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LE PRESIDENT

Dear President, Dear Council Members,

AFIGEO, the French umbrella association for geographic information is a national, non-profit organization. The aim of the AFIGEO is to promote the exchanges between suppliers, users, prescribers and decision-makers in the field of geographic information. The French community of geographic information is made up of public and private members as well as of institutional and commercial entities. Taking into account all professional categories involved in the production or use of digital geographic data, AFIGEO has 3 main missions:

- Encourage the development of geographic information applications and relevant instruments and systems.
- Increase French actors' competitiveness in the area.
- Develop international relations and represent the French community, especially at the European level. AFIGEO's members founded in 1999 the International Club of AFIGEO to promote activities in the field of geographic information abroad.

AFIGEO is also member of EUROGI, which goals, in order to ensure good governance, economic and social development, environmental protection and sustainability, and informed public participation, to maximise the availability, effective use and exploitation of GI (geographic information) throughout Europe. This requires EUROGI to stimulate, encourage and support the development and effective use of GI and relevant technologies and policies, and to act as channel of the voice for the European GI community, private and public sectors alike.

For all these reasons, AFIGEO strongly supports the French candidature for hosting the XXVth ISPRS Congress in Nice in 2020.

Sincerely yours.

Jean-Marie SEITE
President



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