

## **PREFACE**

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The five theme sessions are specially organized to discuss some recently emerged areas related to the Commission's terms of reference, such as geosocial media data, linked geospatial data, open data development, perceptual and cognitive experiments and smart cities. Among all accepted contributions, a significant number of them are related to studies with an urban context, and almost half of them are authored or co-authored by students.

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