



GEOIDE Members acknowledged by the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

Québec (QC), March 22nd, 2005. GEOIDE researchers **Dr. Yun Zhang**, from University of New Brunswick, and **Dr. Vincent Tao**, from York University, together with **Dr. Bryan Mercer**, from Intermap Technologies Corp., were awarded the Talbert Abrams Grand Award 2005 for their paper, entitled "An Initial Study on Automatic Reconstruction of Ground Digital Elevation Models from Airborne IfSAR Digital Surface Models". This paper appeared in the April 2004 edition of the journal Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing.

Named after one of North America's pioneers in early aerial photography and mapping technology, the Talbert Abrams Award is one of the most prestigious and recognized prizes given to researchers in the mapping and remote sensing community today. The award presentation took place at the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing 2005 Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, March 9th, 2005.

Also presented during the same ceremony, The ASPRS awarded **Dr. Ferenc Csillag**, chair of the Department of Geography, from University of Toronto at Mississauga and his co-author and former PhD student **Rebecca Handcock**. The pair won the 2005 Boeing Award for Best Paper in Image Analysis and Interpretation for their paper, "Spatio-temporal Analysis Using Multiscale Hierarchical Ecoregionalization."

After congratulating the winners, Dr. Nicholas Chrisman, GEOIDE Scientific Director said « I am very pleased to see the work of these talented researchers receive such a recognition. These awards demonstrate that GEOIDE research plays a major role in international organizations, winning highly competitive prizes».

The GEOIDE Network is a member of the Networks of Centres of Excellence (www.nce.gc.ca). GEOIDE's mission is to foster ties among geomatics experts from academic, government and industrial institutions and to spearhead research and development to benefit Canadian society not only economically, but also in terms of advanced training for young professionals, development of social policies, and adoption of best practices related to the sustainable management of resources. GEOIDE brings together 300 experts in geomatics and 80 affiliated organizations. Its activities are supported by eight partners. More information is available on the Network's Web site at www.geoide.ulaval.ca

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