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Introduction

This was the second year of the conference on Ground/Air Multisensor Interoperability, Integration, and Networking for Persistent ISR, which ran 26–28 April 2011 in Orlando, Florida, and is part of the SPIE Defense, Security, and Sensing Symposium. The goal of this conference is to bring together the technical, operational (users), and policy community to provide a forum for discussion of problems, issues, and technology involving interoperability for persistent ISR.

The conference had about 40 technical papers with oral presentations and was highlighted by the DSS Hot Topic Panel session entitled "Data to Decision: Sensors are No Longer King." The panelists included senior officials from the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, OSD, DIA, and the U.K. MoD. It was an open forum in which there was a no-holds-barred audience questioning of the panel members.

I hope you find the proceedings both provocative and informative. I am looking forward to an even more exciting conference at SPIE Defense, Security, and Sensing in 2012 in Baltimore, and hope that everyone will join us.

Michael A. Kolodny