which laid the basis for attracting more young scientists into the society; he was instrumental in setting up an agreement to have the ISPRS proceedings published in a professional way and has thus provided the necessary quality of these proceedings to be included into major indexing databases such as the Web of Science and SCOPUS; he has worked with the Joint Board of Geospatial Societies (JBGIS) and the UN Office of Outer Space Affairs to produce booklets on the value of geospatial information for disaster management.

Orhan Altan has represented ISPRS on many international bodies including the International Council for Science (ICSU) and has served on the Executive board of ICSU which has raised the recognition and standing of ISPRS internationally. Orhan Altan's contribution has been not only as an officer of the Society, he has also made a significant research contribution to ISPRS Commissions and Working Groups throughout his career, which has covered major developments in both photogrammetry and remote sensing.

Outside of ISPRS, Orhan Altan has had a distinguished academic career as a professor of photogrammetry at the Istanbul Technical University and has an extensive list of refereed publications and conference papers. Orhan Altan is fluent in English and German, as well as Turkish and this has enabled him to build bridges across Europe and Asia. His contribution to the development and long term sustainability of ISPRS and his distinguished academic achievements combined with his diplomacy and charm, make Orhan Altan a very deserving candidate for election as an ISPRS Honorary Member.