

# The Wisdom of the White Elephants in Honor of Gottfried Konecny



## A LIFE for PHOTOGRAMMETRY and REMOTE SENSING

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On June 17, 2020 Prof. Gottfried Konecny, former ISPRS President, will celebrate his 90th birthday. As the most significant living personality in Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing we will honor Gottfried's life-long achievements and his relentless service to ISPRS.

The ISPRS White Elephant Club (WEC) together with the ISPRS Student Consortium suggest the following program, which features some of Gottfried's long-time friends and colleagues with whom he shaped the ISPRS over a long period. We will not only cover the past but also open a window into the future, which was always also part of Gottfried's far-reaching interests and ambitions.

### PROGRAM

Christian Heipke	<b>Gottfried Konecny: From Draftsman to Professor Emeritus</b> <i>- 75 Years of Involvement in Photogrammetry</i>
Armin Gruen	<b>Of Elephants and Crocodiles</b> <i>- the Converging of Lifelines</i>
Shunji Murai	<b>Lessons from Gottfried in my Life</b>
Larry Fritz	<b>Over 50 Years in ISPRS</b> – <i>The Ambassador of our Profession</i>
Deren Li	<b>Gottfried in China</b> - <i>his Role in the Development of the Chinese Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing</i>
Lena Halounova	<b>Gottfried and his Scientific Cooperations</b>
Laurent Polidori	<b>From Laussedat to Learning Machines:</b> <i>What can we learn from History?</i>
Jan Dirk Wegner	<b>Quo Vadis Photogrammetry?</b>

#### SESSION CHAIRS ●

Armin Gruen, *ISPRS White Elephant Club President*  
Christian Heipke, *ISPRS President*

#### VIRTUAL ROOM HOST ●

Sheryl Rose Reyes,  
*ISPRS Student Consortium President*



## **DR. GOTTFRIED KONECNY**

was born 1930 in Czechoslovakia, transported to Bavaria in Western Germany as a German national in 1946. He completed his study of Surveying Engineering in TU Munich from 1950-1954. He was a US Government Fulbright Scholarship at Ohio State University and was the 11th M.Sc. graduate of the Geodetic Science Program in 1955. He obtained his doctorate in Munich in 1959. From 1959 to 1971, he was an Assistant Professor and later Full Professor in the University of New Brunswick in Canada, developing the first Geomatics Program in North America. He spent his sabbatical in National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Houston from 1966 to 1971 for mapping 20 potential lunar landing sites of the Apollo Program. He was a Professor in Leibniz University in Hannover, Germany from 1971 to 1988. He was an ISPRS Council member from 1976 to 1992. In 1983, he was a Project Scientist in the European Space Agency (ESA) for the Metric Camera Experiment in Spacelab-1. He became an Emeritus Professor of Leibniz University Hannover in 1998.