Practice in 21st Century will be shaped by

Dramatic changes which are being driven by the convergence of modern technologies such as:

- Computer Development
 - 1. Processing speed
 - 2. Storage capacity
 - 3. Features
- Electronic signal processing
 - 1. Miniaturization of components
 - 2. Sensors and detectors
 - 3. Manipulation of voltages and currents
 - 4. Indirect measurements
- Real time positioning systems
 - 1. GPS
 - 2. Inertial
 - 3. Other
- Definition and adoption of the Global Spatial Data Model
 - 1. Umbrella organization of spatial data
 - 2. Simpler and easier to use than existing models
 - 3. Accommodates
 - New digital measurement systems
 - Existing 2-dimensional models
 - Local user perspective of 3-D digital data
 - 4. Provides consistent procedures for spatial data accuracy