

1. Preparation for ACRS 2026

The 47th Asian Conference on Remote Sensing (ACRS 2026, <https://acrs2026.in/>) will be held from 5th to 9th October 2026 in New Delhi, India. The conference will be co-hosted by the Asian Association on Remote Sensing (AARS), Indian Society of Remote Sensing (ISRS) and Indian Society of Geomatics (ISG). As the General Secretary of AARS, I visited New Delhi at the end of July and discussed the preparation of the conference with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) members. The preparation of ACRS2026 was proceeding smoothly under the strong leadership of Dr. Prakash Chauhan, President of ISRS, Dr. Sameer Saran, Chair of LOC, and Dr. Shailesh Nayak, Director of the National Institute of Advanced Studies. So far, we have received over 500 papers, and we are expecting over 1000 participants. The White Elephant Session for students and young scientists is planned to be organized during ACRS 2026 by the ISPRS White Elephant Club, which is recognized as an ISPRS Ad-hoc Committee "Knowledge Transfer". ISPRS STEP Summer School is also planned to be organized in New Delhi just after ACRS 2026 by ISPRS STEP (STudent and Early Professionals). The theme of the summer school is "Transforming Earth intelligence through GeoAI innovation".

We look forward to welcoming you all to ACRS 2026 in New Delhi!

2. Election of ISPRS Congress 2030 in Korea

At the XXV ISPRS Congress in Toronto, Canada, the ISPRS General Assembly elected the Republic of Korea to host the Congress, with Dr. Jisang Park, as Congress Director. Dr. Park says, "Since the successful bid in Toronto, we have begun preparations for the ISPRS Congress 2030 in Incheon. We have shared the outcome of the bid with key government and academic communities in Korea and introduced the Congress to the wider Korean geospatial community through the national media. We are now developing the governance and organizational framework for the future Organizing Committee and building a broad national cooperation framework. We will soon begin detailed discussions with ISPRS on the preparation of the Congress. At the same time, we are starting our international promotion of ISPRS 2030, beginning with ACRS 2026, and look forward to welcoming you all to Incheon in 2030."

