



Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the two winners of the 2017 Travel Awards sponsored by *Remote Sensing*:

Travel Awards were granted to Dr. David Chaparro, a PhD student at the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, IEEC/UPC, Barcelona, Spain and Dr. Wai Yeung Yan, a postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Civil Engineering, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. David Chaparro's research involves the application of remote sensing data derived from microwave radiometers. During his PhD, he analysed surface moisture and temperature trends to anticipate drought conditions linked to wildfire activity. His results led to the development of a new fire risk model. In his current research, SMAP measurements of soil moisture and vegetation optical depth are being used as indicators of crop yields and phenology.

Dr. Wai Yeung Yan's research activities focus on improving the radiometric quality of multispectral LiDAR intensity data so as to facilitate applications toward surface classification and object recognition. He developed radiometric and BRDF corrections, and normalization models for different LiDAR sensors, demonstrating significant improvements in data quality and classification accuracy.

## 2017 TRAVEL AWARDS WINNERS

The awards consist of **800 Swiss Francs** each to attend an academic conference in 2017.

Dr. Alfredo R. Huete  
Associate Editor of *Remote Sensing*