

ACRS 2025 Report

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It was with great joy, pleasure, and heartfelt pride that we could organize the 46th Asian Conference on Remote Sensing (ACRS 2025), held from 27 to 31 October 2025 in our amazing city of Makassar.

This long journey of hosting the 46th ACRS in Makassar started when we bid for a host venue in 2023 in Taipei. And last year in, Colombo, Sri Lanka we presented our readiness to become a host. This year's conference marks the third time Indonesia has been entrusted with hosting ACRS, first time in Jakarta (1987) and Bali (2013). As the Local Organizing Committee Chair, I am honoured to be part of this important moment — not only for our academic community, but for the broader geospatial ecosystem in Southeast Asia.

We are pleased to inform you that a total of 450 participants from 25 countries attended ACRS2025, and 244 papers (oral: 203, poster: 41) were presented. We are proud of welcoming so many participants, including scientists, professionals, students, industry leaders, and policymakers.

The ACRS Theme's this year is Harnessing Remote Sensing for Global Sustainability and Technology Innovation designed to be inclusive, multidimensional, and collaborative as the target of Sustainable Development Goals. Throughout the week, participants can enjoy: Technical Sessions across 6 parallel tracks, including some special sessions from ISPRS members of Working Groups; Plenary Keynotes by distinguished experts from international agencies and leading institutions; Poster Sessions and networking spaces for students and early-career researchers; An Technical Exhibition by Sponsored By JAXA as our Gold Sponsor, RESTEC Japan for Bronze Sponsor, Korean Society of Geoscience, Photogrammetry, Geodesy and Cartography, INHA University of Korea, Esri Indonesia and a mining company of Masmino Dwi Area, Earth daily Analytics, Leica, TechnoGIS, CompNET. And we are specially supported by The City of Makassar, UNESCO Global Geopark Maros Pangkep and Hasanuddin University, The Faculty of Vocational Studies.. A vibrant Cultural Night featuring Makassar's maritime traditions and performing arts was performed on the first day of the conference; And on Wednesday on 29th October we had an Excursion Tour to the majestic Maros-Pangkep UNESCO Global Geopark, where geology, heritage, and sustainability converge. The conference was followed by a Summer School focusing on Agricultural Precision Technology using Remote Sensing on Nov 1-5 hosted at The Educational Forest Camp of Hasanuddin University.

Our goal is to ensure that ACRS 2025 is not only scientifically enriching, but also personally meaningful — a space where knowledge meets culture, and where collaboration extends beyond institutions and borders.

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to: Universitas Hasanuddin, particularly the Faculty of Vocational Studies, for hosting and coordinating this event with passion and professionalism; The Asian Association on Remote Sensing (AARS) under the coordination of Prof Kohei Cho and MAPIN/ISRS for their trust and partnership; All sponsors and institutional supporters who have made this conference

possible; And especially, to all committee members and volunteers whose dedication behind the scenes is the true foundation of this success.

I hope your time in Makassar is filled with fruitful dialogue, new friendships, and unforgettable experiences — both in the conference halls and throughout the city.

Thank you very much for all the support from all parties involved in this event.

Warm regards,

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