

General Assemblies – Assemblées Générales – Generalversammlungen

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Decisions of the General Assembly – Décisions de l'Assemblée Générale – Beschlüsse der Generalversammlung

*Reported to the Congress on August 14, 1992 by
Shunji Murai, Secretary General, 1988-1992*

The General Assembly met five times during the 17th Congress of ISPRS. The following actions were taken:

1. It approved reports of the President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer, the Congress Director, the Financial Commission, Ad-hoc Committee on Restructuring, and the Editor of ISPRS Journal.
2. It admitted ten new Ordinary Members:
Albania (1), Azerbaijan (1), Belarus (2), Bophuthatswana (1), Estonia (1), Latvia (1), Lithuania (1), Saudi Arabia (4), Slovenia (1), and Ukraine (1).

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3. It accepted that the following Ordinary Members change category:

Germany	from 7 to 8
Malaysia	from 1 to 2
Romania	from 1 to 2
Spain	from 4 to 6
Thailand	from 1 to 2
Bulgaria	from 3 to 2
Czechoslovakia	from 3 to 2

4. It decided that the next Congress will be held in Vienna, Austria, in 1996 with the Austrian Association for Surveying and Photogrammetry as the host.

The General Assembly ratified Prof. Dr. Karl Kraus as Congress Director.

5. It elected President, Secretary General, Treasurer and Second Vice President. The outgoing President chose the office of First Vice President as specified in Bylaw VIII-Officers.

The Council of ISPRS has the following composition for 1992-1996.

President:

Prof. Dr. Shunji Murai, Japan

First Vice President:

Prof. Dr. Kennert Torlegard, Sweden

Second Vice President:

Prof. Dr. Armin Gruen, Switzerland

Secretary General:

Mr. Lawrence W. Fritz, USA

Treasurer:

Prof. John Trinder, Australia

Congress Director:

Prof. Dr. Karl Kraus, Austria

6. It assigned the seven Technical Commissions to the following countries with Presidents:

Commission I	Italy - Prof. Luigi Mussio
Commission II	Canada - Dr. Mosaad Allam
Commission III	Germany - Prof. Heinrich Ebner
Commission IV	U.S.A. - Dr. Roy Welch
Commission V	Australia - Prof. John Fryer
Commission VI	P.R. China - Prof. Li Deren
Commission VII	Brazil - Dr. Roberto P. da Cunha

7. It elected Financial Commission members as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Keith Atkinson, UK

Members: Prof. John Badekas, Greece

Mr. Ramon Lorenzo, Spain

8. It amended the Bylaws, mainly Bylaw XIII-Technical Commissions with changed titles and areas of responsibility for the Technical Commissions. The following Bylaws were amended:

Bylaw II Definition

Bylaw III Qualifications

Bylaw V Cooperation with Other
International Organizations

Bylaw VI Membership

Bylaw X General Assembly

Bylaw XIII Technical Commissions

Bylaw XIV Financial Commission

9. It ratified the Statutes of the International Union of Surveying and Mapping (IUSM).

10. It approved 42 resolutions proposed by the First Vice President and the seven Technical Commission Presidents.



Council Presides over 1992 General Assembly

**First General Assembly
Monday, 3rd August 1992**

Countries applying at the Congress

Bophuthatswana	Category 1
Latvia	Category 1
Saudi Arabia	Category 4
Slovenia	Category 1

1. Opening Address

President Prof. Dr. K. Torlegard welcomed Ordinary Members that had been admitted since the last General Assembly in Kyoto in 1988, and observers from countries that were to be admitted as Ordinary Members of the Society at this Congress. The General Assembly is the supreme body of ISPRS. He welcomed all delegates and advisors, translators, and Honorary Member Dr. P. Fagundes.

The General Assembly welcomed all new members by acclamation.

2. Introduction of Invited Persons

The President welcomed all invited members.

b. Change of Category

Germany	Category 7 to 8
Spain	Category 4 to 6
Romania	Category 1 to 2
Malaysia	Category 1 to 2

The following countries requested reductions in categories.

Czechoslovakia	Category 3 to 2
Bulgaria	Category 3 to 2

3. Confirmation of Voting Rights

The Secretary General confirmed the voting rights of all members whose financial contributions were paid to the end of 1991 Fiscal Year.

These changes were approved by the General Assembly.

4. Presentation of Awards

The Sam Gamble Awards were presented by Mr. David Woolnough to Dr. Suvit Vibulsresth (Thailand); to Mr. Maurice Carbonell (France), accepted on his behalf by Prof. Gruen; and to Prof. Gerd Hildebrandt (Germany), accepted on his behalf by Prof. Wolff.

8. Proposals to Host the 18th ISPRS Congress in 1996

Proposals for hosting the 18th ISPRS Congress in 1996 were presented by the following Ordinary Members:

Austria - Prof. K. Kraus as Congress Director
Spain - A. A. Barroso as Congress Director
United Kingdom - A. Macdonald as Congress Director

The Schwidewsky Medals were awarded by Prof. Konecny to Mr. Keith B. Atkinson (UK) and to Dr. Walter Hofmann (Germany), accepted on his behalf by Dr. Albertz.

As there was no representative from Ethiopia, its bid was withdrawn.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

9. Nomination of Council and Financial Commission

Nominations for Council and Financial Commission listed in the Agenda were confirmed by Ordinary Members, except those by Ethiopia which were withdrawn.

6. Explanation of Voting Rights

Voting rights of Ordinary Members were explained by the Secretary General.

10. Report on Position Paper

A report on the Position Paper prepared by the Ad-hoc Committee for Statutes and Bylaws was presented by Prof. J. Trinder.

7. Admission of New Members

a. Admission of Ordinary Members and Regional Members

The following new members were admitted:

Countries applying prior to Congress	
Lithuania	Category 1
Albania	Category 1

11. Report of Ad-hoc Committee on Restructuring

The Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Restructuring the Commissions was presented by Prof. A. Gruen.

12. Proposed Amendments to Statutes and Bylaws

The proposed amendments to the Bylaws were presented by the Second Vice President.

Second General Assembly Thursday, 6th August 1992

The President opened the meeting and called for admission of new Ordinary Members and consent for increase of category before proceeding with the elections.

7.a. Admission of New Members (continued)

The following new Ordinary members were admitted to the Society:

Azerbaijan	Category 1
Belarus	Category 2
Estonia	Category 1
Ukraine	Category 1

All new members were presented with their Certificate of Membership and Voting Papers.

7.b. Change of Category (continued)

Thailand	Category 1 to 2
Portugal	Category 1 to 2

The Secretary General confirmed voting rights of all Ordinary Members in attendance.

13. Election of Host for the 1996 Congress

1st Ballot

Austria	72
Spain	62
UK	<u>46</u> eliminated
	180

2nd Ballot

Austria	105
Spain	<u>72</u>
	177

Following the ballot, Prof. Karl Kraus, the leader of the Austrian bid for the Congress expressed his commiserations to Spain and UK on their defeat, but asked for their continued friendship. He also requested participation of all Ordinary Members at the next Congress in Vienna to ensure its success.

14. Ratification of the Congress Director

Prof. K. Kraus was ratified as Congress Director.

15. Election of President

As Prof. Shunji Murai was the only nominee, he was elected as President.

16. Election of Secretary General

As Lawrence W. Fritz was the only nominee, he was elected as Secretary General.

17. Election of Second Vice President

Brazil announced that it had decided to withdraw its nomination of Mr. M. Barbosa as Second Vice President and Mr. P. Trino as Treasurer, but retained its nominations for the Financial Commission and Technical Commissions.

China announced that it had decided to withdraw the nomination of Prof. Li Deren as Second Vice President.

As a result of these announcements Prof. A. Gruen was the only remaining nominee for Second Vice President and was therefore elected as Second Vice President.

18. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to Statutes and Bylaws

Items of discussion were presented verbally by:
Switzerland,
Germany,
Sweden,
Netherlands,
Nigeria,
France,
Canada.

All members were requested to present their views in writing for consideration by Council. Recommended changes to the Bylaws resulting from these submissions were tabled for subsequent action by the General Assembly. (Proposed modifications to the Society Bylaws must be presented at least 48 hours in advance to the General Assembly.)

19. Election of Treasurer

This item was considered before Item 18. As there was only one remaining nomination for the position of Treasurer, Prof. J. Trinder was elected as Treasurer.

20. Appointment/Election of First Vice President

Professor K. Torlegard, following the procedures specified in the Bylaws, has agreed to accept the position of the First Vice President for the period 1992-1996.

21. Proposals for Hosts of the Technical Commissions

The following members presented their bids to host Technical Commissions for the period 1992-1996:

- Canada Commission II - (1st choice)
Dr. M. Allam as President
Commission I - (2nd choice)
Dr. L. Bronstein as President
- Greece Commission V - (1st choice)
Prof. J. Badekas as President
Commission I - (2nd choice)
Dr. A. Georgopoulos as President
- Italy Commission I - Prof. L. Mussio as President and withdrew its bid for Commission III
- Brazil Commission VII - (1st choice)
Dr. R. da Cunha as President
Commission III - (2nd choice)
Dr. J. B. de Andrade as President
Commission IV - (3rd choice)
F. R. de Carvalho as President

- Germany Commission III - Prof. H. Ebner as President
- U.S.A. Commission IV - Prof. R. Welch as President
- Australia Commission V - (1st choice)
Prof. J. Fryer as President
- China Commission VI - Prof. Li Deren as President
- Hungary Commission VII - G. Remetey Fülöpp as President
- Ethiopia Bids were withdrawn because there was no representation from Ethiopia to present the bid.

Since Canada was the only member to submit a nomination for President of Commission II, Dr. Allam was elected as President of Commission II.

Since China was the only member to submit a nomination for President of Commission VI, Prof. Li Deren was elected as President of Commission VI.



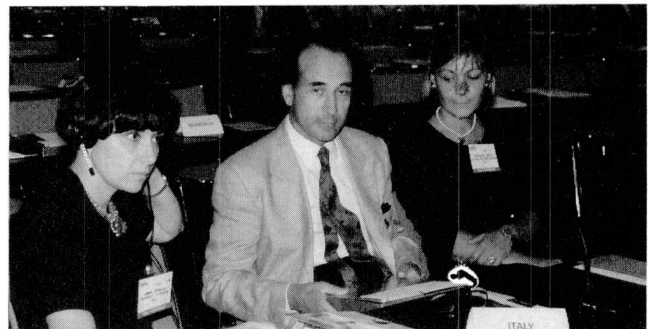
Delegates Kuhn, Dorrer and List from Germany



Delegates Kai Yang and Chu Liangcai from P. R. China



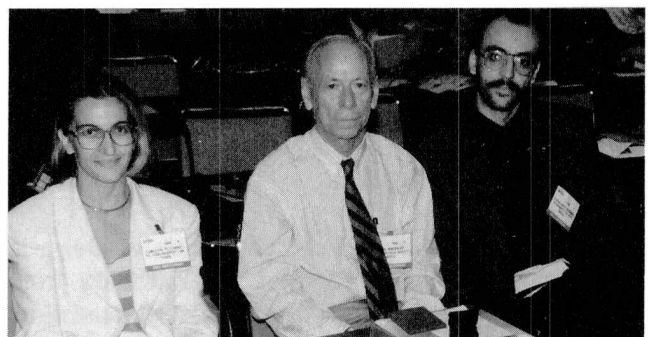
Delegates Melykuti, Detrekoi & Remetey from Hungary



Delegates Spalla, Monti and Betti from Italy



Delegate Krishna Raj Adhikary from Nepal



Delegates Potsiou, Badekas and Ioannidis from Greece

Third General Assembly Friday, 7th August 1992

The President welcomed Korea and China-Taipei, indicating that they should have been welcomed at the previous General Assembly. He also welcomed Syria, Chile and the Regional Members SELPER and EARSeL.

18. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to Statutes and Bylaws (continued)

New documents distributed to National Delegates were the proposed terms of reference of Commission VI for change of the Bylaws. Council has met to consider submissions by Ordinary Members for modifications to the proposed Bylaws. The Council favors most of the changes and the new version will be distributed to delegates on Monday, 10 August.

The USA expressed concern with the proposed Bylaw VII(2). The USA claims that this new Bylaw is very restrictive on Ordinary Members' rights to publish papers which have been submitted to the Congress and Symposia. The USA agreed to prepare a new version of the proposed Bylaw VII(2).

The Secretary General confirmed voting rights.

22. Election of the Hosts for Technical Commissions

Commission V	Australia	120	
	Greece	<u>54</u>	
		174	

Australia elected to host Commission V.

Commission I	Greece	57	
	Italy	<u>117</u>	
		174	

Italy elected to host Commission I.

Commission VI	Brazil	110	
	Hungary	<u>64</u>	
		174	

Brazil elected to host Commission VII.

After the above decisions:

Germany was elected to host Commission III, and USA was elected to host Commission IV.

23. Election of Chairperson and members of the Financial Commission

Prior to the election, the delegation of Bulgaria changed the nomination of Dr. Katzarsky from Chair to member of the Financial Commission. The delegation of Greece changed its nomination

of Prof. Badekas from Chair to member of the Financial Commission.

Election of Chairperson

K. Atkinson (UK)	149
P. Trino (Brazil)	<u>25</u>
	174

Mr. Keith Atkinson was elected as Chairperson of the Financial Commission.

The President invited those countries that had failed to succeed in their bids for Congress (Spain) or Technical Commissions (Hungary) to nominate persons for the membership of the Financial Commission. Those nominated were:

Spain	Mr. Ramon Lorenzo
Hungary	Dr. Gábor Remetey-Fülöpp

There were therefore 5 candidates for the Financial Commission:

Prof. J. Badekas (Greece)
 Dr. I. Katzarsky (Bulgaria)
 Mr. R. Lorenzo (Spain)
 Dr. G. Remetey-Fülöpp (Hungary)
 Mr. P. Trino (Brazil)

Voting:	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Badekas	46	52	53
Katzarsky	23	17	--
Lorenzo	47	59	66
Remetey	39	44	52
Trino	19	--	--
	Trino eliminated	Katzarsky eliminated	Remetey eliminated

Prof. Badekas and Mr. Lorenzo were elected as members of the Financial Commission.

24. Reports of Council

(The complete text of the Reports of the President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Congress Director and Financial Commission follow these summaries of the General Assemblies.)

- a. The President's Report
The report, which had been circulated earlier was summarized by the President.
- b. The Secretary General's Report
The report, which had been circulated earlier was summarized by the Secretary General. The number of Ordinary Members have increased from 84 to 94 at this Congress.
- c. The Treasurer's Report
The report, which had been circulated earlier was summarized by the Treasurer.

d. The Congress Director's Report

The report, which had been circulated earlier was summarized by the Congress Director. Updated information was as follows:

Number of Attendees:	
Full registrants	2214
Exhibitors and Visitors	2550
Accompanying Persons	<u>275</u>
Total	5039

Tutorials:	
Computer Vision	39
Close-Range Photogrammetry	40

All Technical tours and Social events have been well attended.

25. Financial Commission's Report

The report, which had been circulated earlier was summarized by the Chairman of the Financial Commission. The Chairman added a statement at the end of item 4 of the report as follows:

The Financial Commission also recommends that each Ordinary Member should review its category to ensure that it is in the appropriate category, consistent with the number of experts in its country. This will ensure that each Ordinary Member contributes towards the finances of the Society according to its ability to pay.

26. Decision on unit of Subscription

The president recommended that the unit of subscription should be increased by 25% according to inflation of the Swiss Franc over the last 4 years.

Discussion: Germany queried the details in the Financial Report. An explanation was given by the Chairman of the Financial Commission. Council members spoke in favor of the increase. The vote was taken and increase approved by a show of hands with abstentions from Tanzania and Czechoslovakia and objections from Germany and Romania.

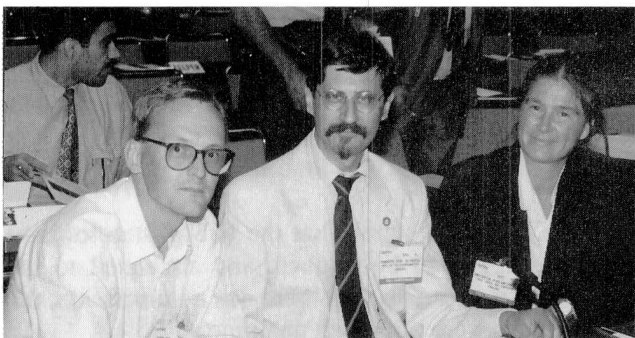
27. Review of Membership

The Secretary General referred to the review of membership document which was distributed to Ordinary Members.

Discussion: Nigeria joined ISPRS originally through their Government Department and then subsequently a National Committee was formed. However, this National Committee was not financially viable, and therefore the membership has been transferred back to the government department. Nigeria will be able to meet its financial contributions in ISPRS through its revised membership.

The Delegate for Nigeria stated that in developing countries, photogrammetry and remote sensing are mainly done in government departments, and therefore ISPRS should accommodate government departments as its members.

The President recommended that Ordinary Members should participate in the Society within the rules of the Society. Argentina, for example, has recently changed its membership to a national society.



Delegates Ågren, Boberg and Palmqvist from Sweden



Delegate Y. Golda from Ukraine and Delegate U. Zuments from Latvia



Delegates Yue, Mopilin and Kadir from Malaysia



Delegates Forrai, Peled and Zilberstein from Israel

Fourth General Assembly Monday, 10th August 1992

The seating was altered to allow the speakers from the Sister Societies to be seated at the head table.

28. Addresses by Sister Societies

The President introduced guests from the Sister Societies:

Mr. Earl James, President of FIG
Dr. Fraser Taylor, President of ICA
Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Torge, President of IAG
Dr. Sidney Witiuk, Past President of SORSA
Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, Executive Officer of IUSM

Apologies were expressed by Rear Admiral Christian Andreasen, the incoming President of IHO.

Mr. Earl James presented greetings from FIG and the Bureau. He referred to the aims of FIG, and the initiatives that have been taken by the Bureau since it took over in February 1992 from Finland. It has planned a number of seminars for developing countries and has been represented at the environment conference in Rio de Janeiro. The Bureau is attempting to find ways in which surveyors can assist in solving global problems of the environment.

Dr. Fraser Taylor presented greetings from ICA. ICA is the world body for cartographers. He described the aims of the Association, which include contributing to understanding and use of cartography for solution of world wide problems, assisting developing countries, developing research in cartography, and enhancing education. The work of the Association is carried out through its Commissions and working groups, a number of which complement and work in parallel to those of ISPRS. The next ICA Conference is in Cologne in May 1993 and its next Congress is in Barcelona in 1995.

Dr. Wolfgang Torge stated that it is an honor to extend best wishes to ISPRS from IAG. IAG has its roots back to 1863. It is embedded in IUGG which demonstrates its relationship to the geophysical sciences. Geodesy is technology driven and since it has a strong commitment to the engineering sciences, it has maintained contact with the Sister Societies. By joining IUSM, it demonstrates the interest of IAG to work with the Sister Societies. He gave examples of areas of common interest with ISPRS. IAG wishes ISPRS well and looks forward to closer contact with it on common problems.

Dr. Sidney Witiuk brought greetings on behalf of SORSA which met recently for its Conference in Canada. SORSA commenced in 1974 with aims to develop studies in the application of spatial referencing systems, to encourage cooperation between interested groups and promote development of spatial retrieval systems. It has cooperated with ISPRS in assisting interested persons to attend each others' conferences. It is a pleasure to be associated with the activities of ISPRS through IUSM.

Mr. Hugh O'Donnell expressed good wishes to ISPRS from IUSM. The Congress is a very important meeting for IUSM, since it is the inaugural scientific meeting of IUSM. The Conference will address common issues of the Member Societies, which are GPS surveying, automated control measurements, GIS and education. There will be 40 papers presented at the Conference, published in a separate proceedings. He expressed his gratitude to Prof. K. Torlegard and Mr. L. Fritz for their invitation and the quality of the IUSM Conference. The good attendance at the Conference demonstrates the success of the concept of IUSM.

29. Schermerhorn Award

Prof. G. Konecny described the purpose of the award and the significant achievements of Prof. Schermerhorn in the activities of ISPRS. The award was presented to Professor Ian Dowman of United Kingdom. Prof. Dowman responded thanking the donors for the award.

At this point the normal seating arrangements were resumed by the Council of ISPRS.

The President welcomed Sri Lanka and India to the General Assembly.

30. Ratification of IUSM Statutes

The President stated that the IUSM Statutes have been approved by Council, and circulated to the General Assembly. As there was no discussion, the Statutes were approved unanimously.

31. Report of ISPRS Official Journal "Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing"

The report was presented by Mr. David Tait. From 1985 to 1991 there have been 174 papers presented in the Journal written by 285 authors from 33 countries. The distribution of the papers from different countries was given. There have been over 100 reports, 16 book reviews and over 600 newsletters.

Beginning in 1993 there will be some changes. The format will change to A4. There will be an expanded news section to include up-to-date information on ISPRS and thus serve as a Newsletter. Personal subscription rates will be substantially discounted. Mr. Tait encouraged members to subscribe and also to recommend their libraries subscribe.

The President encouraged members to support the Journal and described the advantages of subscription. The General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Mr. Tait for his work by acclamation.

32. Decisions on Amendments to Bylaws

The President said that the suggested modifications to the Bylaws have been incorporated into the new version that has been distributed. The General Assembly can discuss them and ratify them today or hold over the decision until Thursday at the last

meeting (GA-5). One suggested item has not been included, that is, the use of the word "classification" in the title of Commission VII, because "monitoring" includes "classification". Alternative wording for the new Bylaw VII.2 was presented by USA, which will be circulated to Delegates through their mail boxes. The United Kingdom stated that the version presented by USA was too complicated and that it may be better to delete the Bylaw completely. USA agreed that this may be the appropriate action.

Sweden questioned whether the ownership or right to publish can be taken away from the author.

South Africa questioned whether a Bylaw can be formulated which conflicts with the copyright of a country. The President stated that in this case the law of the country prevails.

The decision will be taken at GA-5.



Delegates R. Hoffer, W. French, S. Morain and R. Welch from USA



Congress Reception for the Official ISPRS Delegates at the US State Department

Fifth General Assembly Thursday, 13th August 1992

The President opened the meeting and welcomed Madagascar and Philippines.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the President announced that a small IUSM ceremony would be held to enable the President of IUSM, Prof. Fraser Taylor, to present its first award to Dr. F. Doyle. Dr. Doyle was an initiator of IUSM and he has performed outstanding service toward its cause. The award is richly deserved. On receiving the award from Prof. Fraser Taylor, Dr. Doyle responded, thanking him for this recognition.

32. Decision on Amendments to Statutes and Bylaws (continued)

Mr. Atkinson explained that the purpose of Bylaw VII.2 is to strengthen the position of the Editor of *Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (PRS)*. It aims to regularize the procedure developed by Prof. Jurgen Hothmer (former Editor of *PRS*), and continued by the current editor, to publish in *PRS* "best papers" given at the Congress. Papers which are published in *PRS* are more accessible than those in the Archives. It would take 75 years for all papers at the Congress to be published in *PRS*. The Bylaw therefore affects only a few papers of the total presented to a Congress. The Editor wishes to be selective, with the assistance of the Technical Commission Presidents.

The President stated that the voting procedure should be as follows:

- 32.1. A vote will be taken on Bylaw VII.2.
 - i That version proposed by Council,
 - ii If that vote fails, then the version presented by USA will be voted on.
 - iii If that vote also fails, then there will be no addition to Bylaw VII.
- 32.2. A vote will be taken on proposed change to the terms of reference of Commission VII as proposed by Canada.
- 32.3. A bulk vote will be taken on the remainder of the modifications to the Bylaws

A 75% majority vote is required to approve changes to the Bylaws.

The Secretary General determined the required number of votes to achieve the 75% majority.

32.1. Voting on changes to Bylaw VII.2.

Council proposal - there were 47 votes against the proposal and therefore it was defeated.

USA proposal - there were only 40 votes in favor, and therefore the proposal was defeated.

The result of these votes is that there will be no additions to Bylaw VII.2.

32.2. Vote on terms of reference of Commission VII.

The Canadian delegation requested that the terms of reference of Commission VII be amended to include the additional statement "Integration of remote sensing and GIS techniques for resource surveys and monitoring of the environment". The General Assembly voted in favor of the proposal with 1 abstention and 3 against.

32.3. Bulk vote on remainder of Amendments to the Bylaws.

The General Assembly voted in favor of the proposal with 1 vote against.

33. Report on IUSM

The President presented the report which had been circulated previously.

34. Approval of Resolutions

First Vice President, Prof. G. Konecny, announced that the resolutions had been prepared in draft form at the commencement of the Congress and then further considered at the Commission Business Meetings. A small group comprising First Vice President G. Konecny, Dr. G. Zarzycki, Prof. A. Gruen reviewed their overall content, and acceptance was obtained for the final version of the resolutions from the Technical Commission Presidents. The resolutions are for approval by the General Assembly and will be summarized at the final plenary session. They have been discussed by many people. They are very important because they give guidelines to new Technical Commission Presidents for future activities, who indeed have also been consulted regarding their content. The First Vice President recommended that they be approved by the General Assembly. They were then presented in detail.

Discussion: South Africa recommended that Resolution IV.6 be modified to refer to "celestial bodies". This was approved.

Hong Kong recommended that Resolution VI.5 include additional wording . . . governments "be urged to" . . . This was approved.

United Kingdom queried whether Resolution I.1 was appropriate. It was explained that the Society was already involved in these activities and therefore this resolution should remain.

Greece claimed that Resolutions III.5 and VI.6 were very similar and therefore Resolution III.5 should be deleted. It was stated by the First Vice President that it had been determined after considerable discussion and therefore should remain.

Regarding Resolution IV.1 United Kingdom stated that the establishment of global data bases cannot be achieved because of lack of available finances. On Resolution VI.1, the UK is unable to obtain sufficient volunteers to provide translations of all terms in the Multilingual Dictionary, and therefore the task should be reduced in size to what is achievable by volunteer workers.

On General Resolution I, Congress Director Fritz, asked for a show of hands on the number of Ordinary Members that have access to electronic mail. About half of the members indicated this was the case.

Sweden objected to the deletion of the words "terrestrial cameras" in resolution I.3, since the terms were not included in the resolution of Commission V. Prof. Gruen (Switzerland) stated that terrestrial cameras have always been studied in Commission V and it was therefore not necessary to include it in resolutions of Commission V.

The resolutions were approved by the General Assembly unanimously.

35. Any Other Business

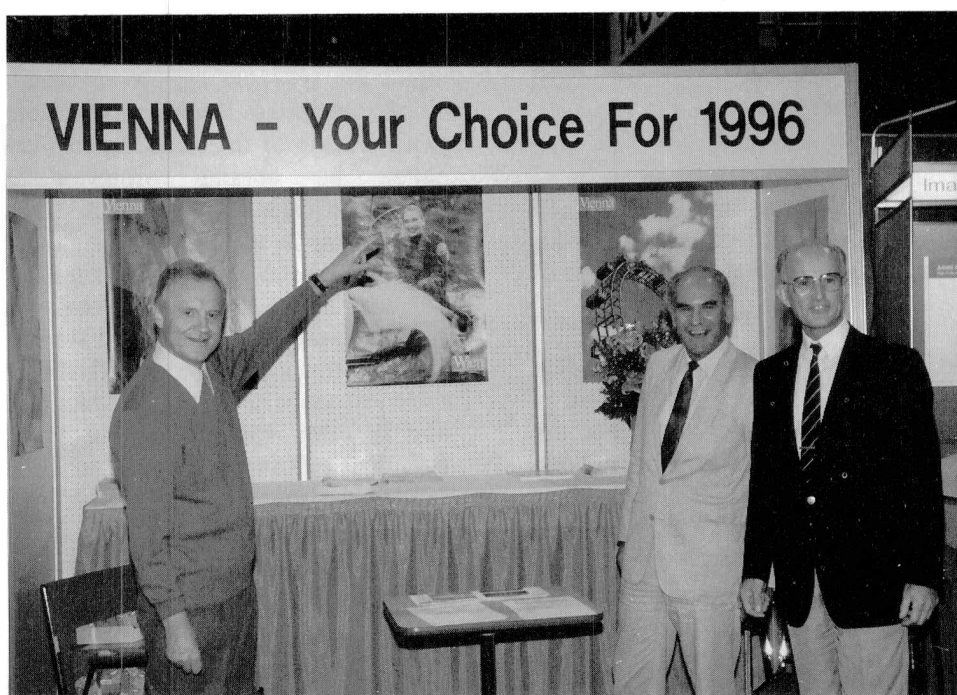
USA asked delegates to promote the Geodessey Environmental Grants, GIS Research Initiative announced last Thursday.

UK complimented the President and Council on the fair and efficient manner in which the General Assemblies have been run.

36. Closing

The President stated that the General Assembly is the supreme body of the Society. During the 5 General Assembly Sessions there have been deliberations and discussions which will determine the future directions of the Society. He thanked the delegates, advisors and observers for their contributions in the General Assembly. He stated that there have been delegates from 69 countries which is the largest number ever; and there has been an estimated 50% greater participation in this Congress than predicted earlier. It has indeed been a very good and successful Congress. He thanked everyone for their cooperation and participation in the Congress and the interpreters for their patience.

The General Assembly was then closed.



Austrian Delegates Karl Kraus, Ernst Hoeflinger and Peter Waldhaeusl Applaud the General Assembly's Decision.