

Minutes, Pre-Congress Council Meeting 2016

9 + 10 July, 2016

Kutna Hora, Czech Republic

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)

Excused:

Treasurer	Jon Philip Mills (JPM)
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ISPRS Headquarters	Annette Radtke (AR)
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Minutes

1. Opening remarks

CJ opened the meeting at 9:15 and thanked LH for choosing the charming town of Kutna Hora to prepare for the Congress.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Review of previous meetings

3.1. Approval of minutes of CM, Dubai, March 15-19, 2016

The minutes from the Dubai meeting were approved.

3.2. Review of council action lists

The lists were reviewed and updated.

4. Science issues

4.1. Photogrammetric terminology, new edition

Cnl agreed with the suggestion from Stuart Granshaw, to approve a third edition of the Photogrammetric Record, Photogrammetric Terminology as an official ISPRS document and asked CH to have them published on the web.

4.2. Publications

Meetings will take place with the editors and the publishers of the ISPRS journals (IJPRS and IJGI) and the Book Series during the Congress. MM is to contact ZL and a representative from Taylor & Francis to organise this. She will create and print a poster to advertise the latest publication of the Book Series, Spatial Context by Gold (2016) that will be released at the Congress.

5. Policy matters and society management

5.1. Update of awards rules and regulations

5.1.1. Karl Kraus Medal

Cnl approved the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the Karl Kraus Medal and asked CH to have them published on the web.

5.1.2. President's Honorary Citation

Cnl approved the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the President's Honorary Citation to include one or more awardees per working group and asked CH to have them published on the web.

5.2. Geospatial Week contract

Cnl asked the incoming Council to resolve the issue of the definition of a Student in relation to reduced registration fees for ISPRS meetings and find a consistent solution valid for the next Congress and the Geospatial Weeks.

It was suggested to also take into account the way other international societies such as ICA, IAG and FIG deal with this question.

5.3. Strategy Paper from Regional Representatives

The strategy paper proposed by the Reg. Representatives is to be further discussed with them during the Congress and beyond. The incoming Council is asked to pursue this topic.

5.4. Status, successor of Dieter Fritsch as Chair, TIF

Various names were suggested as possible candidates for the future TIF Chair. They are to be approached by the TIF Officer John Trinder.

5.5. Student Consortium

A meeting with the SC officers and OA, LH and MM is to be organised during the Congress to resolve issues which have arisen in relation to the selection of the next chair and possible/necessary amendments to the SC statutes and bylaws.

6. The XXIII Congress in Prague 2016

6.1. Council schedule

LH will ask the TCPs to

- to submit one or two slides on the scientific developments and achievements of the Congress to CJ by Sunday, July 17 for inclusion into CJ's presentation at the closing ceremony;
- to inform LH of the Poster Award winners immediately after the last poster session. This information also needs to go to AR for preparation of the certificates;
- to be prepared to give interviews for the Congress Daily;
- to be present at the joint meeting with in-coming TCPs on Sunday, 17 July.

6.2. Awards

The awards, certificates and the presentation procedure were reviewed and refined.

6.3. General Assembly in Prague: Agenda etc.

The GA agenda, the voting procedure and the procedure for amendments of the Statutes and Bylaws were discussed and refined.

6.4. Programme: Technical sessions, theme sessions, special sessions, etc.

The programmes of the opening and closing sessions were reviewed and refined.

CH will be present at the opening of the National Mapping and Cadastre Agency Forum and OA will be at the Space Agency Forum.

CJ and LH will be present at the press conference. A press release is to be prepared including the Prague Declaration - MM is asked to prepare a first draft. Biennial reports,

flyers and the roll-up are to be presented at the press conference. The press conference will be attended by CJ, LH, possibly additional Council members, journalists, media partners and invited persons.

Posters promoting the Scientific Initiative and past results will be displayed during the whole Congress.

6.5. Resolutions

The Resolutions Committee has received the draft resolutions from OA. A committee meeting with the TCPs is to take place on Thursday 16th July.

6.6. Exhibition

Approximately 100 exhibitors have booked booths covering 700m² of floor space.

6.7. Other issues

Rooms in the Congress Centre have been allocated and the information disseminated to attendees.

Credit card payment will be made available for dinners and social events during registration.

All Congress badges, together with a special ticket distributed to the participants, are valid for local public transport from 12-19 July.

7. Financial affairs

7.1. Update on subscription payments received to date / members in arrears

Those Sustaining members in arrears with whom contact has ceased and payment is many years outstanding will be taken from the roll. These are METU, Image Sat International, Nnamdi Azikiwe University (Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics), Société des Etudes de Projets et Réalisation des Travaux, and UCL (Department of Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering).

8. Inter-Organisational Relations

Cnl reviewed the relations to sister organisations in order to recommend potential changes. OA gave the following recommendations:

- GEO – CJ has had close contact and good relationship and this should continue with the new Council.
- UNOOSA – the close relationship, including COPOUS, should be maintained. ISPRS has also received financial support in the past. LH contacted Juan Carlos Villagrán de León, Head of UN-SPIDER Bonn Office (platform of UNOOSA) who appreciated the past cooperation of UNOOSA and ISPRS made by OA. LH and Juan Carlos Villagrán de León proposed to discuss its continuation after the Congress.
- ICSU – Cnl in general and OA and LH in particular, have established a good working relationship with ICSU, which should be continued.

ICSU has announced that they plan to financially support three large projects. ISPRS should attempt to be included.

OA has approached Petros Patias in preparation and further leading of the Project Proposal (**iMAGe - MApping Geo-Unions** to the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals) from ISPRS side. As there was a condition that at least 2 unions should be leaders at this project ICA has given its decision to be a partner. Several other Unions are on the way for final decision; From ICSU regional offices ICSU Regional Office for Africa (ROA) and ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) have decided to participate.

In case of a final decision meeting in Thessaloniki OA asked to use ISPRS funds for travel and accommodation which was approved.

- UNGGIM – CJ and OA have established good contacts, supported by the Scientific Initiative project led by Gottfried Konency. GK will also attend the August meeting in New York and represent ISPRS. The contacts should be continued.
- JBGIS – Cnl has good relations which should be continued.

9. Any other business

none

10. Closing

CJ closed the meeting at 15:40, thanking LH for the kind hospitality.