Contents

SESSION 1  REMOTE SENSING AND MODELING THEORY, TECHNIQUES, AND APPLICATIONS I

6679 02 Remote sensing of vegetation water content using shortwave infrared reflectances (Invited Paper) [6679-01]
E. R. Hunt, Jr., USDA-ARS Hydrology and Remote Sensing Lab. (USA); M. T. Yilmaz, USDA-ARS Hydrology and Remote Sensing Lab. (USA) and George Mason Univ. (USA)

6679 03 Dependence of erythemally weighted UV radiation on geographical parameters in the United States [6679-02]
X. Wang, W. Gao, J. Davis, B. Olson, G. Janson, J. Slusser, Colorado State Univ. (USA)

6679 04 Characterization of land cover by multi-temporal biophysical variables in fused images [6679-03]
A. A. López-Caloca, F. Mora, Ctr. de Investigación en Geografía y Geomática (Mexico); B. Escalante-Ramírez, Univ. Nacional Autónoma de México (Mexico); A. Miranda-Moctezuma, Ctr. de Investigación en Geografía y Geomática (Mexico)

6679 05 2-band enhanced vegetation index without a blue band and its application to AVHRR data [6679-04]
Z. Jiang, A. R. Huete, Y. Kim, K. Didan, Univ. of Arizona (USA)

6679 06 Multisensor reflectance and vegetation index comparisons of Amazon tropical forest phenology with hyperspectral Hyperion data [6679-05]
Y. Kim, A. R. Huete, Z. Jiang, Univ. of Arizona (USA); T. Miura, Univ. of Hawaii (USA)

SESSION 2  REMOTE SENSING AND MODELING THEORY, TECHNIQUES, AND APPLICATIONS II

6679 08 Sensitivity analysis of MODIS band-to-band registration characterization and its impact on the science data products [6679-07]
Y. Xie, George Mason Univ. (USA); X. Xiong, NASA Goddard Space Flight Ctr. (USA); J. J. Qu, George Mason Univ. (USA) and NASA Goddard Space Flight Ctr. (USA); N. Che, Science Systems and Applications, Inc. (USA); L. Wang, George Mason Univ. (USA)

6679 09 Vine variety discrimination with airborne imaging spectroscopy [6679-08]
M. Ferreiro-Armán, J. L. Alba-Castro, Univ. de Vigo (Spain); S. Homayouni, J. P. da Costa, LAPS, CNRS, Univ. Bordeaux I (France); J. Martín-Herrero, Univ. de Vigo (Spain)

6679 0A High performance spectrograph for solar UV 250–400 band [6679-09]
I. Di Menno, C. Rafanelli, S. De Simone, M. Di Menno, International Ctr. for Earth Sciences, CNR, Istituto di Acustica O.M. Corbino (Italy)
Monitoring the intensity of locust damage to vegetation using hyper-spectra data obtained at ground surface [6679-10]
S. Ni, T. Wu, Nanjing Normal Univ. (China)

SESSION 3 ECOLOGICAL REMOTE SENSING AND MODELING IN CHINA

A regional climate simulation study with land cover dynamics in Northern China (Invited Paper) [6679-11]
H. Wang, Key Lab. of Regional Climate-Environment Research for Temperate East Asia (China); Y. Ju, J. Li, PLA Univ. of Science and Technology (China); G. Qiu, Beijing Normal Univ. (China)

Vegetation cover change in semi-arid northeast China using SPOT VEGETATION data [6679-13]
X. Liu, China Univ. of Geosciences (China); F. Huang, P. Wang, Northeast Normal Univ. (China)

Wetland dynamics in west Songnen Plain, China since 1950s [6679-14]
F. Huang, P. Wang, Northeast Normal Univ. (China); Y. Zhang, Northeast Institute of Geography and Agricultural Ecology (China)

Spatial distribution and temporal variation of ultraviolet radiation in Henan Province and the affecting factors [6679-16]
R. Liu, P. Hu, G. Zhao, H. Tian, L. Shi, L. Ye, Henan Institute of Meteorological Sciences (China)

Temporal comparison of land surface albedo for three different land use cover types in the Beijing area [6679-17]
W. Liu, Y. Wang, Institute of Urban Meteorology (China)

Response characteristic analysis of climate change of vegetation activity in Huang-Huai-Hai area based on NOAA NDVI data set [6679-18]
Z. Li, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China), Henan Academy of Meteorological Sciences (China), and Inner Mongolian Meteorological Bureau (China); Z. Sun, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); H. Chen, Z. Du, C. Zou, Henan Academy of Meteorological Sciences (China)

Spatial distribution and temporal variation of ecological capital and their relation to climate change and the changes of land use and land cover on the northern slope of the Tianshan Mountain, China [6679-20]
Q. Zhang, X. Chen, Peking Univ. (China); W. Gao, X. Zhang, Colorado State Univ. (USA); K. Zhou, Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography (China); X. Wang, Colorado State Univ. (USA)

POSTER SESSION

Study on the process of snowmelt based on the 3S technology [6679-21]
S. Fang, Xinjiang Univ. (China); H. Pei, Nanjing Univ. (China); W. Dai, Xinjiang Univ. (China); Z. Liu, Q. Shi, Xinjiang Univ. (China) and International Ctr. for Desert Affairs (China); Q. Zhao, Z. Lu, M. Li, Y. Yan, Xinjiang Univ. (China)
Numerical simulation of variance of solar radiation and its influence on wheat growth [6679-22]
X. Zhang, Atmospheric Observation Technical Ctr. of CMA (China) and Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); C. Wang, Chinese Academy of Meteorological Science (China); Z. Du, Henan Institute of Meteorological Science (China); W. Zhai, Chinese Academy of Meteorological Science (China)

Spatial and temporal distributions of lightning activities in Northeast China from satellite observation and analysis for lightning fire [6679-23]
J. Zhao, L. Sun, Beijing Forestry Univ. (China); T. Zhang, Inner Mongolia Agricultural Univ. (Mongolia); D. Zhang, Forest Bureaus in Daxinganling of Inner Mongolia (China); G. Guo, Nanyang Normal Univ. (China); Z. Zhang, Beijing Forestry Univ. (China); Z. Niu, Institute of Remote Sensing Applications (China); X. Kang, Beijing Forestry Univ. (China); H. Liu, INTECS International, Inc. (USA)

Influence of land use/cover change on land surface temperature of Laizhou Bay Plain [6679-24]
J. Ning, Shandong Normal Univ. (China) and Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China); Z. Gao, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China); Z. Zhang, Z. Li, Shandong Normal Univ. (China)

A remote sensing-based integrated approach for monitoring grassland degradation: case study on the representative grassland near the middle and upper reaches of Heihe River Basin, Western China [6679-25]
Z. Du, Cold and Arid Regions Environmental and Engineering Research Institute (China) and Gansu Agricultural Univ. (China); Y. Shen, Huazhong Agricultural Univ. (China); J. Wang, X. Shen, Cold and Arid Regions Environmental and Engineering Research Institute (China)

Estimate soil organic carbon and nitrogen distribution in Huolin wetland with MODIS data [6679-26]
M. Zhou, Agricultural Univ. of Inner Mongolia (China); G. Z. Wang, USDA Forest Service (USA); G. Guo, Nanyang Normal Univ. (China); L. Heping, USDA Forest Service (USA); L. Wang, Agricultural Univ. of Inner Mongolia (China)

Cultivated land changes and driving force analysis by satellite remote sensing in the Yellow River Delta of China [6679-27]
X. Zhang, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China) and Taian Meteorological Bureau (China); P. Wang, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); G. Zhao, Shandong Agricultural Univ. (China); L. Zou, Shanghai Meteorological Bureau (China); G. Lin, J. J. Fletcher, C. Yuill, West Virginia Univ. (USA)

A method to compute solar radiation at surface in any time interval based on NCEP re-analysis [6679-28]
L. Zou, Shanghai Meteorological Bureau (China), China Meteorological Administration (China), and Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); W. Gao, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China) and Colorado State Univ. (USA); T. Wu, X. Xu, China Meteorological Administration (China)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Page</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Authors</th>
<th>Institutions</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6679</td>
<td>A three-dimensional variational data assimilation system for a climate model: basic scheme and tests [6679-29]</td>
<td>Y. Guan, W. Lu, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); G. Zhou, Institute of Atmospheric Physics (China); M. Yuan, Provincial Meteorological Observatory of Heilongjiang (China)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6679</td>
<td>Analyzing the relationship between land surface temperature and vegetation cover: a case of typical grassland in North China [6679-30]</td>
<td>W. Zhang, Sichuan Univ. (China); Z. Gao, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6679</td>
<td>Propagation characters of baroclinic waves in the upper troposphere during the period of rainstorm in Yangtze and Huaihe Valley [6679-31]</td>
<td>S. Mei, Z. Guan, S. Zhong, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6679</td>
<td>The relationship between the intensity of East-Asian summer monsoon in the mid-lower Yangtze Valley and sea surface temperature anomalies in the previous winter [6679-32]</td>
<td>X. Lu, Institute of Oceanology (China) and Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (China); X. Zhang, Beijing Climate Ctr. (China); J. Chen, Institute of Oceanology (China)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6679</td>
<td>Preliminary study on the evolution of historical flood/drought features for the northeast of China [6679-34]</td>
<td>N. Xu, Provincial Meteorological Bureau of Heilongjiang (China) and Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); P. Guo, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); M. Yuan, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China) and Provincial Meteorological Observatory of Heilongjiang (China)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6679</td>
<td>Analysis of remote sensings of a sudden rainstorm in NE China [6679-35]</td>
<td>M. Yuan, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China) and Provincial Meteorological Observatory of Heilongjiang (China); Z. Li, X. Zhang, National Meteorological Ctr. (China)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6679</td>
<td>Assessing the impact of climate change on the crop potential productivity in Huang-Huai-Hai Plain in China based on crop model and GIS technique [6679-36]</td>
<td>Z. Tian, X. Lei, Shanghai Climate Ctr. (China); Z. Gao, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6679</td>
<td>Temperature change and its effect factors in the Yangtze Delta, China [6679-37]</td>
<td>J. Shi, Shanghai Climate Ctr. (China); X. Tang, Shanghai Meteorological Bureau (China); L. Cui, Shanghai Marine Meteorological Ctr. in Remote Sensing (China); Z. Gao, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6679</td>
<td>Urban heat island in Shanghai, China [6679-38]</td>
<td>L. Cui, Shanghai Marine Meteorological Ctr. in Remote Sensing (China); J. Shi, Shanghai Climate Ctr. (China); Z. Gao, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Construction of land data assimilation system based on EnKF technology and community land model [6679-39]
Q. Lu, China Meteorological Administration (China); W. Gao, Colorado State Univ. (USA) and International Ctr. for Desert Affairs (China); Z. Gao, Colorado State Univ. (USA), Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China), and International Ctr. for Desert Affairs (China); W. Wu, National Ctr. for Atmospheric Research (USA); C. Dong, Z. Yang, P. Zhang, China Meteorological Administration (China); B. Du, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); J. Slusser, Colorado State Univ. (USA)

Correlations of snow depth retrieved from SSM/I with precipitation and temperature over China [6679-41]
W. Gao, Colorado State Univ. (USA) and International Ctr. for Desert Affairs (China); Q. Lu, China Meteorological Administration (China); Z. Gao, Colorado State Univ. (USA), Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China), and International Ctr. for Desert Affairs (China); W. Wu, National Ctr. for Atmospheric Research (USA); B. Du, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); J. Slusser, Colorado State Univ. (USA)

Research on Cleistogenes squarrosa's histocytic changing and determine method in the course of restoring succession in degradation community of the typical steppe [6679-42]
T. Zhang, Inner Mongolia Agricultural Univ. (Mongolia); W. Wang, Inner Mongolia Univ. (Mongolia); H. Liu, USDA Forest Service (USA); Z. Zhang, Inner Mongolia Agricultural Univ. (Mongolia); C. Liang, L. X. Wang, T. Y. Bu Ren, Inner Mongolia Univ. (Mongolia)

Impact assessment on ecosystem to climate change in Heihe River Basin in NW China [6679-44]
L. Sun, Cold and Arid Regions Environmental and Engineering Research Institute (China) and Lanzhou Regional Climate Ctr. (China); Z. Xu, Cold and Arid Regions Environmental and Engineering Research Institute (China); Z. Ren, Nanjing Information Engineering Univ. (China)

Water quality analysis of Aksu-Tarim River based on remote sensing data [6679-45]
J. Ding, Q. Shi, F. Zhang, H. Wang, Xinjiang Univ. (China)

Study on relationship of soil moisture and land cover: a case in Lijin County, Shandong Province [6679-46]
F. Zhang, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China) and Graduate School, Chinese Academy of Sciences (China); Z. Gao, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China); L. Zuo, Graduate School, Chinese Academy of Sciences (China) and Institute of Remote Sensing Applications (China)

Landscape pattern change analyses of land surface radiation during the city expansion in Jinan City [6679-47]
X. Zhou, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China) and Graduate School, Chinese Academy of Sciences (China); Z. Gao, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China)
6679 1A The study of urban sprawl and simulation based on remote sensing and CLUS model
[6679-48]
Z. Gao, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China) and Colorado State Univ. (USA); W. Gao, Colorado State Univ. (USA); Z. Jie, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China)

6679 1B The analysis on temporal variation regulation and source of urban aerosol in middle China
[6679-49]
D. Chen, China Academy of Meteorological Sciences (China); X. Zhang, Atmospheric Observation Technological Ctr. of CMA (China); W. Deng, Henan Institute of Meteorological Science (China); G. Cao, China Academy of Meteorological Sciences (China); Z. Du, Henan Institute of Meteorological Science (China)

6679 1C EOS/MODIS data-based estimation of the daily snowmelt in Juntanghu Watershed northern slope of Tianshan Mountain [6679-51]
Q. Zhao, Xinjiang Univ. (China); Z. Liu, Q. Shi, Xinjiang Univ. (China) and International Ctr. for Desert Affairs (China); S. Fang, Z. Lu, M. Li, Xinjiang Univ. (China); H. Gong, Urumqi Weather Bureau (China)

6679 1D Landscape ecological risk assessment study in arid land [6679-52]
L. Gong, A. Amut, Q. Shi, Xinjiang Univ. (China), International Ctr. for Desert Affairs (China), and Xinjiang Key Lab. of Oasis Ecology (China); G. Z. Wang, USDA Forest Service (USA)

6679 1E Research on spatial differentiation of landscape and ecological construction in arid land oasis [6679-53]
H. Wang, L. Gong, X. Xie, Q. Shi, Z. Liu, Xinjiang Univ. (China), International Ctr. for Desert Affairs (China), and Xinjiang Key Lab. of Oasis Ecology (China)

6679 1F A study of retrieval land surface temperature and evapotranspiration in response to LUCC based on remote sensing data [6679-54]
C. Liu, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China) and Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China); W. Gao, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China) and Colorado State Univ. (USA); Z. Gao, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (China)

6679 1G The inter-decadal correlation between summer arctic oscillation and summer drought and moist characteristic of northwest China [6679-56]
P. Wang, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China) and Institute of Arid Meteorology (China); Y. Zheng, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); L. Sun, Institute of Arid Meteorology (China) and Cold and Arid Region Environment and Engineering Research Institute (China); Z. Ren, J. He, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); Q. Zhang, Institute of Arid Meteorology (China)
Shiyang River Basin water resources to climate changing respond and to the ecological environmental impact [6679-57]
B. Wang, Lanzhou Institute of Arid Meteorology (China) and Lanzhou Regional Climate Ctr. (China); X. Wang, Lanzhou Institute of Arid Meteorology (China) and Lanzhou Central Meteorological Observatory (China); L. Song, China Meteorological Administration (China); Y. Huang, Lanzhou Institute of Arid Meteorology (China) and Lanzhou Central Meteorological Observatory (China); L. Sun, L. Han, Lanzhou Institute of Arid Meteorology (China) and Lanzhou Regional Climate Ctr. (China)

Land use/land cover change in Yellow River Delta, China during fast development period [6679-59]
W. Zhou, Y. Tian, Southwest Univ. (China); L. Zhu, Chongqing Technology and Business Univ. (China)

On the study of water vapor transport in the Yangtze River Basin under global warming background [6679-60]
Z. Zhang, Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology (China), Nanjing Forestry Univ. (China), and Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (China); L. Zou, The Chinese Univ. of Hong Kong (Hong Kong China); X.-Z. Liang, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); T. Jiang, Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology (China); J. Zhang, Nanjing Forestry Univ. (China)

Validating classification accuracy of low spatial resolution data by using high spatial resolution data [6679-64]
Q. Shi, International Research Ctr. for Sustainable Development in Arid and Semi-Arid Land (China); J. Qi, Michigan State Univ. (USA); L. Chen, National Geomatics Ctr. of China (China); S. Chang, Q. Shi, G. Lv, International Research Ctr. for Sustainable Development in Arid and Semi-Arid Land (China)

Characteristics of spatial distribution and temporal variation of convective cloud merger in Yangtze and Huaihe River Basin in summer season [6679-66]
W. Hu, Y. Huang, L. Wang, Anhui Meteorological Institute (China)

Relationship between interdecadal variability of North China summer rainfall, East Asia summer monsoon, and atmospheric circulation anomaly [6679-67]
Q. Gao, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); L. Hao, Hengshui Meteorological Bureau (China); J. Min, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); Z. Ren, Chinese Meteorological Administration (China)

The benefit valuation method and analytical study of profession meteorological service in China [6679-68]
Z. Ren, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China) and China Meteorological Administration (China); Z. Sun, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); S. Wang, China Meteorological Administration (China); S. Song, National Meteorological Ctr. (China); B. Wang, China Meteorological Administration (China)

The regional climate effects of large-scale agricultural irrigation related to south-to-north water transfer engineering in China [6679-40]
H. Wang, Key Lab. of Regional Climate-Environment Research for Temperate East Asia (China); J. Li, Y. Ju, C. Yang, PLA Univ. of Science and Technology (China)
Urbanization patterns and their determinants in Eastern China [6679-12]
L. Zhu, Chongqing Technology and Business Univ. (China); Y. Tian, W. Zhou, Southwest Univ. (China)

A comparative study on black carbon aerosol observations in regions of Beijing and Lhasa in 2006 [6679-69]
R. Gao, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China) and Tianjin Meteorological Bureau (China); S. Niu, Nanjing Univ. of Information Science and Technology (China); H. Zhang, China Meteorological Administration (China); J. Guo, D. Meng, Tianjin Meteorological Bureau (China); J. Ma, Pudong New Area Weather Office (China); J. Feng, Tianjin Meteorological Bureau (China); Y. Zhang, Shandong Meteorological Bureau (China)

Warning and controlling of ecological security in Xinjiang, China [6679-70]
G. Lü, Xinjiang Univ. (China), Xinjiang Key Lab. of Oasis Ecology (China), and International Ctr. for Desert Affairs (China); J. Yang, Y. Ma, Q. Shi, Xinjiang Key Lab. of Oasis Ecology (China), Xinjiang Univ. (China), and International Ctr. for Desert Affairs (China); J. Meng, Xinjiang Univ. (China)

Spatial distributions of surface albedo from satellite data in arid oasis [6679-65]
A. Amut, L. Gong, Z. Yuan, Xinjiang Univ. (China)

Author Index
Conference Committee

Conference Chairs

Wei Gao, Colorado State University (USA), Sino-US Cooperative Center for Remote Sensing, Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology (China), and International Center for Desert Affairs (China)
Susan L. Ustin, University of California, Davis (USA)

Program Committee

Gregory P. Asner, Stanford University (USA)
Xiuwan Chen, Peking University (China)
Wenjie Dong, Chinese Meteorological Administration (China)
John A. Gamon, California State University, Los Angeles (USA)
E. Raymond Hunt, Jr., USDA Agricultural Research Service (USA)
Xin-Zhong Liang, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (USA), Illinois State Water Survey (USA), and Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology (China)
John M. Melack, University of California, Santa Barbara (USA)
Dennis Ojima, Colorado State University (USA)
Jeffrey L. Privette, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (USA)
Jiaguo Qi, Michigan State University (USA)
John J. Qu, George Mason University (USA) and NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (USA)
Dar A. Roberts, University of California, Santa Barbara (USA)
Daniel L. Schmoldt, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USA)
James R. Slusser, Colorado State University (USA)
Yegang Wu, E2 Consulting Engineers, Inc. (USA)
Jack Xiong, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (USA)
Xiusheng H. Yang, University of Connecticut (USA)
Hamid Yimit, Xinjiang University (China)
Hua Zhang, National Climate Center, China Meteorological Administration (China)

Session Chairs

1 Remote Sensing and Modeling Theory, Techniques, and Applications I
E. Raymond Hunt, Jr., USDA Agricultural Research Service (USA)
Susan L. Ustin, University of California, Davis (USA)
2 Remote Sensing and Modeling Theory, Techniques, and Applications II

John J. Qu, George Mason University (USA) and NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (USA)

Xinli Wang, Colorado State University (USA)

3 Ecological Remote Sensing and Modeling in China

Hanjie Wang, Key Laboratory of Regional Climate-Environment Research for Temperate East Asia (China)

Runping Shen, Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology (China)

Huailiang Chen, Henan Institute of Meteorological Sciences (China)
Introduction

These proceedings comprise papers presented during the conference on Remote Sensing and Modeling of Ecosystems for Sustainability IV, which was held in San Diego, California, USA, 28–29 August 2007, as part of SPIE’s annual international symposium, Optics and Photonics. This conference was designed to focus on ecosystem remote sensing and modeling theory, techniques, and applications. We also held a special session: Ecological Remote Sensing and Modeling in China. More than 70 presentations were delivered in the sessions of oral presentations and poster presentations. This conference provided a great opportunity for scientists from different countries to exchange scientific ideas and discuss their latest research.

Papers were reviewed and edited by conference chairs and conference program committee members, with help from: Drs. Xinli Wang, John Davis, Zhiqiang Gao, and Wanli Wu; USDA UV-B supporting staff Rita Deike; and SPIE editorial staff. Special thanks go to the USDA UV-B Monitoring and Research Program and Center of Remote Sensing and Modeling for Agricultural Sustainability, Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory (NREL) at Colorado State University, the International Center for Desert Affairs—Research for Sustainable Development in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands/Urumqi, and the Institute of Remote Sensing and GIS, Beijing University, which served as cooperating organizations. The conference owes its success to the diligent efforts of the SPIE technical staff, and Dr. Daniel Schmoldt, Project Manager of USDA/CSREES, for their continued guidance and support.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the outstanding program committee, the session chairs, and especially the authors for their contributions to this successful conference.

Wei Gao
Susan L. Ustin