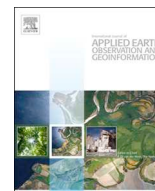




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Appreciation to the reviewers of JAG for the calendar year 2018



As the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Applied Earth observation and Geoinformation (JAG) I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all individuals that contributed to the success of the journal. JAG focuses on a wide range of topics in earth observation and geoinformation, developing new methods and techniques and advancing our understanding of the earth system. Papers always combine technological development with novelty in thematic applications. JAG wants to be a podium for researchers from all around the world. This is also reflected in our editorial board membership and the associate editors that cover almost all continents and among that also all relevant disciplines. Gender and cultural diversity are important goods for our Journal.

Quality is the one most important factor of a scientific paper. This determines the impact a paper has on the community and the change it brings about. Quality is the result of good research done by good scientists in combination with good reviews that sharpen the paper and bring out better the novelty of the work. All authors are thanked for choosing JAG for publishing their work. I would also like to thank the Publisher for a great support and the Associate Editors without whom this journal would not be where it is today. A great 'thank you' goes to our Editorial Board members that are frequently also acting as reviewers. Finally, as the Editor-in-Chief I would like to in particular thank all reviewers that spent their valuable time reviewing our articles. The peer process is the backbone of our scientific system; without reviewers spending their time voluntary we cannot run the Journal.

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A great thanks to all of you reviewers and to all authors that made this volume of JAG possible.

Editors in Chief
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