

Welcome to 2018! There is a lot happening with the Experiment this month including finalizing processing techniques for the data stacks for Activity 1, preparation for upcoming data collections for 2018 and a re-vamp of the www.jecam.org website.

Launching 2018 Data Collection!

As part of the JECAM SAR Inter-Comparison Experiment we will be looking to simulate Compact Polarimetry data through the acquisition and prioritization of fine quad-polarization data to be acquired in 2018.

To ensure a robust data set and successful experiment, we are looking to our partners to confirm intent for field data acquisition during the upcoming months. This may be through crop surveying and/or through acquisition of field measurements such as Biomass, LAI, soil moisture etc.

Please email <u>Laura.Dingle-Robertson@agr.gc.ca</u> if you are collecting field data in 2018 and are interested in this next phase!



Hernán Aguilera (pictured) and Dr. Stanley Best of Instituto de Investigaciones Agropecuarias (INIA) demonstrate drone data collection over a blueberry field in the Chilean JECAM site.

EVENTS

Past September 2017

SPIE. Remote Sensing Warsaw, Poland Mehdi Presented

December 2017

APEC Meeting 2017 Santiago, Chile, Heather attended

AGU 2017, New Orleans Laura attended

Upcoming January 2018

Launch of data collection for both Components

February 2018

Emerging Technologies and Methods in Earth Observation for Agricultural Monitoring Washington, DC Heather, Laura, and Andrew attending

CURRENT EXPERIMENT PROCESSING

SAR speckle filter testing on filter type and window size in relation to field size is almost complete.

We are finalizing results by assessing classification accuracies only utilizing SAR imagery. Typically AAFC's classifier incorporates both SAR and optical data, however we feel to fully assess the benefits of the different filters we need to compare the classifications without the Optical influence.



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We are in the process of updating the JECAM website to add more functionality and ease for our JECAM partners. This will include the ability to enter your site information directly online and keep the site up-to-date with your most recent activities.

Watch the Newsletter for further exciting details on the new www.jecam.org!

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