

MINUTES, Council Meeting

Mar. 7, 2013, 11:00 GMT - 14:00 GMT

Teleconference, various locations

In Attendance:

President	Chen Jun (CJ), starting at 11:45 GMT
Secretary General	Christian Heipke (CH)
First Vice President	Orhan Altan (OA)
Second Vice President	Marguerite Madden (MM), starting at 12 noon GMT
Congress Director	Lena Halounova (LH)
Treasurer	Jon Philip Mills (JPM)

In attendance as special advisors:

ISPRS Headquarters	Uwe Breitkopf (UB), Annette Radtke (AR)
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Minutes

1. Opening remarks

CJ opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. CH introduces Annette Radtke (AR), the new secretary of ISPRS Headquarters, to Council. Council welcomes Annette and wishes her lots of luck and interesting experiences in her new job. Uwe Breitkopf (UB) will continue to serve ISPRS Headquarters, especially on technical matters.

2. Approval of Agenda (CJ)

The above agenda was approved.

3. Review of previous meetings

3.1 Approval of minutes of CM meeting, Chengdu

The minutes of the CM on Dec. 3 and 7, 2012 in Chengdu were approved.

3.2 Review of council action lists

The action list was reviewed and updated, see file Council_Actions_2012-2016.xlsx

4. Science issues

4.1 ISPRS vision and position paper

The first draft of the vision paper had been distributed by CJ immediately before the telecon meeting. CJ will arrange for discussions with all Council members to receive feedback. The paper will also be discussed during the meeting of OA, MM,,CJ and CH at the upcoming ASPRS March Meeting in Baltimore.

4.2 ISPRS general slide collection

The actual version will be copied to the dropbox in the next few days. Only this copy should be used from now on. Additions by Council members are very welcome, in particular, where parts are missing and for the 2016 Congress.

5. Policy matters and society management

5.1 Implementation of strategic plan

OA suggests that four task forces be built for the future¹. Possible members are:

TF1: Membership development; Leader: CH, with OA, JPM

TF2: Scientific Meeting structure: Leader: OA, with CH, FS, Ian Dowman, Nicolas Paparoditis

TF3: Marketing: Leader: LH with JPM, Dieter Fritsch (representing TIF)

TF4: Outreach and Capacity Building: Leader: MM, with ID, JG, Martien Molenaar

TF5: Scientific vision: Leader: CJ, with CH, MM, Nicolas Paparoditis, Wolfgang Wagner

OA suggested task force leaders to send further nominations of TF candidates to CH. Council agreed, in principle, to these suggestions and asks leaders to start drafting terms of reference for the task forces. Decisions on implementing the task forces will be taken in during the next CM in Hannover in May.

Action13/1001: TF leaders to prepare terms of reference for the task forces (see also pt. 8.2 below) and to nominate participants, by Apr. 30, 2013.

5.2 Statues and bylaws

MM has updated the Statues and Bylaws ratified during the Melbourne Congress. They will be put to the Web as soon as possible.

6. Review of Technical Commission composition

6.1 Review of TC VIII

OA reported on a recent meeting with TCP C. VIII VD in Vienna. VD is open for further suggestions on WG officers, and for adjustments to the terms of reference of the working group. The TC Sec. Raju has now taken actions to improve the status of the Commission.

IPAC Chair Gunter Schreier (GS) will meet VD and Sec. Raju in India during the next few days. After a short discussion, it was decided to wait for GS's report on the progress of the TC before making further decisions/actions.

6.2 Approval of late WG III/5

Approved.

6.3 Dates and venue of mid-term symposia, finalization and public announcement

CH will check the dates with all TCPs to confirm the information available at the moment, before publishing the dates and venues of the 2014 Symposia.

Action13/1002: CH to contact TCPs and have dates and venue of mid-term symposia confirmed, by March 15, 2013.

7. The XXIII Congress in Prague 2016

LH reported on the progress to date, in preparation for 2016.

- The Organizing Committee has been set up with Lena Halounová, CD, as President, Karel Vach and Petr Dvořáček as Vice-presidents. Peter Dvořáček was appointed a chair of the Financial Committee, Karel Vach was appointed a chair of the Exhibition Committee.
- The chairs of the Programme Committee were appointed: Václav Šafář as President, Karel Pavelka and Vladimír Kovařík as Vice-presidents.
- The first payment for the Prague Congress Centre has been made.

¹ Some of the names and TF5 were added after additional discussion following the telecon.

- Former presidents and other honorary members were contacted to join the International Advisory Board.
- There are plans to establish an International Programme Committee. The role of this committee, with respect to the TCPs and the local programme committee, will be detailed and discussed at the next CM in Hannover in May.
- Lena Halounová will contact all ISPRS members and offer to meet them in person in order to discuss their ideas and requests about the Congress and the Society.

8. ISPRS Membership

8.1 Status of Ordinary, Associate, Sustaining and Regional Members

CH reported on the status of the member data base. The addresses of a significant number of members are outdated and/or incomplete. Efforts are under way to update the database.

8.2 Service provided to members

CJ expressed the opinion that ISPRS needs to contact members and hear what services they would like to be provided with. CH emphasised the need to offer something to the StM's in return for their membership. JPM stated the need to have more than just a contact person within organizations and companies, to secure long term contact and keep payments coming in.

These issues will be taken into account by the task forces on membership and marketing.

8.3 Individual membership

Individual membership has been voted upon at the Melbourne GA. According to the vote, ISPRS has introduced individual membership without restriction. Council has to take a decision on all applications.

The GA has also asked the new Council to further develop this sensitive topic. One issue is the current state of the ISPRS database. At present, updating the database has priority over adding a new membership category. Council will also discuss the issue with those members who voiced concern about the current situation.

One possibility to do so will arise during the upcoming ASPRS March Meeting in Baltimore. ASPRS has invited Council members present in Baltimore to a meeting in which this issue might be raised by ASPRS officers.

9. ISPRS Publications

9.1.1 ISPRS Annals and Archives

9.1.2 Status of cooperation with Copernicus

CH reported the present situation with Copernicus. The current review system has room for improvement. Copernicus is working on it. CH has a meeting tomorrow, with Copernicus representatives.

An application has been filed to have the Archives included in the Conference Proceedings Citation Index (CPCI) of the Web of Knowledge.

9.1.3 Double publications

CH reported the fact that at some ISPRS meetings, as it appears, good papers are being published outside the ISPRS proceedings. This is a development neither ISPRS nor Copernicus is happy with. CH will address the issue in the next meeting with Copernicus, and will draft a letter to WG chairs to clarify the situation.

Action13/1003: CH to distribute a letter to WG chairs explaining the way Archives and Annals will be produced in the future, by March 15, 2013.

9.1.4 Status of 2012 Archive Vol. A

MM reported that the organisers of the Melbourne congress do not see a possibility to produce the ISPRS Archives Vol. A for 2012. They have already provided the

material to MM. JPM suggested finding funds from the 2012 Congress dividend to pay someone to compile Vol. A. OA has someone who could help, and will inquire.

Action13/1004: OA to inquire about help in compiling Vol. A, by March 15, 2013.

9.2 ISPRS Journals

MM reported on the ongoing positive development of the ISPRS Journals.

9.3 eBulletin

CH reported that the eBulletin is running smoothly. There could be a more input. The announcement of the intercommission meeting in Antalya in November will be included in the next issue. MM is to provide input for the April eBulletin editorial.

9.4 GIM and Geoinformatics page

The GIM page has sufficient information coming in. The Student Consortium is contributing to the April issue.

The Geoinformatics deadline is March 8. MM is working on the material and will send it directly to Geoinformatics with copy to CH. CH will inform the Geoinformatics editor.

10. Financial affairs

10.1 Credit card payment

JPM reported about his progress in trying to set up a system with UBS/Six for credit card payment. Ongoing.

10.2 2013 budget

JPM thanked everyone for submitting their travel budgets. Councils approves the budget. JPM will submit it to the financial commission for comment and approval.

Action13/1005: JPM to send budget for 2013 to financial commission for comments, by March 15, 2013.

10.3 Approval of 2012 financial report for submission to finance commission

The report was approved. JPM will send the report to the financial commission on March 8. He will also prepare the tax return and forward it to the USA tax office by the following week.

Action13/1006: JPM to send financial report for 2012 to financial commission for comments, by March 15, 2013.

Action 13/1007: JPM to prepare files for USA accountants for subsequent submission to USA tax office, by March 15, 2013.

11. ISPRS Committees

11.1 ISAC - ISPRS future meeting structure

CH summarised the suggestions of ISAC Chair ID regarding ISPRS meeting structure in relation to that of other organizations.

OA suggested using the experience gained this year in Antalya. In the meantime, ID will be asked to further detail the structure in conjunction with the corresponding TF.

11.2 Intercommission Conference Antalya, Nov. 11-16, 2013

OA briefly reports on the status. Everything is going smoothly.

11.3 IPAC current list of members

There seems to be some questions about who has already been invited as a member. CH suggested to contact Gunter Schreier for clarification.

12. Relations with international and other organisations

12.1 UNOOSA, VALID Project

UNOOSA, VALID Project printed book to be presented to the public in Vienna, September 3, 2013.

12.2 OGC

MM will probably attend the next OGC GAC (Greater Advisory Committee) meeting to be held in Rotterdam during the Geospatial World Forum in May. She will be the liaison person to OGC.

12.3 ICA

CJ reports on a recent and very constructive meeting with ICA president Georg Gartner, held in Beijing in late February.

12.4 GEO

CJ reports on a workshop on global landcover mapping to be held in Beijing on April 27/28, 2013 together with GEO.

12.5 Others

13. Coming meetings

13.1 Meetings to be attended by Council members

CH will send the list of upcoming meetings to Cnl. members for updating.

Action13/1009: CH to send List to Cnl. members for updating.

13.2 Next council meeting, Hannover

CH asks Council to forward arrival and departure flight details asap.

14. Any other business (CJ)

None.

15. Close (CJ)

CJ closed the meeting at 13.52 GMT.