

Minutes, Council Meeting

15-16 November 2019

Guilin, China

In Attendance:

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Congress Director	Nicolas Paparoditis (NP)
Past President	Chen Jun (CJ)
Vice President	Charles Toth (CT)
Treasurer	Songnian Li (SL)

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	Orhan Altan (OA), for item 6.4

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Minutes

1. Opening Remarks

CH opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the CM Minutes from Enschede, 10-14 June 2019

The minutes from Enschede were approved.

4. Review of Action Lists

Both the Cnl and TCP action lists were updated.

5. Science and Policy Matters

5.1. Council Restructuring

It was noted that the changes to the ISPRS Statutes and Bylaws, in regard to the changes to the restructuring of Council, had been approved by OdMs per postal ballot and that the new Statutes and Bylaws would apply as of now.

5.2. Keynote Speaker Programme

SL has created a list of Keynote Speakers (KN), which will be continually documented. The costs involved will also be documented for future reference.

Action 19/1333: SG to forward list of 2019 KN speakers to ME for the web site, by 31 January 2020

Action 19/1334: AR to ensure photos of KN speakers be supplied for report on web site, by 31 January 2020

5.3. ISPRS Committees

5.3.1. IPAC

Gunter Schreier has agreed to continue as IPAC Chair for the next period, following the Nice Congress. Changes in the IPAC membership were approved.

5.3.2. I²AC

NP reported that he may have a candidate interested in taking on the position of Chair of I²AC following the Nice Congress. A meeting is to be organized with interested parties prior to the Congress.

Action 19/1335: LH to initiate a meeting with I²AC interested parties prior to Congress in Nice, by in due time

5.4. Scientific Programme Proposal – GleSDGs

CJ reported on the preparation of the GleSDGs programme which will kick off in Changsha on 19 November 2019. A progress report is expected thereafter.

Action 19/1336: CJ is to report to Cnl on the progress of the GleSDGs project following the kick-off in Changsha, by 31 December 2019

5.5. TIF

5.5.1. Travel Grants

Travel grants have been issued for LAGRIS, PIA and GSW. A list, documenting the funding of grants, will be maintained by the treasurer for future reference.

Action 19/1337: SL to continually maintain a list documenting the expenditure on travel grants and to share it with Council prior to each Cnl meeting, permanently

5.5.2. Future TIF Chair

Item to be revisited if necessary prior to Congress.

5.6. Cooperation with GRSS

CH reported about a number of meetings between the two societies, e.g. during PIA in Munich (September 2019), during ISRSE in Baltimore (October, together with CT) and during ACRS in Daejeon (October, together with LH). Cooperation is continuing well.

As part of this cooperation, GRSS will organise a thematic GRSS/ISPRS session at the Nice Congress, and ISPRS will organize a similar joint session during IGARSS 2020 in Hawaii.

Action 19/1338: CH to look after the joint GRSS/ISPRS sessions at the Nice Congress and the IGARSS 2020, by 31 July 2020

5.6.1. Report from ICORSE Meeting

CH reported on the meeting held during the ICRSE biennial ISRSE conference meeting. The chair of ICORSE has indicated that he will step down in Nice.

5.6.2. Report from ACRS

China is the organiser of ACRS 2020 in Deqing. The organiser chair is very interested in having the ACRS 2020 proceedings included in the ISPRS Archives series.

Action 19/1339: CH to contact Chinese ACRS 2020 organiser and AARS SG Kohei Cho, to express support for having the ACRS 2020 proceedings included in the Archives series, by 31 January 2020

5.6.3. Cooperation during LAGIRS 2020

Action 19/1340: AR to contact LAGIRS organisers to prepare invitations for Cnl and TCP attendees at LAGRIS CM in Chile, by 30 November 2019

Action 19/1341: CH to contact GRSS regarding mutual ISPRS-GRSS meeting during LAGIRS in Chile, by 30 November 2019

5.7. International Science Council – ISC

5.7.1. Call for new Projects – GU Initiative

ISC issued an action plan including information on existing and future projects.

Action 19/1342: LH to continue with preparation of the GeoUnion common project to be submitted within the ISC action plan, in due time

5.7.2. WDS (World Data System - International Programme Office) Nomination for the Scientific Committee

Council agreed that, with her approval, Sisi Zlatanova be nominated as ISPRS representative in WDS.

Action 19/1343: LH to confirm with Sisi, that she be nominated to represent ISPRS in WDS Scientific Committee and inform Cnl, by 30 November 2019

6. XXIV ISPRS Congress

6.1. General Status of Preparations

NP presented information on Congress preparation

Action 19/1344: NP is to provide Cnl with a list of all participants with waived Congress registration fees, taking into account the Congress Contract, in due time

Action 19/1345: NP to ensure registration of participants with waived Congress fees, in due time

6.1.1. Keynote Speakers

NP reported on the status of preparation for the speakers of the plenary sessions.

Action 19/1346: NP to finalize the list of the Opening Ceremony and Plenary Session speakers and report to Cnl, by 15 January 2020

6.1.2. Fora

The six Fora, one for each day, were discussed. The Fora speakers will receive a one-day fee waiver for the Congress. It was noted that Fora speakers are not obliged to prepare a paper. If they wish to do so nevertheless, the regular review process will be applied.

6.1.3. Thematic Sessions

A number of thematic session proposals have been submitted. NP and his team are currently finalising the list and will inform proposers shortly.

Action 19/1347: SL is to inform the SI and E&CB recipients to submit papers on results from the Initiatives for Thematic sessions at Congress, by 30 December 2019

6.1.4. Summer School

The dates and location of a SS at Congress are yet to be decided. A local organiser is still to be installed.

Action 19/1348: NP to choose a local person to organize the Congress SS and to report back to Cnl, by 31 December 2019

6.1.5. Travel Grants – Cooperation with TIF – Call

Details of the Congress travel grants are being finalized with TIF and the TIF application form is to go online early 2020. It was also noted that the travel grants offered by the Congress need to be open to all applicants, irrespective of their country of origin.

Action 19/1349: NP, in cooperation with TIF, to forward ME the necessary information to install the TIF/Congress travel grant application on the web site, by 31 December 2019

6.1.6. Accommodation for Students

In the Nice area, sufficient housing in different price categories is available to cater for all budgets. Special student dorms are not available due to the changed date of the Congress.

6.1.7. Council and Joint Meetings prior to Congress

Council retreat: Grasse, 11th -13 June 2020

JM in Nice: 21 June 2020

6.1.8. Business Meetings during the Congress – ISAC, IPAC, IAC, ICORSE, Editors in Chief and publishers of ISPRS Journals, TIF, Student Consortium – SC GA

Action 19/1350: NP to contact chairs of ISAC, IPAC, IAC, ICORSE, editors and publishers of ISPRS Journals, TIF and SC regarding room reservations for business meetings during Congress, by 31 March 2020

6.1.9. Social events

6.1.9.1 Dinner of previous and new Council Members

Action 19/1351: NP to invite previous and new Council Members to meet at Congress on Saturday 20th June, by 31 December 2019

6.1.9.2 Welcome reception

The Welcome Reception has been merged with the Exhibitors Reception to take place on Monday 15 June 2020.

6.1.9.3 Brock Gold Medal Reception

The type of reception and the date have not yet been decided.

Action 19/1352: CT and NP to prepare the Brock Gold Medal Reception – date, venue, invitations, by 31 January 2020

6.1.9.4 Exhibitors Reception

See item 6.1.9.2.

6.1.9.5 Gala Dinner

The Gala Dinner will take place on Friday, 19 June 2020.

6.1.9.6 Others (e.g. TIF event)

A TIF event, e.g. a dinner, is to be discussed and planned by TIF and appropriately advertised before and at Congress. Other planned activities include a concert, a fun run, a bowling competition and a soccer match.

Action 19/1353: LH to contact TIF about planning the TIF event, including its promotion at Congress, by 1 November 2019

6.2. Pre-Congress Action List

Cnl to revise pre-congress action list, to be used by Cnl for all tasks in the period before Congress.

Action 19/1354: Both sheet 1 and 2 of the revised version of the pre-Congress action list are to be revisited by all Cnl members regularly to ensure all tasks are completed

Action 19/1355: Cnl to finalize all documents for GA, by 15 April 2020

Action 19/1356: SG to distribute all GA documents to OdMs, by 1 May 2020

6.3. GA

The proposed dates of the GA were discussed by Cnl. NP informed Cnl that he would like to implement electronic voting and offered to pay 50% of the cost. Council agreed that the other 50% of the fee will be covered by ISPRS. TCPs are to be contacted by CJ to prepare Resolutions for Congress.

Action 19/1357: CJ to ask TCPs to prepare resolutions for Congress, by 31 January 2020

6.3.1. Draft of the Agenda

The first draft of the GA agenda was discussed.

Action 19/1358: SG to provide an updated Agenda for a 3 day GA, by 30 November 2019

Action 19/1359: Cnl to revise 3-day draft GA agenda and inform SG of amendments, by 15 January 2020

6.3.2. Draft of Changes to the Statutes & Bylaws

6.3.2.1 Proposal for dealing with Members in Arrears in the Future – Statutes

Cnl decided to propose changes of status of members in arrears. This change will become a part of Statutes and Bylaws changes, to be presented to the GA for approval, in Nice.

6.3.2.2 Possible Change from three to four Region Representatives

Cnl agreed to suggest the installation of a fourth Regional Representative, for approval at the GA in Nice.

6.3.2.3 Student Consortium Relation to ISPRS

Cnl decided that the ISPRS Vice President will be the contact person for the Student Consortium.

6.3.2.4 Nomination of the Past Treasurer as FinC Chair

It was agreed that the past Treasurer can be nominated as FinC Chair as he is familiar with the financial situation of the Society.

6.3.2.5 Other Changes

AR is to proofread the final version of the Statutes and Bylaws to be moved at the GA in Nice.

Action 19/1360: CT to prepare a first draft of Statutes and Bylaws including all changes discussed in Guilin and forward to Cnl, by 30 November 2019

Action 19/1361: AR to proofread final version of St&ByLs to be moved at GA, by 11 December 2019

6.4. Awards

6.4.1. General Status of Nominations

CJ provided an overview of the nominations received to date.

6.4.2. Status of Award Juries

The responsible persons for each Award jury will be invited to participate in the jury. Further actions are to be confirmed with each jury, once they are established. Each jury is to be asked to submit a written justification of the selection result, suitable to be printed in the Awards Booklet.

Action 19/1362: CJ, with the help of AR, to contact responsible persons of each jury, confirm further actions necessary, and request written justification for selection results, by 15 November 2019

6.4.3. Appointment of Members to Awards Nomination Committee

The Awards Nomination Committee was appointed by Council and is to be confirmed with the potential members asap. EiCs representative is still to be confirmed.

Action 19/1363: SG to contact EiCs to request nomination of representative for Awards Nomination Committee, asap

Action 19/1364: CJ, AR to inform all Committee members of their nomination and request confirmation, asap

6.4.4. Schedule for Award Presentation

First amendments were made to the draft of the schedule of award presentations, presented by CJ.

Action 19/1365: CJ, with the help of NP and AR, to prepare exact dates for handing over of individual Awards for the Congress programme, by 31 January 2020

6.4.5. Awards Booklet

The Congress Director is responsible for the publication of the Awards Booklet, to be distributed to all participants at the Opening Ceremony.

Action 19/1366: AR is to compile the Awards Booklet content based on input from the juries and forward to NP for printing, in due time

7. GSW 2021

A second report from the GSW Director has been received, including the status of preparation. Ludwig Hoegner, TU Munich, has agreed to help with setting up the ConfTool system. Cnl to solicit for more workshops at GSW2021, asap.

7.1. International Scientific Committee

A chair for the GSW 2021 International Scientific Committee has to be appointed.

Action 19/1367: Cnl to decide, together with the local organiser, on a chair of the GSW 2021 International Scientific Committee, by 31 January 2020

Action 19/1368: SG, ME to publicize GSW 2021 WS call, after 3 February 2020

8. Student Consortium

8.1. Membership

The membership data base and web site were updated by the SC.

8.2. SC Report including the Budget Proposal for 2020 (excl. SS)

Members of the SC Board have submitted a SC 2020 budget proposal to SL.

Action 19/1369: SL to inform SC that they may book tickets to Nice now and apply for a Travel Advance to cover costs, asap

Action 19/1370: SL to communicate with Marguerite Madden (TIF CFO) about TIF grants for Congress, by 8 December 2019

9. ISPRS 2020-2024

9.1. Interest in hosting TCs

Interest for hosting TCs has been verbally indicated for all commissions.

9.2. New ISPRS Officers

The African and Latin American Regional Representatives have completed their terms and are to be replaced.

Action 19/1371: CH to ask representatives in Latin America for proposals for Reg Rep for Latin America and report to Cnl, by 31 March 2020

Action 19/1372: CH to ask representatives in Africa for proposals for Reg Rep for Africa, by 31 March 2020

9.3. Interest in Bidding for Congress 2024

Interest in bidding for Congress has been voiced by several members. To date, only one formal letter of intent has been received.

10. Publications

10.1. Journals

10.1.1. Elsevier Survey for IJPRS

The survey concerning hybrid and open access ISPRS journals published by Elsevier is under preparation; all authors of papers will be asked to partake.

Action 19/1373: CT to liaise with Elsevier on the IJPRS, collect results of the survey and to report back to Cnl, in due time

10.1.2. MDPI Contract for IJGI

The publisher suggests raising the APC of IJGI considerably, in line with equivalent journals within MDPI and the broader subject area. ISPRS assistance for author's publishing fees needs to be discussed.

Action 19/1374: CT to contact MDPI regarding suggested raise of APC for IJGI, by 15 December 2019

Action 19/1375: CT and WK to discuss ways to better serve authors and report back to Cnl, by 31 January 2020

10.1.3. Status of Preparation of Special Journal Issues for the Nice Congress

Preparation is taking its course and is in good shape.

10.2. Archives / Annals Proceedings

10.2.1. Status of Plagiarism Check

The plagiarism check, using the software iThenticate, will be implemented for all publication under contract with Copernicus as of 1 January 2020. ISAC is to be asked to prepare an ISPRS Policy on Plagiarism.

Action 19/1376: CH to contact ISAC regarding preparation of an ISPRS Policy on plagiarism, by 30 November 2019

10.2.2. Member Proceedings in Archives

A request came in from ASPRS to include the 2020 proceedings of their annual meeting in the ISPRS Archives. In line with previous decisions, Council has agreed to accept this request. A new Volume number, including "M" for member proceedings, will be initialised.

Action 19/1377: CH to contact Copernicus regarding the new Archives Vol. name "M" for proceedings of ISPRS members, by 30 November 2019

10.3. Magazines

10.3.1. eBulletin

The eBulletin editorial list was revised.

10.3.2. GIM

The GIM page list was revised.

10.3.3. Geoinformatics

No action necessary.

10.3.4. Biennial Report 2018/19

Templates have been forwarded to all authors with a deadline of 15 December 2019.

11. Social Media Procedure Status

The procedure has been refined and is documented with a copy kept at Headquarters. Two or three persons responsible for social media in the 2020-24 period need to be found.

Action 19/1378: CT to suggest two or three person who can take on responsibility for the ISPRS social media channels in the next inter-congress period, by 31 March 2020

12. Financial Issues

12.1. Comments from Financial Commission concerning Investment Opportunities

The financial report for 2018 has been signed by the FinC. Work is still in progress on the investment opportunities open to ISPRS.

12.2. Preliminary Report of 2019

An explanation on the planned and executed expenses in 2019 will need to be included in the 2019 Financial Report.

Action 19/1379: SL to explain planned and executed expenses in the 2019 Financial Report, by 31 January 2020

12.3. Budget Proposal for 2020

Postponed

Action 19/1380: SL to forward Cnl the 2020 budget, by 7 December 2019

12.4. Membership

12.4.1. Treasury Report – General Overview

Postponed

12.4.2. Cancellations/New Members

A postal ballot to OdMs, related to the application of Sao Paolo State University (UNSEP) to become ISPRS Ordinary Member for Brazil, has been sent out. The due date is 22 January 2020.

New Sustaining Members since the last Cnl meeting are HySpex from Norway and Beijing PIESAT.

13. Council Attendance at Meetings

13.1. Council Attendance at International Meetings

The list was updated.

13.2. Next CM and JM

13.2.1. CM and JM at LAGIRS in Santiago de Chile

The meeting will be confirmed by 31 December 2019 and Cnl and TCPs will be informed accordingly.

The proposed dates for the meetings are:

CM: Wed. 25 and Sat. 28 March 2020

JM: Thurs. 26 and Fr. 27 March 2020

13.2.2. Further Meetings

Telecon meetings were scheduled for:

Mon. 6 January 2020 – 1 p.m. CET

Mon. 17 February 2020 – 1 p.m. CET

Mon. 11 May 2020 - 1p.m. CET

14. Any Other Business

Action 19/1381: CH to arrange access for Inez Burger to the exchange Dropbox for Congress matters, asap

15. Closing

CH thanked Council for the work and closed the meeting at 10:30 p.m.