

Travel Grant to participate in the CIPA 2023

Dear ISPRS Foundation (TIF),

I want to express my gratitude for providing me with the Travel Grant to participate in the CIPA 2023 conference in Florence. It was a remarkable journey that was made possible through your generous support.

This experience not only allowed me to delve into the intricacies of preserving and documenting cultural heritage but also provided a platform to connect with experts, exchange knowledge, and gain profound insights that have significantly influenced my understanding and commitment to researching different approaches for surveying and documenting cultural heritage. Moreover, I had an opportunity to present my own research and receive valuable feedback from other professionals in the field. The importance of presenting the paper on the documentation of historical greenhouses was significant to me because, while searching for related bibliography on the same topic, I realized that there is not enough information available. Publishing and sharing the conducted research helps me as a researcher to improve and, hopefully, will assist others who are working on the same topic.

The TIF grant not only facilitated my attendance from a financial perspective but also indirectly encouraged active engagement with fellow professionals, researchers, and practitioners in the field of cultural heritage documentation. Through networking events, coffee breaks, and interactive sessions, I was able to connect with individuals who shared my passion and dedication. These invaluable interactions fostered collaborative discussions, the exchange of ideas, and the establishment of long-lasting connections, creating a network of like-minded individuals committed to advancing the field of cultural heritage documentation.

For a young researcher and PhD candidate, conferences can be very expensive, often unreachable, and sometimes they can create an unfriendly atmosphere where students can feel excluded. With the support of the ISPRS Foundation, I witnessed that the CIPA conference showed a vast diversity of participants in age, interest, and background, and it created a safe environment for young professionals to express, present, and learn. As a part of the Leadership Team of CIPA Emerging Professionals, I was incredibly happy to attend the CIPA conference for the first time in person and be able to create the CIPA EP Session together with my colleagues. The enormous support we received from experts, CIPA-HD, ISPRS, and ICOMOS members signifies that all of us are working towards the same goal: to continue creating a rich and diverse community interested in the same topic within a healthy scientific environment.

Thank you once again for your support and for enabling me to have this enriching experience at the CIPA 2023 conference.

Sincerely,

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