

**Minutes of the Council Meeting  
16-17; 20 November 2010, Orlando**

**Attendees**

**Council:**

President	Orhan Altan (OA)
Secretary General	Chen Jun (CJ)
First Vice President	Ian Dowman (ID)
Second Vice President	Ammatzia Peled (AP)
Congress Director	Cliff Ogleby (CO)
Treasurer	Mike Renslow (MR)
In attendance for item 4.3, 12:	ISPRS Foundation officer Lawrence Fritz (LF)
In attendance for Item 16.7:	EUROSDR vice president Dieter Fritch (DF)
In attendance for item 4.3:	ISPRS WG IV/2 Chair Christian Heipke (CH)
In attendance for item 4.3:	TCPs (except NP)

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## **1 Opening**

OA opened the meeting and emphasized the importance of this meeting on the future of the Society and the preparations of next congress in Melbourne.

## **2 Approval of Agenda**

The above agenda was approved

## **3 Review of Council Meetings**

### **a) Haifa CM Minutes**

The minutes Haifa CM Minutes was approved and a short version can be put on the ISPRS website.

### **b) Notes from Kyoto meeting and Vienna GA Minutes**

The notes of Kyoto meeting were reviewed and most actions have been completed. The Minutes of Vienna GA was tabled.

## **4 Strategic Plan Discussions**

### **a) Actions from the Strategic Plan**

Three Task Forces (TFs) had been set up for the implementation of the ISPRS Strategic Plan.

### **b) Open Business Meeting Summary**

The Summary of the Open Business Meeting during Vienna GA was tabled.

### **c) ISPRS Reform Proposal from Wolfgang Wagner**

A Discussion on proposals for reform was held. The discussion focused on what are the core activities of ISPRS and how these can be delivered. The key points covering current weaknesses were:

- TCPs should receive more central support to organize meetings.
- Schedule of 4 year congress, mid-term symposia and workshops is not optimum.
- ISPRS is not oriented to serve current career patterns where professionals and technicians change jobs quite regularly.
- ISPRS does not appeal to people whose interests are not directly concerned with photogrammetry and remote sensing.
- Members (Ordinary Members) do not provide enough support to TCPs.
- WGs put too much emphasis on large workshops and do not organise projects such as benchmarking.
- The view was expressed that WGs are expected to do too much, but others dispute this.
- Archives are not citation Index

- Other societies encourage submission of sessions not just papers or abstracts. Work is too demanding for young scientists. ISPRS should look at what it can contribute to the society. Web site should be improved (see IGARSS or EGU)
- No considerations were made toward the community; none toward cooperation with other societies. ISPRS is too rigid.

Current strengths are:

- Structure emphasises doing science through WGs.
- WGs allow many people to be associated with ISPRS.
- Students appreciate support from ISPRS.
- Structure supports possibility of having small discussion meetings, although there are constraints on holding these because of lack of kudos from employers and difficulties in funding travel.
- Production organizations come to ISPRS to get up to date information on instruments and techniques.
- Student consortium is working very well and achieving an international recognition.

Solutions offered:

- Task forces should first check the structure before going to the actions specified under the 3 TFs. Also, we should look first at the mechanism that made Geobia so alive now and the SDH dwindling.
- WGs to focus on specific topics and hold small discussion meetings and undertake projects, e.g. on benchmarking. Scope here for collaboration with EuroSDR.
- Make activities more relevant to NMAs.
- Annual meetings: congress 4 yrs, intermediate conferences on thematic and/or regional topics.
- Fewer commissions.
- Change name of WGs to something like ‘discussion group’ and use descriptive name, e.g. ‘discussion group on processing laser point clouds’.
- Events at meetings to attract NMAs (not just fora, tutorials, training workshops).
- Individual membership to involve people and generate contact list.
- Set up a permanent ISPRS headquarters to provide more support to TCPs and WG officers, as well as ISPRS members

Council reached no conclusions on future actions, but note should be taken in the Task Force actions of these discussions. It was also suggested to carry out the reform as an evolution rather than a revolution.

ISPRS should give more support to the organization of ISPRS events to the organizers, such as providing an abstract or paper handling system, together with registration and preparation of digital or paper based publications.

#### **d) ISPRS HQ**

A permanent headquarters was considered necessary for ISPRS. There are many issues to be examined and explored. One is the possible impact on the operation of the society and the necessary structural changes. The second is the mechanism for seeking sustainable financial support for permanent headquarters. More efforts should be devoted to find some mechanism to support, and explore the issues related to the operation of the HQ, such as structural changes of the society, financial arrangement (payment of staffs).

#### **e) 3S Student Summer Seminar**

It was agreed to postpone the Wuhan 3S Student Summer Seminar from Sept. 2011 to Oct. 2011 in order to associate it with Guilin workshop.

#### **f) International projects**

ISPRS has a very good reputation in organizing high quality workshops, training courses, and summer schools. WGs are also encouraged to carry out benchmarking and joint projects, such as ICSU grant projects, EURO SDR projects. For instance, OGC has set up a global advisory committee and can provide funding to support projects with duration of 18 months. Mobile mapping is one of the possible topics. TCPs are encouraged to come up with some ideas or ask your WG chairs to follow this.

### **5 Review of Symposia and Commission activities of ISPRS**

#### **a) Reports of symposia**

Report from the mid-term symposia of 2010 organized by eight technical commissions were presented and reviewed. Council was happy with the organization of these events and thanked TCPs for their tremendous efforts.

#### **b) Working Group Performance Evaluation and Changes of WG officers**

The performance of the working groups was reported by TCPs. Most working groups are active. Council asked TCPs to activate those sleeping working groups and necessary changes are encouraged. The following changes of WG officers were approved by Council:

1) Prof. Dr-Ing. Klaus Briess, Chair of Space Technology from the department of Aeronautics and Astronautics of Berlin Institute of Technology to replace Zhenge Qiu as the chair of WG I/6 on “Small Satellite for Earth Observation “.

2) Dr. Francois Anton from Denmark to replace Ozgun Akcay as the co-chair of WG II/5 on Multidimensional and Mobile Data Models.

3) Dr. Bo WU from Hong Kong to be the co-chair of WG II/6 on Geo-Visualization and Virtual Reality and Arzu Çöltekin as the WG secretary.

4) Dr P.S. Roy to be chair of WG TC VI/4 on Cross-Border Education 2: Joint Educational Programs for the remainder of this term, Dr Jide Kufoniyi steps down as chair of the working group and continues as co-chair; Dr Dadhwal steps down as co-chair of this WG;

5) It was agreed to terminate WG TC VI/3 for the remaining term until the Congress in 2012 and its TOR will be taken care of by WG VI/4 on Cross-Border Education 1: Frameworks for Cross-Border Education.

**c) Financial supports for students attending Symposia**

The financial support for students attending symposia was tabled. It was agreed that the Secretary General should be the single contact point for dealing with financial supports for students attending Symposia.

**d) Approved events and reports received**

The ISPRS sponsored events approved and the Reports/Proceedings received since last CM were tabled. The proceedings of TC mid-term symposium were checked to see if they were prepared according to the Orange Book. The proceedings from two TC were put into one PDF file and this made it difficult to retrieve individual papers.

## **6 Preparations for the Congress**

**a) Abstracts Papers Process for 2012 Congress**

CO gave a brief introduction of the proposed technical program for the XXIIth ISPRS Congress, to be held in Melbourne during 25 August to 1 September 2012. The description includes information on the program schedule, presentation sessions and presentation spaces, as well as nomination forms for plenary speakers and tutorial/workshops. The 2nd announcement of the Melbourne Congress should be finalized and sent out in the spring of 2011. CO should send the draft 2nd announcement to council members for discussion. TCPs are requested to provide their proposals on the titles and possible moderators of theme sessions and special sessions to CO. It was also suggested to collect proposals by an open call on the website.

It is possible for OA and ID to have a discussion with CD in the coming Jan. when attending the Geospatial World Forum in India

The publication of a congress book was discussed and CO suggested to publish a post-congress book through ISPRS Book Series. Some thought it is worth to publicize it with overview and review papers. But it was agreed to let CO and his team to make a final decision.

OA, CJ and MR should arrive at Melbourne on 19th Aug, 2012 for discuss registration.

**b) Joint events**

A proposal for a joint ISPRS/IAA Symposium on “Actual Policy Issues of Spaceborne Earth Observation” in Melbourne, 2012 was discussed and Council agreed to support it. It was also proposed to have joint sessions with EuroSDR during the discussions with DF, especially to organize special sessions for attracting people from NMAs.

## **7 Statutes and Bylaws**

It was suggested to prepare necessary changes of ISPRS Statutes and Bylaws in case a permanent Headquarter be introduced and operated.

## 8 ISPRS Membership

The membership of ISPRS was reported. Council had approved 1 OdM, 2 RgM and 4 StM since last CM in Haifa. The total membership is summarized in the following table.

Table 1 Current status of ISPRS membership

Type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	A	B	C	D	E	Total
AsM	8	1	1											10
OdM	30	23	13	8	4	5	1	5						89
RgM	14													14
StM									6	9	16	32	18	81
Total														194

## 9 ISPRS Publications

### a) Database and Blue Book

The latest council version of ISPRS database was checked and copied to Council members.

### b) E- Highlights and monthly bulletin

It was decided to terminate the e-highlights with Geomares\* at the end of this year and start a monthly bulletin e-Bulletin. Such an e-Bulletin might not be strictly on a monthly basis.

The SG will be responsible for the collection of materials and webmaster would be responsible for putting the e-Bulletin in the website. A new tab would be created on the home page for news and reports.

### c) Home Page

#### 1) Websites

Report from webmaster was discussed and Council appreciated very much the work of ME.

#### 2) ISPRS Blog

It was agreed to promote the use of Blog in ISPRS activities. Each TC president should appoint a contact person for the use of Blog in their commission.

It was suggested to have a link with Strategic Plan on ISPRS home page and delete the link to Beijing Congress.

### d) Archives

#### 1) Volume A

Volume A of ISPRS Beijing Congress had been distributed to council, TCPs and Members. Council expressed their thanks to Chinese Society for such a wonderful publication.

#### 2) ISPRS Annals

AP gave a report on the conceptual design of ISPRS Annals.

The copyright of papers published in ISPRS achieves was discussed and it was agreed that the author(s) hold the copyright.

### e) Orange Book

It was proposed to add a Guideline about the founding of an ISPRS WG. And it was also agreed to make modify the Presenter's manual, especially for digital-posters.

## f) Journals

**ISPRS Journal Report was tabled.** The initiative of starting an open access journal is welcomed. The implementation of ISPRS Annals is criticized as it could harm the ISPRS Journal. Council agreed to start immediately the discussion of contract of open access journal on geo-information, and to get opinions from TCPs. A new journal proposal from IEEE was discussed. It was decided to not to join the initiative, but to start as soon as possible an ISPRS Journal on Geo-information.

## g) Annual reports

## h) Book series

## i) Green Book

## j) GIM Page

The Responsibilities of Council for the forthcoming GIM Pages were discussed, and the results are given in the following Table.

Table 2 Responsibility of Council for the forthcoming GIM Pages

Month	Deadline	Responsible Persons and Themes
March 2011	6 December, 2010	Com VIII and III
April	6 January, 2011	CO: congress
May	3 Feb.	Com IV
June	7 March	LARS-ID
July	14 April	3S-and publication AP
August	12 May	CO: congress

It was also decided to revise and reprint the ISPRS History edited by Gottfried Konecny. English re-wording (including removal of some wrong names) of the first edition will be carried out and 8 pages more will be added regarding the centenary.

## 10 Financial Affairs

### 1) Treasurers Report and Four Year Budget

Council discussed the proposal of Four Year Budging and appreciated the works of MR.

### 2) Science initiatives

Three Science initiatives were briefly discussed. The final reports of these three projects should send to ISAC for evaluation. It was agreed to pay the rest of the money when three projects are finished.

## 11 Awards

### 11.1 Awards Committee for 2012 awards

ID gave a proposal on the appointment of Awards Committee and Fellows Committee.

#### 1) Fellows Committee:

It was decided that two of the members elected by the GA in Beijing remain on the Committee, and JT be chair with the responsibility of convening the Hon Members committee. The committee members to be invited are:

John Trinder (Chair, Hon Member), Gottfried Konecny (appointed by GA), Marguerite

Madden (appointed by GA), Wolfgang Fostner (Fellow), Costas Armenakis (Fellow)

2) Awards Nomination Committee:

Ian Dowman (Chair), Chen Jun, George Vosselman, Armin Gruen, Larry Fritz, Jide Kufoniyi, Mustafa Madani

3) Honorary Members Committee

According to the Bylaws, the most recent Honorary Member shall chair the Honorary Members Committee. Since there were two new Honorary Members elected in Beijing, it would be possible to ask either of them to chair the committee, or ask them to share this job. Since John Trinder will chair the Fellows Committee it is proposed that Armin Gruen chairs the Honorary Members Committee.

### **11.2 Fred Doyle Award ToR**

Council agreed to set up the Fred Doyle Award. It was suggested to remove “Silver Medal” from ‘The Frederick J. Doyle Silver Medal Award’. It will be awarded during one of the ceremonies of each congress. It was suggested to put a nomination form on line and make this available to award Juries.

## **12 Foundation**

1) Foundation Officers

Larry Fritz will step down as Finance Officer and J. Trinder will contact people for taking this position.

CO proposed to consider the organization of a dinner Cruise for raising funds for ISPRS foundation during the Melbourne Congress.

## **13 ISPRS Committees**

- a) **ISAC**
- b) **IPAC**
- c) **CIPA**
- d) **ICORSE**
- e) **Ad hoc Committee on Standards**

## **14 Regional Affairs**

a) **Reports from Regional representatives**

Reports from Regional representatives of African and South East Asia were tabled.

b) **African Activities**

Jide Kufoniyi was elected president of AARSE (**African Association of Remote Sensing of Environment**) and he expressed a desire to step down as Regional representative due to possible conflict of interest with his role in AARSE and pressure of work. He suggested Dr Hussein Farah, Director of RCMRD as a replacement.

c) **South America Activities**

MR gave a report of 2010 SELPER symposium held in Mexico. One important issue is that SELPER will work in Water topics during 2011 and 2012. Countries like Colombia, Peru, Argentina, Chile, Mexico will be working in its own country in river basins, wetlands, lakes, meteorology, etc. at the end we will have a common methodology that will be presented in SELPER 2012 in Guyana. Myriam Ardila asked for ISPRS to be involved in this project. OA and AP will attend, on behalf of ISPRS, XXV Brazilian Cartographic Congress to be held in Curitiba, Brazil from August 21-24, 2011.

**d) Asia Activities**

ID gave a report on the ACRS 2010.

**15 Forthcoming Meetings**

**Table 3 Meetings at which ISPRS could be represented**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venus</b>	<b>Representative</b>
10-12 Jan 2011	WG I/3 International Workshop on Multi-platform/Multi-sensor Remote Sensing & Mapping (co-sponsored with IEEE GRSS)	Xiamen, CHINA	CJ
18-21 Jan 2011	Geospatial World Forum	Hyderabad, INDIA	OA, ID (both invited to give presentations)
7-18 Feb 2011.	Scientific and Technical Subcommittee UNOOSA	Vienna, Austria	OA, RS
'Early 2011'	Eye on Earth Summit	Abu Dhabi	
10-15 Apr 2011	ISRSE	Sydney, Australia	OA, CO
11-18 April 2011	URBAN 2011 + URS 2011+ EOGC2011	Munich, Germany	ID
24-26 April 2011	SaudiGIS	Jumada, Saudi Arabia	OA (Invited to give an opening presentation)
27-29 Apr 2011	GEO-SIBERIA 2011	Novosibirsk, Russia	AP
	CODIST	Addis Ababa	
1-3 May 2011	Council Meeting	Antalya, Turkey	All Council
3-8 May 2011	Gi4DM	Antalya, Turkey	All Council
18-19 May 2011	4 International Conference on Sensors & Models in Remote Sensing & Photogrammetry	Tehran, Iran	OA, CJ and/or ID
May 26-29, 2011	ICWG V/I joint ICA/ISPRS/FIG International Symposium on Lidar & Radar Mapping: Technologies & Applications	Nanjing, China	CJ
31 May to 2nd June 2011	AfricaGEO	Cape Town Africa	OA (Invited to give a presentation)

26-27 June 2011	WG V/4, III/2+4, IV/4+8 joint Workshop on 3D City Modeling & Applications	Wuhan, China	CJ
27 June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Cambridge Conference	Southampton, UK	ID (?)
14-17 June 2011	"High Resolution Earth Imaging for Geospatial Information"	Hanover, Germany	OA
3-8 July 2011	25th International Cartography Conference (ICC2011)	Paris, France	OA,AP
August 21-24, 2011	XXV Brazilian Cartographic Congress	Curitiba, Brazil	OA, AP, MR???
29 Aug-2 Sep 2011	Council Meeting & Council/TCP Joint Meeting	Melbourne, AUSTRALIA	All Council
9-11 Aug 2011	WG VII/6 International Symposium on Image & Data Fusion	Yunnan, China	CJ
Sept.27-30	30th ICSU General Assembly	Rome, Italy	OA, CJ and/or ID
Oct.3-7 , 2011	32th ACRS	Taipei, China	OA, CJ and/or ID
Oct. 18-21, 2011	UN Forum on GGIM	Seoul, Korea	AP
Oct.20-21,2011	WG IV/1,2,4,5,7 ICWG IV/VIII joint Workshop on Geospatial Data Infrastructure: from data acquisition & updating to smarter services	Guilin, CHINA	CJ and/or AP

## **16 Relations with International and other Organizations**

### **16.1 United Nations**

Council agreed to follow the Second Preparatory Meeting of the Proposed United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geographic Information Management

### **16.2 ICSU and the GeoUnions**

### **16.3 IEEE-GRSS**

### **16.4 GEO**

The Geo VII held in Beijing was reported. It was agreed to follow the global land cover mapping initiative and seek the possible involvement of ISPRS. It was suggested that CJ prepares a proposal for Science Initiative funding and circulates in advance of the next CM and OA raises with the GEOUnions meeting.

### **16.5 JBGIS**

ISPRS has been very active in JBGIS with a strong presence, especially in the field of capacity building and disaster mapping.

### **16.6 IAA**

## **16.7 EUROS DR**

DF gave a brief introduction of EuroSDR. EuroSDR has five applied research oriented commissions and has raised formal information exchange on an annual basis, face-to-face discussion. Possible collaboration between ISPRS and EuroSDR was discussed and the major points are the following:

- 1) The projects of EuroSDR are open to ISPRS members. ISPRS encourage TCPs to recommend appropriate WGs to participate in EuroSDR projects.
- 2) Three special sessions were proposed for the Melbourne Congress, i.e., Cloud computing goes geospatial, from 2D cartographic to 3D topographic databases and towards sustainable education and training in geo-informatics.
- 3) The office of EuroSDR will move in 2011. The possibility of a joint office with ISPRS was discussed.
- 4) It is possible for ISPRS and EuroSDR to co-organize some events for NMAs, such as training or tutorials.

## **17 Review of Decisions and Actions of Council**

## **18 Reports from Council (All)**

## **19 Other Business**

## **20 Next Council Meeting**

**Table 4 Next Council Meeting**

	Date	Venue
CM	May 1-3, 2011	Turkey, Antalya
CM and JM	Aug 29 –Sep 02, 2011	Melbourne, Australia
CM	Feb., 2012	Beijing, China
CM and JM	April/May 2012	Paris