

Minutes, Council Meeting

23 – 24 & 27 March 2020

1pm CET

In Attendance:

President	Christian Heipke (CH)
Secretary General	Lena Halounová (LH)
Congress Director	Nicolas Paparoditis (NP)
Past President	Chen Jun (CJ)
Vice President	Charles Toth (CT)
Treasurer	Songnian Li (SL)

Guests	Inez Burger (IB)
	Clément Mallet (CieM)
	Laurent Polidori (LP)

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ISPRS Headquarters	Annette Radtke (AR)

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Minutes

1. Opening Remarks

CH opened the meeting via Zoom at 1pm CET.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the CM Minutes from Guilin (Nov. 2019), Telecons (Jan 6, Feb 10)

The minutes from Guilin, 15-16 November 2019, and from both telecons were approved.

4. Review of Action List

The action list was updated.

5. Science and Policy Matters

5.1. ISPRS Committees

5.1.1. IIAC

The scheduled pre-Congress meeting was cancelled due to the cancellation of the GWF in Amsterdam. A virtual meeting is to be convened at a later date.

Action 20/1427: LH to convene a virtual meeting with IIAC members, in due time.

5.1.2. ICORSE

The new chair for ICORSE, beginning in the new ISPRS term, is Yana Gevorgyan, with Barbara Ryan as secretary.

5.1.3. The ISC GeoUnions Ad hoc Committee on Risk and Disaster Management

The GeoUnion members decided, at the latest meeting held in Paris in July 2019, to create a new committee on Risk and Disaster Management. The Ad-Hoc Committee has two major goals: to ensure political support to the disaster and risk management actions, and to link and create knowledge transfer between international geo-science bodies working on disaster and risk management at different technological backgrounds. To be able to achieve this, the Ad-Hoc Committee will work at two levels: Gi4DM and Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings.

Action 20/1428: LH to send draft of ToR of the new Ad-hoc Committee to the GeoUnion Members for comments, asap.

6. Congress

6.1. General Status of Preparation

6.1.1. Reviewing Results, Statistics

CleM presented the results and statistics from the reviewing process. According to some TCPs, prior to the next Congress, discussions to more clearly define topics belonging in TC II and in TC III may be advantageous. The workflow of the Congress organisers should also be revised, taking into account an early plagiarism check by Copernicus. The Archives and Annals publications should appear online at the beginning of July.

The maps of geographic distribution submissions provided by the Congress organiser will be added to the ISPRS Congress web.

CH thanked the paper reviewing team for the excellent work.

Action 20/1429: NP to have the maps from the reviewing process added to the Congress web site, in due time.

Action 20/1430: CleM to contact Copernicus to introduce plagiarism check into reviewing process, by 30 November 2020.

6.1.2. Experience with Plagiarism Checks

The current plagiarism check will be run by Copernicus after the camera-ready papers have been delivered (see also item 6.1.1).

Action 20/1431: NP to present experience with the plagiarism check software to submitted camera-ready manuscripts, by 30 June 2020.

6.1.3. Programme – Status and Schedule for Distribution

Postponed due to the postponement of the XXIV Congress.

6.1.4. Council Activities during Congress

Postponed due to the postponement of the XXIV Congress.

6.1.5. Remote Participation for Speakers and Participants (incl. Business Model)

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6.1.6. Opening Session

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6.1.7. Awards

6.1.7.1. Status of Jury Decisions

Nearly all award decisions have been made. Justifications are still to be submitted for the Awards Booklet.

According to the experience gained, some of the awards ToR should be revised and amended where necessary by the new Council prior to the Call for Awards of the XXV ISPRS Congress.

Action 20/1432: CH to deliver award decisions to AR for preparation of the Awards Booklet, by 30 April 2020

Action 20/1433: 2020-24 Council to revise Award ToRs prior to XXV Congress, in due time.

6.1.7.2. Schedule for Award Presentation

Postponed due to the postponement of the XXIV Congress.

6.1.7.3. Award Booklet

The Award Booklet will be prepared before the Congress in 2021, according to the juries' decisions made in 2020.

6.1.8. Travel Grants

Papers from Travel Grant recipients will be included in the publications for 2020. A publication fee will not be charged for these papers.

SL is asked to have TIF communicate the decision to the recipients.

Action 20/1434: SL to contact TIF regarding notification to Travel Grant recipients about decisions made for Congress 2020 publications, by 31 March 2020.

6.1.9. Implications of Covid-19

It was unanimously decided to move XXIV Congress from 2020 to 4-10 July 2021.

The Acropolis Congress Centre will remain the venue.
2020 Awards will be presented in 2021.

Papers submitted for the 2020 Congress will be published for a nominal fee in the Archives and Annals, unless they are withdrawn. A new round of paper submissions will be run in 2021.

NP plans to organise virtual presentation sessions, to enable interested authors to present their 2020 accepted papers.

Action 20/1435: NP to inform authors of virtual presentation sessions for accepted papers in 2020, by 4 May 2020.

The registration fee paid for 2020 will be retained as registration for 2021, including publication of the 2020 papers in Archives and Annals in 2020, and new submissions in 2021.

The early bird fee deadline (4 May 2020) is set as the deadline for the publication of the 2020 submitted papers. The fee will also include registration for the 2021 Congress.

The GA is also postponed and will take place during the Congress in 2021. All decisions are postponed, and all ISPRS officers are asked to continue in their present office for another year.

The GA deadlines, including bids and nominations for the new ISPRS term, are also postponed. It is therefore possible that more bids and nominations, with the exception of Awards, will be received by the new deadlines in 2021.

Discussion needs to be initiated whether to move the ISPRS cycle by one year, due to the current situation, or accepting the shorter 3-year term, resulting in the next Congress to be organised in 2024 as planned.

Action 20/1436: Cnl to update the new pre-Congress deadlines for the XXIV Congress, by 30 June 2020.

6.1.10. Schedule prior to Congress

Postponed due to the postponement of the XXIV Congress.

6.1.11. Other preparation issues

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6.2. GA

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6.2.1. Registration of GA OdMs

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6.2.2. Electronic/Manual Voting System Details

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6.2.3. Distribution of Documents on Site

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6.2.4. GA Agenda

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6.2.5. Bylaw Changes

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6.2.6. Resolutions

Resolutions have been received from most Commissions. These versions will be updated in 2021, due to the postponement of the XXIV Congress, and presented at the GA.

Action 20/1437: CJ to inform TCPs to contact their Resolution Committee to update Resolutions for the postponed Congress, by 3 January 2021.

7. ISPRS 2020 – 24

7.1. Bids for Council, Congress 2024 and Commissions

All present bids and nominations for Congress 2024, all Commissions and Council positions have been publicized on the web site.

7.2. Candidates for open Positions

7.2.1. Regional Representatives

The proposed African Regional Representative for the next ISPRS term has consented to taking on the position. Interest has also been voiced for the Regional Representative position for Latin America.

Action 20/1438: CH to inform Andre Nonguierma on Cnl approval of his position as the African Regional Representative, in due time.

Action 20/1439: CH to contact Raul Feitosa in relation to the position of Representative of Latin America, in due time.

7.2.2. Other Open Positions

A solution for the TIF Chair position will be discussed with the present TIF Chair and decided after the XXIV Congress.

Action 20/1440: Cnl to discuss occupation of the TIF Chair position after the XXIV Congress with SW, in due time.

The incoming Treasurer is to decide how to fill the Treasurer's Assistant position in the 2020-2024 term.

Action 20/1441: SL to contact the incoming Treasurer and ask how he would like to fill the assistant treasurer position in the 2020-24 term, in due time.

7.3. GSW 2021

GSW 2021 Director, Saeed Al Mansoori informed Cnl of the present state of organization for the GSW in Dubai.

Due to the postponement of the 2020 Congress, the GSW 2021 Director was asked to reschedule the GSW. He has agreed to do so and has proposed March 2022 as the best new date.

8. Student Consortium

8.1. Web Site

The SC web site has 215 members. Registration has recently been revised and Individual Membership, similar to ISPRS IdM, has been installed, including IdM certificates. Newsletters are now posted on the web site and no longer sent via email.

8.2. Nomination of Candidates for New Board Members

The call for nominations for new SC Board members will be posted, according to the SC Statutes, for the postponed Congress.

Action 20/1442: CT to contact SC to post all deadlines for the SC GA, held at the ISPRS XXIV Congress in 2021 for the SC members, according to the SC Statutes, in due time.

8.3. Call for SC Excellence Award

The deadline has been extended till 30 March 2020.

Action 20/1443: CT to ask SC to inform CH of winner of the SC Excellence Award, by 30 May 2020.

8.4. State of SC Accepted Papers/Abstracts for Congress

29 papers have been submitted, 4 thereof will be published in Annals, 19 in Archives and 6 were rejected. The papers will be published together with TC V publications in 2020.

8.5. Invitation to SC GA

The discussion how to organise the SC GA is postponed due to the postponement of the XXIV Congress.

Action 20/1444: NP to discuss SC GA, to be held at Congress, with SC, in due time.

8.6. Student Chapters

After enquires from a group wanting to initiate local activities, which the SC Board had no means to address, the question of establishing local chapters was raised. Cnl supports the initiative to start the chapter, organized from the bottom up.

Action 20/1445: CT to inform SRR that Cnl supports the initiation of SC chapters, to be organized in a bottom-up fashion. Guidelines should be set up in cooperation with CT, by 30 April 2020.

8.7. Other

NP reported on issues raised by SRR relating to activities for SC:
Advertising GEO4Youth on the ISPRS website
Mentorships for Youth and Women

Action 20/1446: CT to inform SRR that GEO4Youth may be advertised on ISPRS web site, and to contact ME, by 31 March 2020.

Action 20/1447: LH to discuss mentorship possibilities with WEC, in due time.

9. Magazines

9.1. eBulletin

Currently all slots are filled.

9.2. GIM

Currently all slots are filled.

9.3. Geoinformatics

Currently all slots are filled.

10. Publications

The deadlines of the calls for Special Issues for Congress for both journals will be extended due to the postponement of the Congress.

Action 20/1448: SL and CT to take necessary steps to announce postponement of the deadlines of Special Issues for Congress, by 30 April 2020.

10.1. IJPRS

Cnl agreed to establish a new OA Journal. CT is to include the topic of a new Open Access (OA) Journal in negotiations with Elsevier for the new contract, which would come into effect as of 1 January 2021.

He is also to ask for quotes from other publishers for an OA Journal if necessary.

Action 20/1449: CT to start negotiations on a new OA journal together with the new contract with Elsevier, by 15 April 2020.

Action 20/1450: CT is to begin discussions with a proposed EiC for the OA journal, by 15 April 2020.

10.2. IJ-GI

The quality of papers in the journal should be of a higher standard, which requires more input from the editor-in-chief and, in part, better reviews. The introduction of a 2nd EiC position might be a solution and should be discussed when negotiating for a new contract at the latest.

Action 20/1451: CJ to discuss how to improve the quality of IJ-GI papers with MDPI President, by 31 March 2020.

11. Social Media

postponed

12. Financial Issues

12.1. Membership New/Cancelled Members

Various membership issues were discussed. Brazil ODM ballot closes on 13 April 2020.

12.2. Reaction from FinCom

Action 20/1452: SL to submit Cnl response to FinCom comments to FinCom, by 31 March 2020.

12.3. Travel Grants

A list of Travel Grants to ISPRS events is maintained by SL.

13. Council Attendance at Meetings

13.1. Council Attendance at International Meetings

postponed

13.2. Next Council and Joint Meetings

Cnl agreed to hold telecons as long as the Covid-19 restrictions are in place.

14. Any Other Business

CJ reported that the kick-off for the Scientific Programme Proposal – GleSDGs will take place next year.

15. Closing

CH closed the meeting at 15:26 on 27 March 2020.