

Minutes, Joint Council and TCP Meeting

Nov. 12, 2013, 9:00 - 18:00 + Nov. 13, 2013, 9:00 - 15:00

Antalya, Turkey

In Attendance:

President	Chen Jun (CJ)
Secretary General	Christian Heipke (CH)
First Vice President	Orhan Altan (OA)
Second Vice President	Marguerite Madden (MM)
Congress Director	Lena Halounová (LH)
Treasurer	Jon Philip Mills (JPM)

TCP Commission I	Charles Toth (CT)
TCP Commission II	Songnian Li (SL)
TCP Commission III	Konrad Schindler (KS)
TCP Commission IV	Jie Jiang (JJ)
TCP Commission V	Fabio Remondino (FR)
TCP Commission VI	Jianya Gong (JG)
TCP Commission VII	Filiz Sunar (FS)
TCP Commission VIII	Vinay K. Dadhwal (VD)

In attendance as special advisor and for specific items:

TC VI Secretary	Peng Yue (PY)
ISAC Chair	Ian Dowman (ID) - Nov. 13
ISAC member	Nicolas Pappadimitis (NP) - Nov. 13, afternoon
ISAC member	George Vosselman (GV) - Nov. 13, afternoon
IPAC Chair	Gunter Schreier (GS) - Nov. 13
Chair, Financial Commission	Marie-José Lefèvre-Fonollosa (ML) - Nov. 12
Editor-in-Chief, ISPRS J.	Derek Lichti (DL) - Item 7.1
Editor-in-Chief, IJGI	Wolfgang Kainz (WK) - Item 7.2
Rep. Elsevier	Elaine van Ommen Kloeke (EO) - Item 7.1
Rep. Copernicus	Xenia van Edig (XE) - Item 7.3

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ISPRS Headquarters	Annette Radtke (AR)
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Minutes

1. Opening remarks

CJ opened the meeting at 9am and welcome the participants. He thanked OA and FS for the excellent preparation and introduced TCP's, Council, and guests.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Review of previous meetings

3.1 Approval of minutes, JM Chengdu, Dec. 5-6, 2012

The minutes from Chengdu were approved.

4. Science issues

4.1 ISPRS vision and position paper

CJ presented the status of the vision paper. Potential authors have been invited to prepare different sections in August 2013, some sections were already completed.

CJ also presented the ideas and schedule for a theme issue of the ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing to be published shortly before the next Congress. Each TCP was asked to contribute a paper on a cutting edge research topic within the scope of the commission. Exact topics would be the choice of the TCP, who are free to invite further authors and are encouraged to coordinate input with neighbouring commissions to avoid duplication. Additional papers could come from CIPA and others, who may wish to report on specific topics.

CH and MM were asked to oversee the process on behalf of Council. CH will distribute a draft schedule. Submission of manuscripts for review is scheduled for July 2015. MM, ISAC chair ID, the book series editor Zhilin Li and CH will be the guest editors of the theme issue.

Originally, a second theme issue on topics spatial information science to be published in the IJGI was scheduled, but the related TCPs asked for a single theme issue with contributions from all TC. This idea was accepted by all and will be pursued. It is nevertheless intended to publish a special issue on GI in the IJGI before the congress. MM was asked to look after this matter. Submission of manuscripts for review is also scheduled for July 2015.

The theme issue and the IJGI special issue will replace the congress book published at earlier congresses.

Action 13/2022: CH and MM to oversee the process of producing the theme issue in the ISPRS J. of Ph&RS with a submission target of July 2015, in due time.

Action 13/2023: CH to distribute a draft schedule for the ISPRS J. of Ph&RS theme issue by Dec. 31, 2013.

Action 13/2024: MM to look after the special GI issue to be published in the IJGI with a submission target of July 2015, in due time.

4.2 Scientific Initiative

JPM announced the successful applications. The results will also be announced to all applicants and on the regular ISPRS channels (web, eBulletin). Unfortunately, no application from TC's VII and VIII was submitted.

KS suggested providing a formal acknowledgement (letter or certificate) for the successful applicants' CVs, the idea was adopted.

Action 13/2025: JPM to inform all applicants about results, by Nov. 15, 2013.

Action 13/2026: CH to ensure results be published on regular ISPRS channels, by Nov. 20, 2013.

Action 13/2027: JPM to provide successful applicants with a letter / certificate of recognition, by Dec. 31, 2013.

5. Review of Technical Commissions

Each TCP reported on activities within their commission and about the status of Midterm Symposia preparations:

TCI: (CT) All WGs active.

Preparation of midterm symposium somewhat delayed due to US Government shutdown, but good progress now.

TCII: (SL) All WGs active.

Organisation of midterm symposium well under way (together with SDH/IGU). Deadline for abstract submission: **Feb. 1st, 2014.**

TCIII: (KS) All WGs active, WGs II, III, & IV very successful.

Midterm Symposium well organised, half day overlap with German Conference on Pattern Recognition (DAGM), effort put into sponsorships to enable financial assistance to students.

TCIV: (JJ) All WGs active.

Organisation of midterm symposium well under way.

TCV: (FR) All WGs active.

Organisation of midterm symposium well under way.

Effort should be undertaken to give the mobile mapping series of meetings and the related community a home in ISPRS.

TCVI: (JG) All WGs active.

Organisation of midterm symposium well under way, will include summer school after the symposium in cooperation with Student Consortium and the 3S summer school organised between Russian universities and University of Wuhan in previous years.

TCVII: (FS) All WGs active.

Organisation of midterm symposium well under way, but somewhat lagging behind due to the preparations for the Antalya meeting.

The deadline for submission of full papers to be included into the Annals will be announced soon.

TCVIII: (VD) Most WGs active, WG VIII/3 and VIII/4 seem to be a bit of an exception. The case will be looked into separately. CJ asked to increase level of communication with Cnl and within the TC wherever possible.

Organisation of midterm symposium well under way.

CH reminded all TCPs that options for both types of proceedings, Archives and Annals, should be available for authors during all midterm symposia. In case, deadlines for submission of manuscripts have not yet been advertised, this should be done very soon.

CJ asked the TCPs to organise a TC board meeting during each symposium, which they should chair. Cnl members present at the symposium will attend the board meeting; all WGs need to be represented by at least one WG officer.

MM announced the availability of travel grants for midterm symposia from TIF: USD24,000 in Symposia year (on average, USD3000 per TC), and USD5000 additional funds for summer schools. Travel grant opportunities are announced on the ISPRS and TIF websites a minimum of 4 months prior to the event. The TIF Grant Review Committee will review all applications and awardees will be notified by the TIF Board. Certificates of recognition will be distributed.

Further, TCPs were asked not use the term "Symposia" for events other than the ISPRS midterm symposium, to avoid confusion. They were also asked to let their WG officers know that workshops should not be organised in a period of 4 months before or after the symposia, to attract more people to the symposia.

CH requested that TCPs make sure that proceedings from ISPRS events be published as Archives or Annals, wherever possible.

Finally, TCPs are asked to strongly encourage organisers to send scientific reports of ISPRS events to the Secretary General for distribution in the eBulletin.

ID suggested a standard template table for TCWG activity reports, similar to TCIV presentation. This template can best be compiled if TCPs contact WG officers and request an activity report shortly before the JM.

Action 13/2028: TCPs to organise board meeting at the symposium and to take into account the other requests from Council, in due time.

Action 13/2029: MM to forward deadlines for application of TIF travel grants to TCPs and CH, by Dec. 31, 2013.

Action 13/2030: CH to distribute to TCPs standard template table for WG activity reports, by Dec. 31, 2013.

6. Congress 2016

LH gave a status report on the preparations for the congress incl. the review process. The Platinum Sponsorship contract with Leica Geosystems was signed at InterGeo in Oct. 2103. Contact with other companies is under way.

A status report of the paper reviewing system for the congress, and the TCP's comments and reactions thereto was given. It was decided to follow LH's idea to implement a local and an international programme committee, the latter comprising the TCPs, three additional people with experience in paper reviewing per TC to be nominated by the TCPs, a chair and potentially two vice chairs. LH was asked to clarify the respective roles of the suggested local and the international committee.

OA suggested producing a new video for the next congress. LH agreed to look into the possibilities of doing so, but would need input material from TCPs, other ISPRS officers and other individuals.

Action 13/2031: LH to clarify the role of local and international programme committee and to let TCPs and Council know, by Nov. 30, 2013.

Action 13/2032: TCPs to nominate people with experience in paper reviewing for the international programme committee, by Dec. 15, 2013.

Action 13/2033: TCPs to support LH in producing a new ISPRS video upon request, in due time.

7. ISPRS Publications

7.1 ISPRS Journal of Ph&RS

EO gave a short status report of the journal, emphasizing the fact that the journal is in a very healthy and growing stage. DL invited TCP's to propose topics for theme issues, along with the names of people willing to be guest editors.

Given the high volume of manuscript submissions, DL requested an additional Associate Editor (AE) to handle optical remote sensing papers. EO agreed and Elsevier will cover the expense for the new AE.

7.2 ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information

WK gave a short overview of the IJGI open access journal. Also, IJGI is in a healthy and growing stage. As early as 2015 an application to Thomson Reuters for inclusion into the ISI and other indices is planned. WK requested TC's, particularly TCII, IV, VI to organise special issues in order to further raise the journal profile.

7.3 Archives and Annals

Copernicus, being responsible for publishing the Annals and Archives, had sent XE to the meeting. Aided by examples and a number of slides, she explained the details of the reviewing system, including the current status and extensions planned for the near future. TCPs were also provided with a manual for the review system to assist them with handling the papers.

The official name of midterm symposium to be used in header/footer of proceedings was decided to read: ISPRS TC <no.> Symposium, <Date>, >Location>, <Country>.

7.4 e-Bulletin, GIM and GeoInformatics page

CH expressed his pleasure with the present state of contributions for the GIM and the Geoinformatics pages and thanked TCPs for their efforts in this regard. On the other hand, contributions for the eBulletin only come in sporadically. CH asked TCPs to consider submitting material also to the eBulletin and to request WG officers to do likewise.

7.5 Book series

CJ informed TCPs that upon request from Zhilin Li, the new book editor, Cnl has agreed to change its policy on royalties. As of this meeting, authors will obtain such payment rather than the society.

7.6 Biennial report

CH suggested a new format, including reports from Council, TCP's, ISAC and IPAC. It was decided to implement a biennial scheme with report being published in the first quarter of even years, i.e. shortly before the symposia and the congress.

Financial details will not be contained in this report, as they need to be reported elsewhere. A template for the 2012/13 report is to be distributed to TCPs by CH, contributions are due by Dec. 31, 2013.

Action 13/2034: CH to distribute template for new biennial report to TCPs and other contributors, by Nov. 30, 2013.

Action 13/2035: TCPs et al. to provide necessary input to CH, by Dec. 31, 2013.

8. ISPRS Committees

8.1 ISAC

ID reported on ISAC. ISAC suggested a new meeting structure for odd years, in which a larger meeting would be organised rather than a large number of smaller workshops. It is hoped, that as a consequence, the visibility of ISPRS would increase. Nevertheless, workshops are of course still very welcome, in particular small meetings with intensive discussions. ID asked Cnl to take a larger share of responsibility in that meeting and to establish a framework for it in order to create a separate identity for the meeting.

The Joint Conference held in Antalya is seen as the first such larger meeting. OA reported on his experience preparing this combined event. He suggested that for the future the workload be better divided over the participating WG's/Commissions. Nevertheless, overall the meeting was considered to be a very good success. In particular, bundling of the small, but high class workshops was well received by many participants.

For 2015, NP has proposed to hold such a meeting in Montpellier, France. He is in charge of organising the Sivilaser Workshop and intends to combine it with the

ISPRS laser scanning workshop, additional suggestions are very welcome. NP was asked to shift the meeting to spring 2015 if possible to avoid an impact on 2016 congress participation.

Council and TCPs welcomed the initiative of NP and agreed to support him in this endeavour. NP was asked to think about branding of the meeting, some suggestion was "joint ISPRS conference".

ID also shortly presented the new definitions of photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences, which ISAC has suggested. ID will ask TPCs for comments after the meeting.

Action 13/2036: Cnl to prepare a framework for the joint meeting in odd years, by Mar 31, 2014.

Action 13/2037: NP is asked to organise the next joint ISPRS conference in Montpellier, France, in 2015 and is asked to make a suggestion for branding of this series, by Mar 31, 2014.

Action 13/2038: TCPs to send comments on the new definitions of ph. rs and GIS to ID, by Jan. 31, 2014.

8.2 Committee on Standards

The Ad-hoc committee on standards is presently not acting as a group, and the idea of integrating it with IPAC was discussed.

9. Relations with international and other organisations

OA and CJ emphasized the importance of collaboration with other international organisations such as ICSU or various UN bodies. The same is true for scientific sister organisations, e.g. those organised in the JB GIS (ICA, IAG, FIG, IGU, IHO etc.).

10. Coming meetings

The table shows the dates and locations of the midterm symposia 2014 in chronological order together with the planned participation of Council members.

IV	May 14-16	Suzhou	CJ,CH,LH,OA,MM
VI	May 19-21	Wuhan	CJ,CH,LH,OA,MM
V	June 23-25	Riva	CJ,CH,LH,JPM
III	Sept. 5-7	Zürich	CJ,CH,LH
VII	Sept. 29–Oct. 2	Istanbul	CJ,CH,LH,MM
II	Oct. 6-8	Toronto	CJ,CH?,LH?,OA,MM
I	Nov. 17-20	Denver	CJ,CH,LH,MM
VIII + CM	Dec. 9-12	Hyderabad	All
Joint Meeting	Dec. 13-14	Hyderabad	All

10.1 Next Joint meeting

The next Joint Meeting of Cnl and TCPs will be held immediately after the last midterm symposium on Dec. 13 and 14, 2014 in Hyderabad, India

11. Review of JM action list

The list will be attached to the minutes.

12. Any other business

CH reported that a new, substantially revised version of the Orange Book has been compiled and will be made available within the next few weeks.

13. Close

CJ thanks OA and FS for the excellent organisation and closed the meeting at 12 noon on Wed. 13th Nov, 2013.