

The Finnish Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing 65 years

On November 24, 1931 sixteen persons signed the charter of the Finnish Society of Photogrammetry being thus one of the oldest photogrammetric societies in the world. In 1987 the name was changed to the Finnish Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. Of those sixteen persons Mr. Bertel Fagerlund is still in good health and lives in the island of Åland. In the Paris Congress 1934 the Society was granted the official membership of the International Society of Photogrammetry (today ISPRS).

During the past 65 years the Society has played a big role in the both national and international activities. Especially we have to remember the contributions of the three first chairmen Aarne Rainesalo, K. G. Löfström and R. S. Halonen in the years 1931-1965. They laid the basis of the society activities, which have been of great importance for the development of photogrammetry and later also of remote sensing in our country.

From the very beginning the Society has strongly emphasised the international co-operation especially in connection with the ISP (ISPRS). First of all we have to remember the organisation of the 13th Congress held in Otaniemi in 1976. Further, Finland has acted as host country of Commission VI 1960-1964 and of Commission III 1980-1984, and again 1984-1988. Finnish photogrammetrists have had also many other duties in Working Groups,



The opening address was given by the President of the Society Mr. Jussi Paavilainen.



Mr. Keijo Rainesalo made the festival speech.



Prof. Dr. Henrik Haggrén gave a lecture about the Digital 3-D Maps.

during the first decades, especially of the role of his father Aarne Rainesalo, the first President of the Society. Prof. Henrik Haggrén gave a lecture about the Status of Art in Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing concentrating mainly on digital 3-D maps.

At the end of the official part of the program the co-operation of the different societies in the mapping was discussed. The representatives of the societies presented hereby their own views on the matter in question.

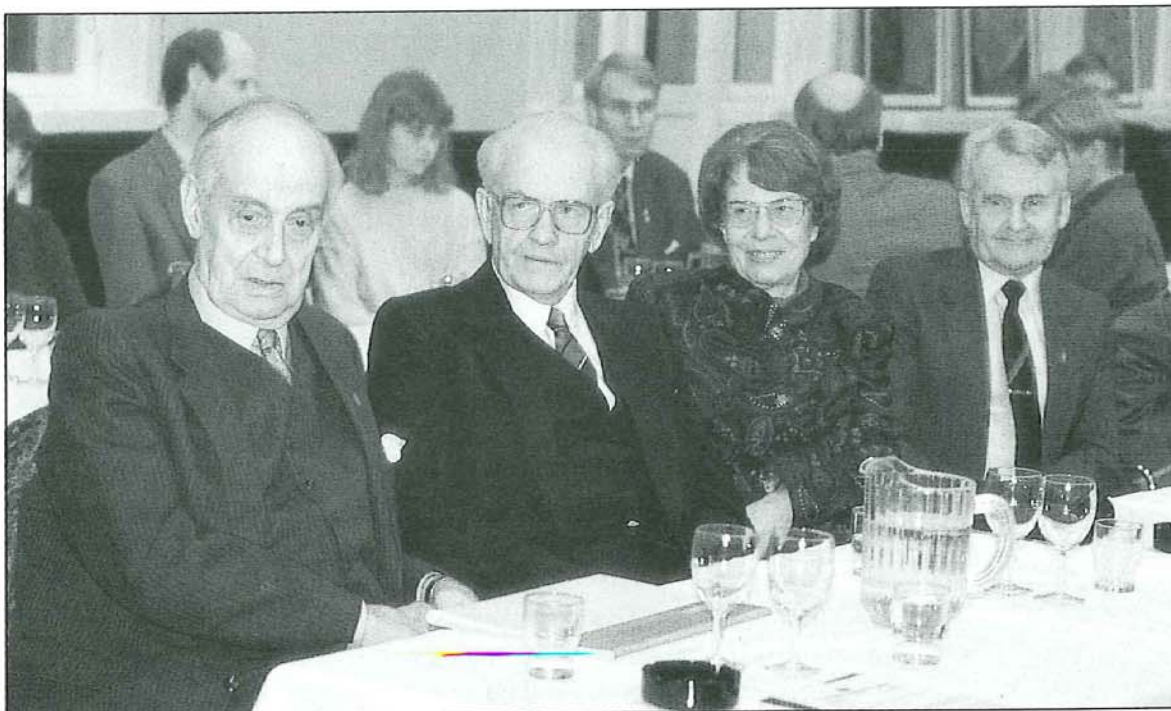
The anniversary celebrations were ended with the buffet offered by the Society and some companies working in the area.

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Council, Financial Commission etc. As a clear indication of the international appreciation of the Finnish contribution we can see the election of K. G. Löfström in 1976 and of Aino Savolainen in 1988 to Honorary Member of the ISP (ISPRS).

On November 25, 1996 70 persons convened in the anniversary celebrations in the Hall of Ostrobotnia in Helsinki. The President of the Society Mr. Jussi Paavilainen from the National Board of Survey opened the festival meeting. He was happy to notice that so many past presidents, and especially Mrs. Aino Savolainen, the Honorary Member of our Society, could be present. Dr. Juhani Hakkarainen, elected to Honorary Member in 1996, could not attend the meeting this time.

After the opening address Mr. Keijo Rainesalo made the festival speech. He treated in the humorous way of the time



Also photogrammetrists in retirement were present. From left: Mr. Keijo Rainesalo, Mr. Kalevi Eranti, Mrs. Aino Savolainen and Mr. Lauri Vilkkö.



The anniversary meeting was well attended.