



PECORA 20

OBSERVING A CHANGING EARTH

**Pecora 20 Remote Sensing Symposium:
Call for Abstracts and Award Nominations Accepted**

We cordially invite land remote sensing data users, researchers, applications scientists, producers, managers and policy-makers to participate in this important symposium.

The 20th William T. Pecora Memorial Remote Sensing Symposium will be held November 14-16, 2017, in Sioux Falls, SD. The theme for Pecora 20—"Observing a Changing Earth, Science for Decisions...Monitoring, Assessment, and Projection"—reflects the Symposium's emphasis on recent significant developments in remote sensing.

The Pecora Symposium honors William T. Pecora, who served as director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) from 1965 to 1971 and was a driving force behind the development of the Landsat series of satellites. The USGS and NASA established the Symposium in the 1970s to foster the exchange of scientific information derived from the application of earth-observation data to a broad range of land-based resources, and to create a forum for discussing ideas, policies, and strategies related to land remote sensing.

Pecora 20 will continue this tradition by offering a program that ranges from applications of satellite and other data for monitoring, assessing, and projecting future land and water resources to big data and analytical technologies aimed at improving decision making through the use of remotely sensed data.

Call for Abstracts: Submission Deadline July 1, 2017.

Interested land remote sensing data users, researchers, applications scientists, producers, managers, and policymakers are invited to participate in Pecora 20 by submitting an abstract for a paper or poster. Abstracts, with required supporting information, can be submitted electronically from our [Call for Abstracts](#) web page. All submissions must be received by July 1, 2017.

Pecora Award Nominations: Submission Deadline June 15, 2017.

The William T. Pecora Award, jointly sponsored by DOI and NASA, is presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions by individuals or groups toward understanding the Earth through remote sensing. Award nominations are accepted for public and private sector individuals, teams, organizations, and professional societies; both national and international nominations are welcome. Individual awards recognize achievements in the scientific and technical remote sensing community as well as contributions leading to successful remote sensing applications. Group awards recognize teams, groups of individuals, or parts of an organization that have made major breakthroughs in remote sensing science or technology, or developed an innovative application that has had a significant impact on the user community or national/international policies.

Visit the [William T. Pecora Award](#) web page to make a nomination for this year's award. All submissions must be received by June 15, 2017.

For more information about the Pecora 20 symposium, please visit the [Pecora 20 website](#).

