

Minutes, Council Meeting

Nice, March 17-19, 2017

In Attendance:

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Secretary General	Lena Halounová (LH)
Congress Director	Nicolas Papparoditis (NP)
First Vice President	Chen Jun (CJ)
Second Vice President	Charles Toth (CT)
Treasurer	Songnian Li (SL)

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Minutes

1. Opening

CH opened the meeting on March 17, 2017 at 17.00.

1.1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

1.2. Approval of Minutes of CM meeting in Colombo

The minutes from 16 & 19 October 2016, in Colombo were approved.

1.3. Review of Council Action Items

The Council action items were updated.

2. Science Issues

2.1. Review Process and Quality Assurance of Scientific Contributions

The initial meeting of the appointed committee has been postponed. NP is asked to present the first draft results on the revision of the reviewing process to Cnl by May 15, 2017. The ideal result is a process to manage all contents, including audio and visual presentations of events.

Action 17/1001: NP to present first draft on the revision of the reviewing process to Cnl, by May 15, 2017

3. The XXIV Congress in Nice 2020

3.1. Congress contract

The Congress contract is further postponed due to French internal issues. The aim is to have the first draft version ready for review by both parties by April 30, 2017. The final contract should be signed by summer, 2017.

NP is asked to forward the ISPRS brochure to Headquarters for printing, after minor corrections, by March 31.

The Congress *save the date* postcard (1st Announcement) will be re-printed and disseminated from Headquarters along with the ISPRS brochures. NP will forward 10,000 copies to Headquarters by March 31.

A new strategy for the Congress content should be developed, based on previous experience and new developments. Examples of items to be considered are an open call for sessions, an extension of the Fora after the success in Prague, outreach activities, and well selected invited review talks. NP is asked to prepare a first version of this strategy by May 31, 2017.

A 2nd Announcement should be developed based on this strategy and should be ready for dissemination approximately 15 months prior to the Congress. NP is to prepare a first draft by Dec. 31, 2017, to which Cnl is to contribute in the following months.

NP is to prepare an initial overview of the proposed layout of the Congress Centre halls, meeting rooms and administrative offices prior to the next Council Meeting in Wuhan, in September, 2017.

Action 17/1002: NP to send a first draft of Congress contract to Cnl, by April 30, 2017

Action 17/1003: NP to forward the updated ISPRS brochure to Headquarters, by March 31, 2017

Action 17/1004: NP to deliver 10,000 save the date postcards to Headquarters, by March 31, 2017

Action 17/1005: NP to draft a first version of a strategy for the Congress content and send it to Cnl, by May 31, 2017

Action 17/1006: NP to prepare initial draft of Second Announcement, by Dec. 31, 2017

Action 17/1007: NP to prepare proposed layout of Congress Centre, by 15 September, 2017

4. ISPRS Publications

4.1. ISPRS IJGI – Jack Dangermond Award

Council welcomes the establishment of this important award and approves its statutes.

The announcement of the award has been published and money for the endowment has been transferred to ISPRS. SL will investigate how to deposit the money to bring the best revenue.

LH is asked to draft a letter of thanks to Jack, also inviting him to present the first award at the Nice Congress in person, to be signed by both herself and CH.

Qualified individuals need to be nominated to serve on the award committee. LH is to contact WK and ask him to suggest a Jury of 5, and to draft the selection criteria.

Action 17/1008: LH to draft a letter of thanks for Jack Dangermond, to be signed by herself and CH, by 31 March, 2017

Action 17/1009: LH to contact WK (with Cnl in cc) and ask him to suggest a Jury of 5, and to draft the selection criteria, by March 31, 2017

4.2. ISPRS Journal

The new contact at Elsevier is Ms. Lan Song who will come to the Wuhan council meeting. Due to EVISE problems Elsevier has reverted back to the EES system.

The raise in remuneration for Editors-in-Chief, as decided by Council in Colombo, will be covered by ISPRS, as it is not included in the present contract with Elsevier.

As some problems recently occurred with the free access to the journal for StM, CT is asked to contact Lan and stress the urgency to reinstate this free access asap.

The contract with Elsevier is due for renewal in December 2020. Negotiations for the renewal are to begin in summer 2019.

Action 17/1010: CT is to contact Lan to reinstate the free access to the Journal for StMs asap, by March 31, 2017

4.3. ISPRS policy on pre-prints in public repositories

Based on the policy drafted by CH, Council agreed to allow the posting of manuscripts in public repositories such as arXiv prior to submitting them to conferences and journals. Posting can also occur during the review process.

CH is asked to refine the policy with the help of ISAC and the editor team of the journals, and then distribute it in the ISPRS community.

Action 17/1011: CH to refine and distribute the policy on pre-prints in public repositories, by May 31, 2017

4.4. Repository for material to be stored together with the proceedings

Copernicus offers the possibility to upload supplementary material to articles at no additional cost. However, there would need to be some changes in the format of the ISPRS Archive and Annal proceedings.

Action 17/1012: CH to inform Cnl about the the maximum size of uploads, and the possibility to upload supplementary material after publication, by May 31, 2017

4.5. Archives publication of Academic Track of FOSS4GIS

Under the umbrella of *Geo for All*, the academic track of FOSS4GIS can be published in the ISPRS Archives, as that track can be considered an ISPRS event. The proceedings should be published as a separate volume, which typically requires a minimum of 10 papers. If there are less than 10 papers, the decision will be reconsidered. NP is asked to update Cnl about the development.

Action 17/1013: NP is to update Cnl on the number of papers accepted for the academic track of FOSS4GIS, in due time.

5. Financial Affairs

5.1. Report from Treasurer on Scientific Initiative

The following submission were approved for the 2017 SI:

Title	# of Yrs.	PI	TC/WG	Funding for 2017
Benchmark database for tropical agricultural remote sensing application	1	Ieda Del'Arco Sanches	TC1 (no WG specified)	7.400,00
SVSC – The UAV Semantic Video Segmentation Challenge 2017	2 ->1	Michael Ying Yang	TC2, WGII/5	7.000,00
ISPRS Benchmark Challenge on Large Scale Classification of VHR Geospatial Data	2 ->1	Ribana Roscher	TC2, WGII/6	9.000,00
Benchmark for Mutli-platform Hyperspectral Image Processing	2 ->1	Konstantinos Karantzas	TC3, WG III/4	10.000,00
ISPRS Benchmark on Indoor Modeling	2 ->1	Kourosh Khoshelham	TC4, WG IV/5	8.000,00
An ISPRS contribution to Transforming our World: Integration of GlobeLand30 with additional geospatial and socio-economic data for monitoring United Nation Sustainable Development Goals	2 ->1	Jon Mills / Hao Wu	TC4, ICWG IV/III	8.000,00
Development of Educational Content: "Small UAS in Civil Engineering Applications"	1	Roman Shults	TC5, WG V/7	4.000,00
				53.400,00

SL suggested developing more a transparent selection criteria for future SIs, and to give applicants a written feedback in case of rejection. He also suggested raising the number of selection committee members and introducing a two-layer selection process. The suggestions are to be discussed with TCPs at the Wuhan JM. The results of the 2017 SI will be posted on the web and in the eBulletin.

Action 17/1014: SL, with the help of Cnl, to make recommendations to improve the transparency of selection criteria and feedback to applicants before the next call for Scientific Initiative, by 31st Aug, 2018

5.2. Report from Treasurer on 2017 Budget

SL is asked to send the approved budget for 2017 together with the financial report for 2016, to the Financial Commission. He is also asked to file the tax return form to the relevant authorities using ISPRS Tax advisor.

Action 17/1015: SL to send tax return declaration to US authorities by due date valid for the State of Maryland, US, in 2017.

Action 17/1016: SL to deliver tax return declaration of ISPRS sent to the authorities of the State of Maryland, US, to LH, by June 30, 2017

5.3. Membership fee payments

Membership of StM VGCR is possibly to be cancelled due to arrears, following the outcome of discussions with representatives at Hannover WS.

Cnl is also to contact other members in arrears:

Action 17/1017: CT to contact BAE regarding arrears, by April 30, 2017

Action 17/1018: CH to contact StMs Lead'Air Inc. and Yildiz Technical University, and OdMs: Spain, Brazil and Egypt regarding arrears, by May 31, 2017

Action 17/1019: CH to advise BASIR, Iran, of cancellation of membership if no payment is obtained, by April 30, 2017

Action 17/1020: SL to contact Trimble in regard to Applanix arrears and OdM Canada, by April 30, 2017

Action 17/1021: CH to contact Christian Hoffman in regard to Trimble membership and category, by May 31, 2017

Action 17/1022: CH to contact Hansa Luftbild concerning their StM status, by May 31, 2017

5.4. ISPRS - TIF financial relation

After some discussion, Cnl decided to continue making individual decisions regarding expenditure of funds as in the past.

5.5. Report on present state on cooperation with UBS

SL reported on the present ISPRS situation with UBS.

Action 17/1023: CT to forward SL a sample contract, to be made between Dan and ISPRS, by March 31, 2017

5.6. IGSM Financial Support

Cnl agreed to sponsor IGSM 2017 - 30th International Geodetic Student Meeting, to the sum of 400EUR.

Action 17/1024: SL to transfer 400EUR to IGSM after communication with IGSM organizer, in due time.

5.7. Outstanding payments

5.7.1. Payment of Geoway for GlobalLAND 30 Award during 2016 Congress

Action 17/1025: CJ und SL to contact Geoway to receive the transfer of the outstanding award donation, by April 30, 2017

5.7.2. Payment of Leica share of Helava Award 2016

Action 17/1026: SL to contact Jürgen Dold to receive the outstanding Helava award donation from Leica, by April 30, 2017

5.8. Report of financial result of 2016 ISPRS Congress

XXIII ISPRS Congress final financial figures were presented by LH.

5.9. Strategic investments

The item was discussed. At the moment no action is required.

6. Technical Commissions

6.1. 2018 Midterm Symposia

Midterm symposia venues and dates are now final. The Symposia information, including the below table, is to be posted on the web after the GSW2017.

2018 Midterm Symposium Dates and Venues			
Comm	Term	Place	Country
I	October 9-12, 2018	Karlsruhe	Germany
II	June 3-7, 2018	Riva del Garda	Italy
III	May 7-10, 2018	Beijing	China
IV	October 15-19, 2018	Delft	The Netherlands
V	November 27-30, 2018	New Delhi	India

6.2. Contract of 2018 Symposia

The sample symposium contract is being revised and will be forwarded to TCPs once completed. TCPs are to be informed of the updated Orange Book and sample contracts.

Action 17/1027: CH to update the sample symposium contract in discussion with Cnl, by March 31, 2017

Action 17/1028: AR to inform TCPs that the Orange Book and the symposium contracts are being updated and the new contracts should to be used, by March 20, 2017

Action 17/1029: AR to forward the new sample contracts to TCPs, by March 31, 2017

6.3. TC activities since Prague Congress

36 events have been planned for 2017 to date, including the GSW and 3 Summer Schools.

7. Geospatial Week 2017

The preparations of the GSW were discussed. Increasing international marketing efforts and a later submission deadline, to increase the amount of international participation for the GSW, would be preferable.

It is proposed to review the GSW procedures following the 2017 event, to ensure global distribution and to optimise organisation. The item will be re-visited at the next CM in Wuhan in September. The 2019 GSW organisers are to be included in the process.

8. ISPRS Committees

8.1. Reports ISAC, IPAC, I²AC

IPAC Report

IPAC is currently reviewing a new 4 year plan, a major point being the participation in UNISPACE. IPAC is not in a position to hold a session at the GSW in Wuhan. GS proposed to contact UN OOSA for a possible inclusion of an IPAC-Workshop in cooperation mit Unispace+50 in June 2018 in Vienna. Council agreed GS to act accordingly.

Action 17/1030: GS to contact UN OOSA for a possible inclusion of an IPAC-Workshop in cooperation mit Unispace+50, by March 31, 2017

I²AC Report

A committee meeting has been suggested for the ISPRS Geospatial Week in Wuhan. This will be confirmed in April.

Action 17/1031: NP to contact I²AC regarding Congress sponsorship and participation, by 2017

ISAC Report

ISAC played a major role in the discussion on the ISPRS policy on pre-prints (see item 4.3).

8.2. Student Consortium

Since the last CM, CT and CH have been in regular contact with SC members and the related WG V/5. The SC is presently revising the strategy for supporting ISPRS Summer Schools, and developing good practise and guidelines for SS. The SC is also working on a relaunch of the web site, which is planned to happen before the end of the month.

CT is asked to liaise with the SC to finalise the summer school strategy. For the time being, applications for SSs are to be forwarded to CT and LH. CT will then communicate with the SC and TIF for possible funding.

In a discussion with CH, Rakesh Malhotra from Fayetteville State University, NC, USA, Co-Chair of the WG VI/5 2012-16 (the one related to the SC), has mentioned that he is prepared to continue working with the SC. CT is asked to contact him and discuss his possible involvement, which would need to be approved by the TCP of Com. V (e.g. as a Com. V Board Member).

Secretary General recommends SC to be more active towards their members and attract new members.

Action 17/1032: CT to contact Rakesh Malhotra for possible involvement in SC, by April 30, 2017

8.3. Social Media

CT provided an overview of social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter etc.) related to ISPRS. A lot has already been achieved in cooperation with the SC. In order to have an even more

interesting ISPRS presence, with breaking news etc. CT is to identify a person to act as moderator of the ISPRS Facebook page and to also liaise with Uwe Stilla.

Action 17/1033: CT to identify a person to be the ISPRS Social Media moderator, by April 30, 2017

9. Society issues

9.1. Awards

9.1.1. Terms of Reference, President's Honorary Citation

The revised President's Citation Terms of Reference were approved.

Action 17/1034: AR to proofread the revised President's Citation ToR and then forward them to ME to be put on the web, by 31 March, 2017

9.1.2. Review of Terms of Reference of Wang Zhizhuo Award

The ToR for the Wang Zhizhuo Award do not mention the Chinese Society as in other awards where the donor participates in the selection process. CJ is to inquire whether any changes are welcome. A meeting with the Chinese Society is to be organised prior to the Symposium in Wuhan.

Action 17/1035: CJ to inquire with the Chinese Society regarding ToR of the Wang Zhizhuo Award, by 30 April, 2017

9.2. Strategy for better supporting developing countries

LH is asked to develop a concept for a capacity building initiative, in particular for developing countries. Examples such as *Science without borders* and *GEO initiatives* can perhaps serve as an example.

Action 17/1036: LH to develop a concept for capacity building initiative in developing countries, by June 30, 2017

9.3. New Regional Coordinator for Arab States

Muhamad Alrajhi has taken up the newly designated position of Regional Coordinator for the Arab States.

10. Attendance at international events

Council Attendance at international meetings list was updated.

Lynn Usery, congress director of ICC Washington, in early July 2017, has offered a booth at the meeting at marginal cost for ISPRS, if we can provide 2 paid registrations. CT is to follow up possible cooperation with ASPRS.

Action 17/1037: CT to contact ASPRS for possible cooperation with ICC booth in July 2017 and to report to Cnl, by April 30, 2017

11. Responsibilities for ISPRS outreach publications

11.1. eBulletin

The eBulletin Foreword List 2016-20 was updated.

11.2. GIM

GIM Page responsibility 2016-20 was updated.

11.3. Geoinformatics

Geoinformatics Page responsibility 2016-20 was updated.

12. Contacts with other societies

12.1. IAA, MoU

An MoU with IAA is to be signed by CH and the IAA president in Paris on March 20, 2017.

12.2. UN OOSA, UNISpace + 50, GP STAR common project

LH reported from the UNOOSA and GP STAR project. A presentation of first results will take place during the UNISDR conference (Global Platform of disaster risk reduction) in Cancún, in May 2017. LH will edit the GP STAR first brochure with the help of Orhan Altan, to be distributed during the conference in Cancún.

12.3. ICA and ISPRS at GWF Hyderabad

CH reported briefly on the meeting. One of the events within GWF was a *Digital Cartographic Summit*, organised jointly by ICA and ISPRS, marking 250 years of the Survey of India.

12.4. SELPER

CH held a presentation at the SELPER symposium in Puerto Iguazu, Argentina, in November, 2016. Also, an MoU between SELPER and ISPRS was signed at that occasion.

13. Coming meetings

13.1. Next Council and Joint Meeting

CM - Tuesday 19th and Friday 22nd September, 2017 - Wuhan, China

JM - Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st September, 2017 - Wuhan, China

14. Any other business

There was no further business.

15. Closing

LH thanked NP for organising the CM and for the visit to the Congress Centre.

CH closed the meeting 11:30 a.m.