

Minutes, Joint Council and TCP Meeting 2015

8th and 9th July, 2015
Prague, Czech Republic

In Attendance:

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| 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) |
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| 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 | PLN Raju (PR; for Vinay K. Dadhwal) |
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| IAB: (Thursday, 9th July) | Gottfried Konecny (GK) Ian Dowman (ID), Chair ISAC Larry Fritz (LF) Ammatzia Peled (AP) |
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| | George Vosselman (GV), Chair Int. Prog. Com. Congr. |
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| Minutes: | |
| ISPRS Headquarters | Annette Radtke (AR) |

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Minutes

1. Opening remarks

CJ welcomed all participants and opened the meeting at 9:07.

2. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Review of previous meetings

3.1. Approval of Minutes, Hyderabad, Dec. 10 + 11, 2014.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3.2. Review of Council + Com. President action list

The action list was reviewed and updated.

4. Science issues

4.1. ISPRS vision paper

The vision paper was submitted on May 15, 2015, the review is now in progress.

4.2. ISPRS Journal of Ph&RS theme issue for Congress

15 papers were submitted, and reviewing is now in progress. The aim is to have the theme issue ready a few months prior to the Prague Congress.

5. Policy matters and society management

5.1. Restructuring of Commissions and meeting structure

Restructuring was accepted by the Ordinary Members with overwhelming majority. Information about this decision has been widely distributed.

Cnl asked CPs to assist in nominating suitable individuals for the new commission president and vice president positions. Cnl will inform OdMs about hosting commissions for 2016-20 in the near future.

Action 15/2001: CH to prepare a letter to OdMs about hosting commissions for 2016-20, by August 31, 2015.

5.2. ISPRS Geospatial Week

With a total of 11 events, 342 papers have been submitted and 380 participants had registered by early July.

UNOOSA has generously offered to pay for air tickets up to \$8.000 for attendees coming from developing countries.

All members were informed of the bidding process for the GSW 2017 in a letter circulated in May, 2015. Wuhan University has indicated their intention to submit a bid.

Chen Jun will not be able to attend the GSW 2015.

6. Review of Commissions

WG II/4 Co-chair Jennifer Dungan has stepped down from her position. Council took note of this information. It was decided that due to the short remaining time a replacement is not necessary.

Council asked the Com. IV President to suggest replacements for inactive WG officers of WG IV/6.

Council asked the Com. VIII President to suggest replacements for inactive WG officers of WG VIII/3 and VIII/8.

Action 15/2002: Com. IV to suggest names of replacement officers, by August 31, 2015.

Action 15/2003: Com. VIII to suggest names of replacement officers, by August 31, 2015.

7. The XXIII Congress in Prague 2016

7.1. Second announcement

The 2nd Announcement of the Congress has been disseminated via email, the web site and facebook. The printed version will be distributed to Cat. 4-8 OdMs. The digital version will be continuously updated and can be found at www.isprs2016-prague.com/download.

7.2. Awards

TCPs are to select two best poster papers per commission. The selection should be finished in time to prepare certificates which will be presented at the closing ceremony.

An award for the best paper from a young author on Global Land Cover was suggested. Council welcomed and approved the suggestion under the condition that money can be found from external sources and the timeline and further conditions (e. g. age limit) be harmonised with that of the Young Author Prize of ISPRS.

Action 15/2004: JG is asked to clarify the financial situation concerning the prize and to report to Council, by September 15, 2015.

7.3. Review and paper handling

GV explained the paper review and handling process adopted for the Congress. The implementation is based on the Conftool software.

WG chairs, co-chairs and secretaries will act as area chairs and not as reviewers.

All papers to be published in the Archives and Annals will be subjected to the review process. That includes Invited Papers. TCPs are asked to solicit suggestions for invited speakers from the WG officers (max. one speaker per WG) and to oversee the selection process.

Action 15/2005: CH to distribute the documents for paper review and handling to all Commission Presidents, by July 31, 2015.

Action 15/2006: TCPs to inform WG officers about paper handling and review process, incl. Invited Papers, by August 31, 2015.

7.4. Technical sessions, theme sessions and special sessions

LH presented the current status based on the distributed documents, which were discussed and updated. TCPs indicated expecting approx. 90 sessions altogether.

7.5. Other preparations

The current form of resolutions was discussed. It was decided to simplify the format and a template will be forwarded to all CP's in due time.

MM is asked to prepare this template. It should be one (max. two) pages in length for each of the new commissions, i.e. the current Com. II+IV as well as III+V and VII+VIII will each fill in this template together.

Action 15/2007: MM to prepare a template for the resolutions and forward to Council, by Sept. 15, 2015.

CJ stressed the need for high quality papers to ensure citation and asked TCPs to disseminate these thoughts.

Various comments and suggestions for the Congress were discussed:

- WLAN in the complete Congress building, also to access the Congress App
- Rooms for accompanying persons and volunteers
- Speaker ready room, upload station for presentations
- Daily breakfast meetings
- A list of potential meetings to be drawn up

Any further suggestions and comments are to be forwarded to Cnl. asap.

Action 15/2008: TCPs to forward suggestions and comment on Congress preparation to Cnl, by Sept. 30, 2015.

8. ISPRS Membership

Ivory Coast/Cote d'Ivoire applied for ordinary membership and was accepted to ISPRS.

CH reported on the status of Individual Membership. As of end of June, 2015, 308 Individuals were registered from 62 different countries and regions. Letters to OdMs informing them of the IdMs within their country/region were sent in June. In the future OdMs will be informed every 6 months.

9. ISPRS Publications

9.1. ISPRS Annals and Archives

The Annals are now also indexed in the Web of Science. Applications for inclusion into the Engineering Index EI are in preparation.

9.2. ISPRS Web

ME reported on the status of the website. In 2014 it was visited 80-100,000 times per month by 20-30,000 different visitors. Most requests are being implemented within 24 hours.

The TC sites are housed on an extra server which received 30-40,000 hits monthly from 1600-8000 visitors. Both servers are updated daily.

StMs have complimentary access to the digital version of the ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. Their logos are displayed at random and rated per category on the site.

Not all WGs keep their sites updated, and ME asked that TCs and WGs use their websites for announcements instead of requesting email distribution.

He also reported of good communication with Copernicus publishers.

Council expresses its satisfaction with this important medium of communication achieved and thanks ME very much for his successful efforts.

9.3. ISPRS Journals

9.3.1. Journal Strategy Document

The ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing is running well and receives an increasing amount of submissions.

Since April 2015, the ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information is indexed in the Web of Science. The first impact factor is due to be published in the June 2016 release of the Journal Citation Reports.

10. Coming meetings

JM Spring tbd, March 14 - 18, 2016

11. Any other business

CH informed TCPs of the new Biennial Report which will be published in early 2016, asking them to prepare a report from their commission.

Action 15/2009: TCPs to prepare report for Biennial report, by December 15, 2015.

12. Closing

CJ thanked LH for the excellent preparation of the meeting. He also thanked the IAB, ME and the TCPs for their work and closed the meeting at 17:10.