

Learning about Landsat

NASA's Landsat satellites and their applications will be the subject of a 5-day conference in Sydney next May. A major aim will be to make potential users aware of the information they can derive from Landsat's views of the earth from 900 km out in space.

The conference is being held about a year before Australia's Landsat receiving station begins operating at Alice Springs. That station will give Australian users greatly increased access to imagery from the satellites. Pictures will be available quickly — within about 10 days of a satellite passing overhead.

The conference, 'Landsat 79: The First Australasian Landsat Conference', is being arranged by the Department of Science and CSIRO in association with Macquarie University, Sydney, the Remote Sensing Association of

Australia, and Indusat (a group of industrial users of remote sensing). It will be held at Macquarie University, May 21–25, 1979.

Invited experts will describe applications in many fields, including agriculture, land management, mineral exploration, and mapping. The latest technical developments in the production of pictures from Landsat data will also be discussed.

Some sessions are being designed for beginners in the use of Landsat imagery, while others will be aimed at people already familiar with the techniques. The emphasis throughout the conference will be on applications in the Australasian region.

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