

THE CITY OF BRUGES

Bruges is a historical town situated in the lowlands of Belgium. In the Middle Ages, it was the main trading centre and port of northern Europe. Nowadays it is one of Europe's best-preserved medieval cities and its beautiful buildings, beguinage, quiet back alleys and serene canals lend it a totally unique atmosphere. A list of hotels can be found at <http://www.hotels-brugge.org>. Since Bruges is very much favoured by tourists, it is highly recommended to make your hotel reservation as soon as possible.



REGISTRATION FEES

Early registration (before 1 March 2007):

EARSeL members	350 €
Non EARSeL	450 €
EARSeL students	150 €
Non EARSeL students	200 €

After 1 March 2007, 20 % will be added to the registration fee.
The fee includes Proceedings, the Abstract Book, coffee breaks and lunches.

Early registration with reduced fees mandatory for authors.

BOOTH UNITS

A limited number of booth units (2x3 m²) are available at 1200 euro (VAT excluded) per unit for three days. Companies who want further information on booth units or other sponsoring formulas can contact Ms. June Cools until 31 October 2006.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Second announcement

The European Association of Remote Sensing Laboratories, VITO, Ghent University and the Belgian Science Policy Office jointly organise the

5th EARSeL SIG-IS workshop "IMAGING SPECTROSCOPY: Innovation in Environmental Research"

In co-organisation with ISPRS technical commission VII, working group 3 'information extraction from hyperspectral data'

23-25 April 2007

Location: Oud Sint-Jan, Bruges, Belgium



BELGIAN SCIENCE POLICY



OBJECTIVES

EARSeL's Special Interest Group Imaging Spectroscopy (SIG IS) is a forum for international discussion amongst specialists working with this innovative Earth Observation technology. The SIG IS tries to present an integrated view on sensors, calibration, data evaluation and applications, and intends to promote the use of Imaging Spectroscopy data for environmental monitoring thus bringing together researchers (from universities, research organisations and private companies), environmental managers and decision-makers. The 4th EARSeL SIG IS workshop was held in April 2005 in Warsaw (PL) and was organised jointly by EARSeL and Warsaw University. According to the EARSeL SIG IS tradition every two years a workshop is organised. Since Imaging Spectroscopy is an innovative Earth Observation technique with an expanding range of applications in the environmental and Earth sciences, it is of no doubt that after Warsaw there will be many new achievements in this field. To encourage the exchange of knowledge and experience in Imaging Spectroscopy between researchers, environmental managers and decision-makers the 5th EARSeL SIG IS workshop will be held from 23-25 April 2007, in Bruges (B).

You are invited to submit abstracts on the following topics:

Sensors and missions

Users vs. providers: gap or match?

Market now and tomorrow

Terrestrial ecosystems

Water and aquatic ecosystems

Geology

Atmosphere

Risk management

Resource management

Urban environment

Data processing and methods

In addition, international experts will deliver keynote presentations.

Currently following keynote speakers have confirmed their presence:

Prof. Eyal Ben-Dor, Tel-Aviv University (Israel)

Dr. Richard Eyers, Shell (The Netherlands)

Dr. Alex Held, CSIRO (Australia)

Dr. Sam Purkis, Nova Southeastern University (United States)

Prof. Michael Schaepman, Wageningen University (The Netherlands)

The official language of the workshop is English.

IMPORTANT DATES

Second announcement	12 October 2006
Submission of abstract	31 October 2006
Notification of acceptance of abstract	15 December 2006
Final Programme	31 January 2007
Early registration deadline	01 March 2007
Submission of full paper	23 April 2007
Workshop	23-25 April 2007



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts (approximately 500 words or one A4 page) for posters or oral presentations should be submitted at <http://www.conferences.earsel.org> in the format provided not later than 31 October 2006. Cross-disciplinarity is encouraged.

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Contributions presented at the workshop will be published in the Workshop Proceedings Series on CD-ROM <http://www.earsel.org/?target=publications/proceedings/workshops>.

Authors are particularly encouraged to submit their manuscripts to EARSeL's reviewed open-access journal EARSeL eProceedings <http://www.eproceedings.org>.

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