

Minutes, Joint Council and TCP Meeting

22 & 23 November, 2018

Dehradun, India

In Attendance:

President	Christian Heipke (CH)
Secretary General	Lena Halounová (LH)
Congress Director	Nicolas Paparoditis (NP)
Second Vice President	Charles Toth (CT)
Treasurer	Songnian Li (SL)
TCP Commission I	Stefan Hinz (SH)
TCP Commission II	Takashi Fuse (TF)
TCP Commission III	Jie Jiang (JJ)
TCP Commission IV	Sisi Zlatanova (SZ)
TCP Commission V	Senthil Kumar (SK), P.L.N. Raju (PR)
Guest	Ian Dowman, Chair ISAC (ID)
Guest	Gunter Schreier, Chair IPAC (GS)
Guest	Markus Englich, Web Master (ME)
Guest	Angelica Kristina Monzon, EiC, SC Newsletter (AM)
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 Agenda

The agenda was approved after minor changes.

3. Approval of JM Minutes from Wuhan, 20 & 22 September, 2017

The minutes from Wuhan were approved.

4. Review of TCP Action List

The action list was updated.

5. Science and Policy Matters

5.1. TCP's experience with the Reviewing Process of Symposia

TCPs recommended 3 reviewers for each paper. They also recommended that the rule *no final paper* means *no presentation*, except for keynote speakers. An announcement of deadlines for the refunding of fees is recommended and that this is strictly adhered to. Some reviews were non-decisive and several WG officers did not participate in the reviewing process. Reviewers should be motivated by issuing certificates and possibly awards in Symposia, etc. to help decision making without ambiguity for the Scientific Committee and the authors.

5.2. Scientific Initiative

Recipients of support for Scientific Initiatives (SI) and Education & Capacity Building Initiatives (E&CB) are expected to present their results at the corresponding Symposium or at the following GSW or Congress. The results are also to be submitted to SG to be presented not only on the website but reported in the eBulletin, GIM and Geoinformatics. Benchmark datasets are also to be submitted for publication on the web wherever possible, in the form of links to the host of the benchmarks, as ISPRS does not have the capacity to store these.

A more clearly defined procedure protocol for Initiatives applicants is required, including a clear definition of what "going through a WG" means, for the next round of Initiatives.

Action 18/2047: SL is to draft a clearly defined text of call and report for applicants for the next SI round, in due time

6. Technical Commissions

TCPs reported on the activities of their commission the 2018 Symposia.

7. Geospatial Week 2019

TCPs were informed on the status of preparation of the GSW 2019.

8. Geospatial Week 2021

CH reported on the meeting he and SL had in Dubai with the new GSW2021 applicant, MBRSC and confirmed that Council agreed that the 2021 GSW will be organized by MBRSC in Dubai, given that a contract is signed by Feb. 28, 2019.

9. Congress

NP reported on the progress of the Congress preparation, about reviewing, the website and the programme.

9.1. Reviewing process

Action 18/2048: NP to provide a manual for TCPs on the procedure for delegating papers to TC/WGs and ask them to provide feedback, by 30 Nov, 2018

Action 18/2049: TCPs to give feedback to NP on the manual on procedure for delegating papers to TC/WGs, by Dec 31, 2018

9.2. Programme

Changes to the programme schedule structure were discussed.

10. Student Consortium

SC Newsletter Editor-In-Chief, Angelica Kristina Monzon reported on the developments within the Student Consortium. For the next year, the SC Board intends to continue building the website, member acquisition, complete the Statutes update, hold regular Webinars, work on timely newsletter publications, and co-ordinate SSs.

SH requested a note be added to the Orange Book to inform TCPs to accommodate SC board meetings during their Symposia and the procedure on travel funding.

Action 18/2050: CH to add a note to the Orange Book to inform TCPs to accommodate SC board meetings during their Symposia, by 15 Jan 2019.

Action 18/2051: SL to contact TIF to prepare a timeline for applying, designating and awarding travel grants, by 28 Feb 2019.

11. ISPRS Publications

11.1. Book Series Policy and Plan

Zhilin Li has not had much response for new book proposals. One book has been recently published. A collection of best papers in the book series is no longer being planned for the anniversary of the ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

11.2. ISPRS eBulletin, GIM, Geoinformatics and TC Contributions

TCPs are asked to inform WGs to forward reports of events to be published in the eBulletin.

ME requested that SG inform TCPs of upcoming eBulletin publishing deadlines, to avoid requests to distribute information shortly following publication.

ID urged that reports of events and other relevant material, which would be of more interesting for the reader, be published in GIM and GeoInformation, and not only announcements of meetings as in the past.

Action 18/2052: TCPs are asked to inform WGs to forward reports of events to be published in the eBulletin, by 31 Dec 2018

11.3. Journals

Concerns about the quality of the IJ-GI journal were voiced. Wolfgang Kainz will be asked to comment.

Action 18/2053: CT to discuss with WK how to improve quality and specify content of the IJ-GI, by Dec. 31, 2018.

11.4. Plagiarism

see CM Minutes item 10.2

11.5. Webmaster

ME reported on the web site, including the Student Consortium web site setup. He has prepared a new format for the ISPRS site which includes a second format for use on small devices. He suggested implementing it at the beginning of the next ISPRS period in 2020.

Problems with direct access to the ISPRS Journal for StM have been solved and access has been reactivated.

12. Coming Meetings

12.1. Next Joint Meeting

The next JM will take place at the GSW in Enschede, the Netherlands, 10-14 June, 2019.

13. Any other Business

SK suggested opening the possibility to present papers via video at meetings, for students and those with restrictions to visit events. Cnl suggested first encouraging video presentations at smaller meetings to gain experience. However, it has to be agreed on by the organisers. The student consortium should be asked to voice their opinion.

Action 18/2054: CT to ask Student Consortium on opinion on opening the possibility to present papers via video at meetings, by Jan 31, 2019

14. Closing

CH thanked the TCPs for their work and for the successful Symposia in 2018. He closed the meeting at 10:30am.