## Feedback on TIF Support for Participation in ISPRS Geospatial Week 2025, Dubai

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I am sincerely grateful for the generous support provided by The ISPRS Foundation (TIF), which enabled my participation in the ISPRS Geospatial Week 2025 held in Dubai. As a junior lecturer and early-career researcher in the field of remote sensing and spatial information sciences, receiving this grant was both an honor and a tremendous opportunity that significantly enhanced my academic and professional journey.

The financial assistance from TIF played a crucial role in making my attendance at GSW 2025 possible. As an academic from a developing country, opportunities to participate in international scientific events are often limited by financial constraints. Therefore, this support not only allowed me to attend the conference but also empowered me to engage more fully in the global scientific community.

Participating in GSW 2025 was an enriching and transformative experience. The event provided an outstanding platform to gain deeper knowledge and exposure to the latest developments in remote sensing, photogrammetry, and spatial data sciences. I attended a variety of technical sessions that covered cutting-edge research, emerging trends, and innovative applications in geospatial technology. These sessions significantly broadened my understanding of the field and gave me valuable insights into how international researchers are addressing complex global challenges through geospatial solutions.

One of the highlights of my participation was the opportunity to contribute as a poster presenter. I was deeply honored and proud to share my research with a global audience of experts, academics, and fellow researchers. Presenting my poster and engaging in fruitful discussions with attendees provided constructive feedback and encouragement, which will certainly help me improve my work and consider new perspectives for future research. It was a proud moment that validated the relevance of my work on an international stage and inspired me to pursue further scientific contributions.

In addition to academic enrichment, I gained numerous insights into the current and future directions of spatial technologies, including the integration of AI in image interpretation, the role of UAVs in data acquisition, and the use of big data analytics in spatial planning. These insights will undoubtedly benefit my teaching and future research, especially as I work to align local academic and research efforts with global standards.

Furthermore, the conference enabled me to build meaningful professional connections with researchers, practitioners, and fellow academics from around the world. Through discussions during sessions, networking events, and informal interactions, I expanded my professional network, which I believe will foster future research collaborations and academic exchanges. Such global connections are vital for the growth of young researchers, particularly those aiming to contribute to international research agendas.

In conclusion, the support from the ISPRS TIF has not only facilitated my personal academic development but has also contributed to strengthening the scientific capacity of my institution and region. I am now more motivated to contribute actively to the global geospatial community and to encourage other young researchers from my country to pursue similar opportunities. I deeply appreciate this opportunity and strongly recommend the continuation of such initiatives to support early-career professionals in the geospatial sciences.

Thank you once again to ISPRS and the TIF committee for this invaluable experience.