

STEREO, the Belgian research programme in Earth Observation turns 30

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BELGIUM CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF REMOTE SENSING RESEARCH

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1985

The Earth's population was half of what it is today. Ronald Reagan, Michael Gorbachov and Deng Xiaoping ruled the world. Microsoft released its first version of Windows. Scientists discovered a hole in the earth's ozone layer. Madonna kicked off her first world tour.

Wilfried Martens was prime minister. His services in charge of scientific programming launched the TELSAT programme, the first Belgian programme for remote sensing research. Its prime focus: tentatively exploring the possibilities offered by the French SPOT satellite for research.

30 years and a generation later

TELSAT has become [STEREO](#) and it's now in its third phase. Remote sensing is firmly entrenched as a tool in research and resource management and Belgium has a vibrant remote sensing community.

30 years of continuous dedicated financing of remote sensing research is quite unique in Europe. So we thought it was time to step back and take stock. Time to reminisce and to look forward to the future. But above all, time to celebrate!

We therefore would like to invite you to [join us](#) in Brussels on September 17th for [talks in the cabin](#) and [walks on the island](#)...

