

## **Impressions from ISPRS Commission IV Symposium**

My name is Ido Massad, I'm a PHD student in the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, with my research focusing on the registration and integration of Digital Elevation Models (DEMs). I presented my research of implementing the SIFT algorithm alongside a bi-triangular plane transformation for this purpose in the conference. My presentation was already on the first day of conference in the late afternoon, and it generally went well although being the last presenter I was short on time so didn't have many time for questions in the end.

When I arrived at the conference I was very impressed by the amount of people attending, as our field is relatively small it is nice to see a large gathering of people with similar academic background that shares the same profession. Previously I only attend a FIG workshop which was a much smaller venue, so it was nice to be able to attend a much larger event.

For my subject of research there were not a lot of presentations that were directly relevant, as it is not a "hot" topic right now when compared to the likes of crowdsourcing, 3D cities, and urban planning. However, many of the presentation still had some relevance to me due to them informing me about tools and algorithms that I might not have known about have I not attended. And of course it is always nice to learn new things and be exposed to different technologies even if they are not relevant for me professionally.

Overall, I found the event very informative and productive, and I am glad to be able to participate in it. I feel that my experience from the event will help me out in my future endeavors, both as a researcher and as an employee in the industry. Hopefully I will be able to attend future similar events, after I have accumulated more experience in the field and be able to share my work and its results.

Sincerely yours,

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