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Nevertheless, there has been an increasing interest in the last year, mainly in general training and specially in Digital Image Processing Systems, use of software and applications of Geographic Information Systems. This is due to several factors:

- Cheaper software and hardware due to the use of PC's.
- Personnel that used to work at CNIE, or that participated in courses, from different parts of the country, is still interested in the subject.
- The intense promotion of this activity realized by SELPER in the last years.

We are convinced that there exists a big potential market in which to apply Remote sensing technology, specially in the areas of agriculture, forests, geology, soil usage, urban planification, etc. It will be necessary to continue promoting at different levels of city halls, provinces and national government, producers Associations and others, so that they would invest in research and applications of remote sensing technology, as well as the possibility of offering *soft credits*.

This propaganda could also be implemented in the form of courses and seminars for decision makers at Official or private levels. In this task, SELPER could collaborate efficiently.

A subject which deserves special attention is the study and planification for updating the satellite receiver Station of Mar Chiquita, with capacity to process LANDSAT, SPOT and ERS-1 data. For this it is necessary to perform some *lobby* work to produce a project of this magnitude.

In the next two sections we list, very briefly, the different groups which are working in this area, starting from the official ones and ending with private companies.