



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR DIGITAL EARTH (ISDE)



The **International Society for Digital Earth (ISDE)** was proposed together by the experts and scholars from more than 10 countries, such as China, Canada, USA, Japan, Russia and Czech Republic etc. Inaugurated in May 2006, the ISDE is a non-political, non-governmental and not-for-profit international organization initiated by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) with the collaboration of institutes and related scholars throughout the world. The ISDE secretariat is hosted by the Center for Earth Observation and Digital Earth, Chinese Academy of Sciences. Prof. Lu Yongxiang, the vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, and the President of CAS, serves as the founding president of the ISDE.

ISDE Aims

The purpose of ISDE is to promote international cooperation of the Digital Earth vision, and enable Digital Earth technologies to play key roles in, *inter alia*, economic and socially-sustainable development, to promote information technology and to reduce digital gap.

International Society for Digital Earth will play key role in different aspects of using natural resources, optimizing environment, protecting cultural heritage, improving disaster mitigation ability, global change study, natural resource conservation and improvement of living standards.

ISDE Executive Committee Board

The Executive Committee Board consists of 24 scientists from 17 countries and international organizations.

Series Symposia on Digital Earth

The International Symposium on Digital Earth is held every odd year and the Digital Earth summit is convened every even year. From 1999 to 2009, six international symposia on digital earth and two digital earth summits have held in seven different countries on various continents. In 2010, another Digital Earth Summit will be held in Bulgaria, and the Symposia series is also now well established, with the next one scheduled to be held in Perth, Australia in 2011.

International Journal of Digital Earth

The International Society for Digital Earth (ISDE), in cooperation with Taylor & Francis Group launched its official journal *International Journal of Digital Earth (IJDE)* in March 2008. IJDE is a quarterly journal. So far, 10 issues (including a supplement) have been published.

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