

Minutes, Council Meeting

21 and 23 November 2018
Dehradun, India

In Attendance:

President	Christian Heipke (CH)
Secretary General	Lena Halounová (LH)
Congress Director	Nicolas Papanoditis (NP)
Second Vice President	Charles Toth (CT)
Treasurer	Songnian Li (SL)
Guest	Ian Dowman (ID) ISAC Chair
Guest	Gunter Schreier (GS) IPAC Chair
Guest	Markus English (ME) Web Master
Excused	First Vice President Chen Jun (CJ)
Minutes:	
ISPRS Headquarters	Annette Radtke (AR)

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Minutes

1. Opening Remarks

CH welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 8:40am.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved after minor amendments.

3. Approval of the Minutes from CM held in Delft during TC IV Symposium

The Minutes from CM held during TC IV Symposium in Delft were approved.

4. Review of Action List

The action list was updated.

5. Science and Policy Matters

5.1. Cnl Restructuring

ID reported on the ISAC members' opinions to Council restructuring. GS reported on IPACs' comments.

The discussion on the proposal is to continue following comments still expected from members after 31 January, 2019.

Action 18/1224: Cnl to continue the discussion on Cnl restructuring taking into account comments from addressed members, by 28 Feb 2019

5.2. Keynote Speaker Programme

Cnl members are to each suggest five speakers for the programme. The list is then to be given to ISAC for comment. Approval from the individual speakers is then to be sought.

Action 18/1225: Cnl members are to each suggest five speakers for the Keynote Speaker Programme, by 20 Jan 2019

Action 18/1226: LH to ask ID for ISAC to comment on the list of speakers for the Keynote Speaker Programme, by 15 Feb 2019

Action 18/1227: LH is to draft an announcement on Keynote Speaker Programme to distribute within the SG's letter to OdMs, by 20 Jan 2019

5.3. IPAC

GS reported on IPAC issues. The list of collaborating organisations will be revised by Council and IPAC. GS recommended intensifying relations to ESPI in Vienna. GS will update IPAC active members and prepare a revised IPAC workplan.

The IPAC session from TC V Symposium will be published under Related Publications on the ISPRS web site. GS expressed his thanks to A. Senthil Kumar for his excellent support in the organisation of the session.

Action 18/1228: LH to revise the list of collaborating organisations listed on the web and forward to GS with cc to Cnl, by 15 Jan 2019

Action 18/1229: LH to ask GS to inform Cnl about newly proposed IPAC members, 20 Dec 2018

5.4. ISAC

ID reported on ISAC issues. Some ISAC members are not active. He particularly stressed the need to integrate African and South American scientists/members within ISPRS.

Action 18/1230: CH to ask ID to inform Cnl about newly proposed ISAC members, 20 Dec 2018

5.5. Relations with South American Societies

CH reported on relations with South American societies. The report from the SELPER meeting in Cuba from Mario Hernandez was discussed. Three South American conferences are currently planned to take place in Chile in 2020 – LARS, LAGIRS and SELPER. The new meeting, LAGIRS is being organised together with IEEE GRSS and is planned to take place every two years, beginning in Santiago de Chile in 2020. A loan of €15,000 has been approved for LAGIRS. Publishing the proceedings is still under discussion, currently the line is to publish in the ISPRS Archives and Annals, and then re-publish in IEEE Xplore.

Action 18/1231: CH to arrange the publication of LAGIRS proceedings in Archives, Annals and IEEE Xplore with organizers, in due time

5.6. Changes of WG Officers

The changes to WG officers for TCs IV and TC V were agreed upon and will be approved after the new proposed officers names have been sent to Cnl.

Action 18/1232: LH to contact SK to send newly proposed WG officers, by 31 Dec, 2018

6. XXIV ISPRS Congress

NP reported on the present status of Congress preparation. The new website will be open on 31 December. Time schedule and responsibilities for the reviewing process are to be prepared.

Action 18/1233: NP to prepare time schedule and responsibilities for the reviewing process and send to Cnl and TCPs, by 30 Nov 2018

Action 18/1234: NP to ask TCPs to comment on the time schedule for the reviewing process, by Dec 31 2018

Action 18/1235: NP to make suggestions for potential changes to Orange Book according to the schedule and/or details for the reviewing process (appendix 4), to be discussed at CM in Canada, by 28 Feb 2019

7. Student Consortium

The SC is to report directly to SK and CT and no longer to the WG due to the lack of activity of the WG. The existence of a WG for this purpose will be discussed later. Student Consortium Statutes The proposed new Statutes for the Student Consortium were discussed.

Action 18/1236: Cnl to send comments on new Statutes for the Student Consortium to CT, by 10 Jan 2019

7.1. Budget

The SC budget was approved following minor changes.

8. GSW 2019

LH informed Cnl on the status of preparation of the GSW 2019.

Action 18/1237: SG is to invite Reg. Reps, EiC and Dan to the CM at the GSW2019, by 20 Dec 2018

9. GSW 2021 - Site Inspection in Dubai

CH reported on the meeting he and SL had in Dubai with the new GSW2021 applicant, MBRSC. They suggested MBRSC be accepted as the host of GSW2021. The deadline for the contract is February 28, 2019

Action 18/1238: CH to follow up on GSW 2021 contract with MBRSC, by 28 Feb 2019

10. Planning Meetings – Time between Events

LH is to continue checking the time interval between meetings with overlapping topics and take appropriate action before approving them.

11. Publications

11.1. Journals and Magazines

Concerns about the quality of the online journal were voiced. WK will be asked to comment.

Action 18/1239: CT to ask WK to comment on the quality of the online journal, by 22 Dec 2018

11.1.1. eBulletin

The eBulletin responsibility list was updated.

11.1.2. GIM

The GIM responsibility list was updated.

11.1.3. Geoinformatics

The Geoinformatics responsibility list was updated.

11.2. Plagiarism

Cnl suggests to investigate, on a medium term, a service-based software (e.g <http://plagiarisma.net/scholar.php>) that will enable an author to evaluate the level of plagiarism of his paper with respect to all already published/referenced papers and that will also provide an export that could be submitted together with the paper. This does not need to be implemented for the ISPRS 2020 congress.

Action 18/1240: NP to investigate a service-based software that will enable an author to evaluate the level of plagiarism of his paper, by 15 Feb 2019

Action 18/1241: Cnl to test the proposed software to evaluate the level of plagiarism on their papers, by 28 Feb 2019

12. Financial issues

12.1. Draft of the 2019 Budget

Changes to the proposed budget for 2019 were discussed and agreed upon.

Action 18/1242: SL to forward final 2019 budget to Cnl for approval, by 20 Dec 2018

Action 18/1243: SL to forward 2019 budget to FinC, by 15 Jan 2019

12.2. New Members, Membership Cancellation

LEADOR from China agreed to continue its membership; New StM MBRSC from UAE and New AsM IEEE/GRSS Brazil Chapter approved by OdM ballot. StMs Lead'Air, Newcastle University and Foxel cancelled.

Action 18/1244: AR and SL to check the database update, by 31 Dec 2018

12.3. Members in Arrears

A strategy on how to deal with members in arrears is to be drafted by SL.

Action 18/1245: SL to draft a strategy on how to deal with members in arrears, by 28 Feb 2019

12.4. Financial support of guests to CM/JM

Action 18/1246: LH to inform guests of CM/JM invited by Cnl about which expenses are covered by ISPRS, by 15 Jan 2019

13. Congress Awards

The procedure for awards for Congress 2020 has begun.

14. Council Attendance at Meetings

14.1. Council Attendance at International Meetings

The list was updated.

14.2. Next CM and JM

The next CM will take place in Canada in March, 2019, and the next CM/JM during GSW 2019 in Enschede. A further CM is proposed for autumn or early winter, 2019.

15. Projects

15.1. ISC GeoUnions

LH reported on changes in ISC and on the proposal of GeoUnions, to prepare a new scientific initiative within coming months.

Action 18/1247: LH to continue in the GeoUnions activities, in due time

15.2. Water Security Project

CH reported on a project on Water Security which John Mills and the Newcastle University are involved in. ISPRS sent a support letter earlier this year. More details are to come. It may be possible to link ISPRS capacity building activities with the project. Cnl agreed to continuing support of the project.

No actions are required until Investigators have asked for them.

15.3. UNGGIM

Action 18/1248: CJ to prepare a proposal on SDG project, by 28 Feb, 2019

16. Any Other Business

16.1. Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry in ISCED (Unesco's International Standard Classification of Education 2013 Fields of Education and Training)

Cnl had been asked to define the remote sensing and photogrammetry classification group within ISPRS and its member organisations, in comparison with ISCED (Unesco's International Standard Classification of Education 2013 Fields of Education and Training).

Action 18/1249: LH to contact authors of ISCED, by 15 Dec 2018

16.2. CODATA (ISC) - ISPRS Participation

Cnl decided to make an analysis about ISPRS participation in CODATA (ISC Committee) activities. SL was appointed as contact person.

Action 18/1250: SL to contact and explore CODATA's activities which are important for ISPRS, by 15 Mar 2019

16.3. ISPRS Membership in AARS

As of 2019, ISPRS will become a Sustaining member of AARS.

Action 18/1251: CH to initiate Sustaining membership of ISPRS with AARS, by 31 Dec 2018

16.4. IGSM

Council agreed to sponsor regular international meetings of students of geodesy as in previous years.

Action 18/1252: LH to reply to request from IGSM for collaboration, by 31 Dec 2018

17. Closing

CH thanked the IIRS and SK for hosting the meeting and for their warm hospitality. The meeting was closed at 7pm.