

**Joint scientific article on LiDAR for bathymetry of very shallow waters, under the leadership of RIEGL, wins ISPRS Best Paper of 2019!**



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Every year the ISPRS (International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing) chooses the **Best Paper of the Year** from the wide range of publications in the ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

For 2019, this award goes to the scientific article **Design and Evaluation of a Full-Wave Surface and Bottom-Detection Algorithm for LiDAR Bathymetry of Very Shallow Waters** by Roland Schwarz, Gottfried Mandlbauer, Martin Pfennigbauer and Norbert Pfeifer.

In cooperation with the Vienna University of Technology and the University of Stuttgart, Roland Schwarz and Martin Pfennigbauer from RIEGL Research succeeded in issuing a new and innovative contribution to topographic underwater mapping with the SVB algorithm (surface, volume and bottom) presented in their article. A considerable advantage of their method is that it relies only on a single laser wavelength. The jurors were impressed with the detailed modeling of the return waveform, the clarity of the explanation, the convincing experimental results, and the potential for broader applicability of the method.

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As *Best Paper 2019*, the article is automatically nominated for the *ISPRS U.V. Helava Award* which is awarded every four years, and is selected by a jury of five members with high scientific standing.

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For more than 10 years *RIEGL* has been intensively involved in the development of topo-bathymetric LiDAR sensors. These systems allow for simultaneous acquisition of measurement data from the environmental topography, the water surface, and the underwater topography.

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In addition to these LiDAR sensors, *RIEGL's* proprietary software package RiHYDRO allows to provide extensive additional information from the bathymetric data by means of *Full Waveform Analysis* of the digitized echo signals.



*The authors of the awarded paper 2019 (from left to right):*

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