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Introduction

This proceedings volume contains papers presented during the "Remote Sensing for Agriculture, Ecosystems, and Hydrology XXVI conference chaired by Christopher M. U. Neale and Antonino Maltese, and those presented during the conference "Remote Sensing of the Ocean, Sea Ice, Coastal Waters, and Large Water Regions 2024" chaired by Charles R. Bostater Jr. and Caroline Nichol.

These conferences were part of the SPIE Sensors + Imaging symposium, which is a fusion of two of Europe's premier photonics conferences: SPIE Remote Sensing and SPIE Security + Defence.

The symposium took place at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom, from the 16th to the 19th of September 2024.

The conferences this year featured approximately 45 presentations, encompassing a wide array of topics related to the application of remote sensing in environmental science and 31 of those will be published within the proceedings.

The conference was structured into 12 sessions, each focusing on a specific theme. These themes included, Marine Waters Sensing (3 sessions), Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, UAV Applications, Surface Energy Balance and Micrometeorology, SAR-based Flood and Vegetation Mapping (Joint Session), Monitoring Surface and Groundwater Hydrology, Hyperspectral Remote Sensing and Spectroscopy, Irrigation Monitoring and Yield Estimation, Monitoring Agriculture and Land-Use Change. There was also a Poster Session that included some of these topics. The Joint session was organized in cooperation with the "Microwave Remote Sensing: Data Processing and Applications II" conference.

The conference's Best Student Paper Award was given to the paper, "A comparative analysis of machine learning and vegetation index-based modelling approaches for durum wheat yield assessment using Sentinel-2 imagery", by Maria Bebie and Aris Kyparissis from the University of Thessaly (Greece).

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the presenters for sharing their research and to the attendees for their thought-provoking questions and discussions. We also express our gratitude to the SPIE for providing an exceptional venue, and to the SPIE Europe Manager, Program Coordinators and Proceedings Coordinator for their unwavering support before, during, and after the symposium.

We look forward to an even more successful conference in 2025 in Madrid, Spain.

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