

Minutes of the Council Meeting
2 - 3 September 2009, Enschede; 7 - 9 September 2009, Stuttgart

Attendees

Council:

President	Orhan Altan (OA)
Secretary General	Chen Jun (CJ)
First Vice President	Ian Dowman (ID)
Second Vice President	Ammatzia Peled (AP)
Congress Director	Cliff Ogleby (CO)
Treasurer	Mike Renslow (MR)

In attendance for Enschede Part: Representative for Africa: Jide Kufoniyi (JK)

In attendance for Enschede Part: Representative for from Latin America: Myriam Ardila (MA)

In attendance for item 4.8, 10, 14: Honorary member John Trinder (JT)

In attendance for item 4.8, 10, 14: Honorary member Larry Fritz (LF)

In attendance for item 4.8: ISAC Chair Armin Gruen (AG)

In attendance as SG assistant: ISPRS SG's assistant Junhong Hu (JH)

In attendance for item 7.2 Journal: ISPRS Journal Editor-in-Chief George Vosselman (GV)

In attendance for item 9.4 AGILE: AGILE President Monica Wachowicz

In attendance for item 9.4 AGILE: ISPRS WG IV/8 Chair Sisi Zlatanova (SiS)

In attendance for item 8.5: ISPRS Webmaster Markus Englich (ME)

In attendance for item 9.2: Juergen Dold, LEICA Company

**In attendance for item 16.3 Olaf Freier CEO of Hinte Messe, INTERGEO
Organiser**

Apologies: Suvit Vibulsresth, Representative for South-East Asia

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1. Opening

OA opened the meeting and noted that this is the first time that regional representatives were attending the CM. He thanked Martin Molenaar and ITC for hosting the meeting and Martin Molenaar welcomed Council Members.

2. Approval of Agenda

The above agenda and the attendance of invited guests were approved.

3. Review of previous Council Meeting in Baltimore

3.1 Approval of minutes

CJ briefly reviewed the minutes of Council Meeting in Baltimore and these were accepted.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda

OA draw the attention of non completed actions after Baltimore

3.3 Review of actions decided in Baltimore CM

Most actions were completed. The remaining actions will be transformed to the action list of this council meeting.

4. Policy Matters

4.1 Council Responsibilities, Communication

OA explained that council should work as a team and asked council members to have a quick response to emails. ID stated the importance of the presence of ISPRS council at an ISPRS sponsored event saying that ‘many members expect the president to be there!’ Some council members also stated that their services to ISPRS were considered basically as a volunteer work by their affiliations and that a good balance of ISPRS service and their own work duties was important.

OA gave a brief introduction of the communication code and its use. He explained that the ‘01 of the Subject Codes (YY) Council Correspondence’ means only for internal communication among council members. It was agreed to change the subject of 25 as Honorary Members and Fellows, and 26 as Awards and Citations. The amended communication code is given.

4.2 Actions from the Last Changes in Statutes and Bylaws

There were no actions from the last Changes of the Statutes and Bylaws.

4.3 Finance policy and budget

As a non-profit NGO, the operation of ISPRS needs financial support from its members, governmental agencies, and companies. It seems necessary for council members to get more support from their supporting organisations, especially for travelling.

4.4 Statutes and Bylaws

There was no item for discussion.

4.5 Awards

The Otto von Gruber Award, sponsored by the ITC Foundation, is presented to a young (less than 40 years) sole author of a paper of outstanding merit on photogrammetry, photointerpretation or remote sensing and written in the four year period preceding the

Congress. Council agreed to have single author journal papers only, not thesis, one per candidate.

4.6 Reports from Regional representatives

Dr. Jide Kufoniya (representative from Africa, JK) and Dr. Myriam Ardila (representative from Latin America, MA) reported their works for promoting ISPRS activities in Africa and Latin America.

4.6.1 Africa

- JK has contacted several potential members. ISPRS members in AFRICA are given in Appendix B. Council thanked JK and hoped him to continue. More effort is needed to bring people from Africa into WGs and TC activities.
- JK proposed to organize an African Regional ISPRS Symposium once every four years starting from 2011 in collaboration with AARSE and African Leadership Conference (ALC). The next ALC will be held in Algiers on 30 Nov. to 2 Dec., 2009. More information should be obtained about this meeting and the possibility of combining this with an ISPRS Regional meeting in 2009. Consideration should be given to ID and/or JK attending the ALC meeting.
- A summary of expressions of interests of ICSU ROA projects (projects organized the ICSU Regional Office for Africa) was tabled. TCPs and WG officers will be asked to work with the Africa Institutions to prepare and submit proposals.

4.6.2 Latin America

- MA has made contacts in several countries. Council thanked her and hoped to continue. Bringing people from Latin America to ISPRS WGs and TC activities is important. She is organizing a meeting of representatives from Latin American countries at the ICA Conference in Santiago, AP would attend.
- It was discussed how SELPER (Society of Latin America on Remote Sensing) could apply to organize an ISPRS sponsored event in Mexico. It was recommended that the application be done through SELPER RgM.
- It was considered necessary to establish a link with Latin America Remote Sensing Dictionary that has four languages.

4.6.3 Others

- Martien Molenaar suggested two candidates for regional representatives from Asia. One is Basanta Shrestha (<http://www.icimod.org/index.php?page=351>) from Nepal, or Nguyen Dinh Duong <duong.nguyen2007@gmail.com> from Vietnam.

4.7 Attendance to ISPRS Events

The attendance of the next year's mid-term symposia was discussed and decided.

4.8 Strategic Plan

The strategic plan was discussed and the efforts of the committee were highly appreciated. A number of suggestions were raised.

- Background: More information about background should be given. For instance, what we stand and what are the major challenges? The real success of ISPRS since the last strategic plan was not properly stated. Laser scanning should be one of the real successes of ISPRS.
- Mission statement: It should be broader, i.e., not only for advancing the geospatial science, but for advancing science and technology. It was also discussed whether the key phrase 'information from imagery' could represent the core mission of ISPRS. We should be concentrated on what we could do best.
- Vision: The three bullets in the vision part represent three directions of ISPRS, but it is not well abstracted and needs to be highlighted.

Strategy: It would be important for ISPRS to attract National Mapping Agencies and Space Agencies. The meeting structure of holding the congress every four years was questioned and whether it could be organized every year or every two years were asked. It was agreed that we should leave it as it is.

The following actions should be included in the Strategic Plan.

- Review publications to give benefits to ISPRS (exchange experience and news on activities), we need a platform for exchanging ideas; consider outsourcing to increase efficiency;
- Increase activities to include training;
- Develop a mechanism for ISPRS to provide consultancy and expert advice;
- Establish repository for data sets;

- Increase efficiency of conferences/meetings, encourage small workshops of experts;
- Review structure to ensure engagements with NMAs, Space agencies and business.

4.9 Others

5. Review of Technical Commissions proposals

5.1 Reports from Tcs

A brief report was given by 8 TCPs at the Joint Meeting. The headquarters secretariat provided an evaluation table of the performance of the WebPages of each TC and its WGs, and a summary table of WG activities (mainly events organized) on the basis of the TC reports as well as their websites. Council reviewed the performance of WGs.

5.2 Working Group Activities

The activities and websites of WGs were reviewed in collaboration with TCPs. As 7 of 10 WGs were not active for the moment, TC 8 president was asked to take all the necessary and immediate measure to activate all these sleeping working WGs. The evaluation results of the other 7 TCs were given in the JM minutes, and their TCPs were also asked to activate their non-active WGs.

TCP were encouraged to spend more time on supervising and supporting the activities of their WGs. Methods for reviewing and evaluating the performance of each WG need to be improved. It was decided that the headquarters should refine two evaluation tables and provide to TCPs, one for summarizing and recording the major events and activities organized or to be organized by each WG, and another for evaluating the performance of WG WebPages.

It was agreed that participating in an event will not be considered as a major activity of a Working Group and should not be reported as such. Valid WG activities could be organizing, or co-organizing an event or organizing a session. Reviewing papers at an event was valid activity but should be reported as such.

ID briefly introduced the invitation from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to identify participants from ISPRS to participate in an e-consultation being organized by the International Institute for Geo-Information Science

and Earth Observation (ITC) and being held online from 7 to 11 September 2009. Council discussed it at JM.

5.3 Symposia Preparations, Contracts

OA gave a very brief summary on the status of the mid-term symposia at the JM. Com. IV, V, VII, VIII have signed their symposium contracts with council. Com. I has prepared contract, but not signed yet. Com. II, III have not prepared contracts. TCPs who had not signed the symposium contract were asked to prepare and sign the contract before the end of this year.

5.4 Working Group Meetings

The ISPRS sponsored events approved since the beginning of 2009 was tabled. TCPs are asked to urge their WG officers to submit their reports and CDs to ISPRS Council and headquarter after the closing of the events.

It was agreed that all ISPRS sponsored events should submit an electronic proceedings to ISPRS headquarters even if the event organizers did not asked for the archive number.

6. Congress

6.1 Congress Plans

It was decided that Melbourne ISPRS congress will last 8 days, i.e, from Aug 25 (Saturday) to Sept 1(Saturday), 2012. The Gala dinner should be shifted to Friday night.

It was emphasized that Council and the Congress Director should work together in preparing the congress.

CO informed Council that a 5 day JM will be organized in August or Sept. 2011 in Melbourne for discussing the preparation of the congress.

6.2 Congress Contract

CO reported the progress of Melbourne ISPRS congress preparation. He informed that a new body called Surveying and Spatial Science Institute (SSSI) was created in Australia and would sign the agreement of hosting ISPRS congress with council.

It was also stated that 2 TCPs might share a large room in the congress venue.

6.3 Lessons learned from Beijing Congress

It was once again discussed to pay more attention to the no-shows at the sessions especially poster sessions.

6.4 Director Generals Forum

AP briefly introduced the idea of organizing Director Generals Forum. OA stated that the major purpose is to create a structure for involving NMAs and our science, to attract them to theme sessions and special sessions, and to present them with the latest developments. At the JM HS thought there was nothing special for space agencies, and suggested organizing a special forum for space agencies. For instance, use water resources as a theme and to show what solution or service ISPRS can provide. A mechanism needs to be developed to link ISPRS WGs with the GEO requirements.

Exhibitor showcases were considered to be necessary. It was pointed out that companies would not share a showcase room with others, and they would invite their guests and users. It was agreed that space agencies should be invited to exhibit and have exhibitors showcase.

7. ISPRS Membership

7.1 Report on status of Ordinary, Associate, Sustaining and Regional Members

CJ gave a brief report on the status of Ordinary, Associate, Sustaining and Regional Members. ID said that Council should consider a special arrangement for Regional members who contributed to ISPRS, possibly a MoU, rather than membership

Notifying members about the change of fees, this should go to the Green book.

7.2 Status of defaulting Members

MR reported on status of defaulting members.

7.3 Recruitment

It was noted that in the last year since Beijing Congress there was no application to become a member especially Sustaining Member.

ID suggested to get contact information from other organizations and invite them become associate members, especially in those countries their ordinary member did not pay.

The introduction of Individual StMs was discussed. It was considered too complicated and should be left alone for the moment. AP suggests doing as donation through TIF.

8. ISPRS Publications

8.1 Journal

The excellent work of GV as Editor-in Chief and other Associate Editors were noted and appreciated by council. Most of ISPRS council members had not received a copy of the ISPRS Journal. CJ was asked to contact the publishing house through GV for getting a copy. GV suggested to set up a Best Cited Award. It was suggested that the Journal should include more research works from TC II, IV and VI.

8.2 ISPRS Bulletin, Highlights

The contents of three issues of ISPRS Highlights (June 2009, Oct. 2009, Feb.2010) were tabled. CJ claimed that it was difficult to obtain enough good materials for Highlights, and called for support from Council, TCPs, regional representatives and other ISPRS officers.

8.3 Archives

It was decided by council that all the ISPRS sponsored events in 2010 should put the ISPRS centenary logo in the cover page of the printed and electronic proceedings. CJ gave two versions of the cover page model and the second one was chosen which had a larger centenary logo in the middle of the cover page.

8.4 Book Series

The publication of the 2nd ISPRS congress book was discussed. The next council meeting in March, 2010 will decide whether to organize the 2nd ISPRS Congress book. Editors of the congress book should be nominated.

8.5 Home Page

The work of ME was highly appreciated.

It was suggested that archives of ISPRS WebPages be established.

8.6 Orange Book

The application form of an ISPRS sponsored event was considered to be helpful. It was agreed that this standardized procedure should be added into ISPRS Orange book and put on the ISPRS website. It was suggested that a website be set up for supporting an ISPRS sponsored event, such as managing abstracts and papers.

8.7 Silver Book

The new Silver book has been prepared and was distributed to council members and TCPs during this JM.

8.8 Blue Book, database

8.9 Brochure, 3-fold Brochure, Poster and Banner

New versions of ISPRS brochure and banner have been produced by ISPRS headquarters. The 3-fold Brochure should be prepared latest at the end of 2009.

8.10 Prospectus and Video

There was no information regarding the financial contribution for the Prospectus. Due to lack of preparation time it was decided to show previous ISPRS Video at the ISPRS Booth in INTERGEO.

8.11 Book Review

8.12 GIM

People responsible for preparing the GIM ISPRS page were assigned until Sept, next year.

The changes of the Owner of GIM were noted and Council decided to seek further information on how this would effect the GIM Page and E-Highlights and other areas

8.13 Others

Council agreed that ISPRS will initiate a digital record of Council papers; this means that hard documents would need to be scanned. Access should be by password. Priorities are Archives A then Council Minutes, then contracts, MoUs and legal documents. CJ should ask previous SGs what material they have and develop a scheme to collect and scan this. Material should be forwarded to Markus who will organize scanning and archiving material.

CJ reported that Rainer Sandu, IPAC chair, was approached by Springer Verlag in Holland for their willingness to publish ISPRS materials. It was decided to have a discussion of this issue in the next CM.

9. Financial Affairs

9.1 Report from treasurer

There was a discussion about having a policy of procedures for the budget.

10. Foundation

It was agreed not to support the science initiatives next year.

Request for donations on registration form should continue.

Raffle should be held at Centenary event with 2 or 3 prizes – announce on registration page of website.

11. ISPRS Committees

11.1 ISAC

A report from ISAC was tabled.

11.2 IPAC

IPAC gave a detailed report. Council appreciated the work. Rainer Sandau.

11.3 CIPA

CO gave a brief introduction of 22nd CIPA Symposium to be held 11-15 Oct 2009. CIPA 2011 symposium will be held in Prague.

11.4 ICORSE

ID reported on the ISRSE meeting in Stresa, and on the ICORSE meeting held there.

11.5 Standards

The reports of Wolfgang Kresse and Hans Knoop were tabled. From their work, it is agreed that ISPRS should be involved activities on standards or give comments. Hans Knoop should continue to act as ISPRS representative to ISO TC211. TCPs are asked to look at these documents and come back to Wolfgang Kresse.

11.6 Knowledge transfer

11.7 Student Consortium

The work of student consortium was tabled and appreciated.

12. Forthcoming Meetings

For the attendance of council members to events is given in the Annex D.

A discussion about ISPRS participation to LARS Meetings was discussed with Milton Zablah and Leonardo Ibarra Soto from SAF. Their Plan is to hold meeting every 2 years, and ISPRS council would like to hold this in odd years. OA asks if could also be called ISPRS Regional conference, but keep name of LARS. Whether it could be held outside Chile should be discussed in future. CO wanted a booth in exhibition in the coming LARS meeting.

CJ expressed the willing to have a multiple visa to Europe and USA, and hoped to get help from council and TCPs.

13. Relations with International and other Organizations

13.1 CEOS

This was discussed at the Joint Meeting.

13.2 United Nations

OOSA (United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs) agreed to support people from developing countries to attend ISPRS Centenary. ISPRS will provide a list of countries needing support to attend the GA, afternoon speeches, Dinner and ISPRS Commission VII Symposium. An invitation letter, including opportunity for travel funds, will be sent out in December 2009 and a response requested by February 2010. The list will therefore be known by March 2010. OOSA will provide an application form, which must be completed by the applicants and returned to OOSA together with a CV. OOSA will not pay the registration fees for the people it supports or UN representatives.

13.3 ICSU

Stan Morain and Amy had completed the ICSU grant allocated in 2008. A Report had been submitted to ICSU.

An ICSU ROA projects-summary of expressions of interests was tabled. Council agreed to encourage TCPs to consider the participation of these projects in Africa.

13.4 IEEE

13.5 GEO

This was discussed at the Joint Meeting

13.6 IUGG

13.7 IAG, ION

13.8 JBGIS, AdHoc Group on Disaster and Risk Management

OA reported that a book on "Best Practices for Geo-information for Risk and Disaster Management" had been jointly organized by UN-SPIDER (United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response) and JBGIS. The main part of book will comprise the 20 articles of 6 pages each, together with 4 page contributions from each JBGIS member and UN-SPIDER, to state their participation in disaster management. The layout of the book will be based on Getty Foundation's publication '*Recording, Documentation, and Information Management for the Conservation of Heritage Places*'. It will have spiral binding and also downloadable from web. There will be a 6-8 page Executive Summary and a press declaration.

13.9 GeoUnions

The next GeoUnion meeting will be held in April, Paris. The importance of the SG attending this meeting was noted.

13.10 IPY

13.11 eGY

13.12 EuroSDR

13.13 Others

Council agreed to modify the MOU with OGC and nominate someone as representative of ISPRS to OGC. Council also agreed to ID accepting invitation to OGC Advisory Board.

The collaboration with InterGeo was discussed with Olaf Freier, Managing Director of HINTE. It was agreed to organize two ISPRS sessions on Mapping and on SDI in the InterGEO East in Istanbul next year. ID, OA, AP will participate. A MOU needs to be drafted for further collaboration.

Next year, on 5-7 October 2010, INTERGEO will be organized in Cologne and it was decided that ISPRS participates with full promotional material to this event.

14. Centenary Preparations

A meeting between representatives of the Executive Board for ISPRS Centenary Celebrations and ISPRS Council was held on 9 September 2009. JT gave a brief report of the joint meeting of Executive Board and LOC Organizing for ISPRS Centenary Celebrations held from July 1 -2, 2009, Vienna, Austria.

14.1 Centenary General Assembly 11.00 to 13.00 4 July 2010

OA will send the invitation to ISPRS Members to attend the Centenary GA in November 2009. The invitation will also be placed on the ISPRS home page. According to the Bylaws, an extraordinary GA may be called for a single issue, supported by 2 Ordinary Members of ISPRS. In this case the agenda item will be the consideration of the Strategic Plan. It is proposed that the ISPRS Members which will be represented at the Dreiländer Tagung, Germany, Switzerland and Austria should be asked to be sponsors of the GA resolution. Therefore the Strategic Plan must be completed by end April. The agenda for the GA will include 2 items, approval of the Strategic Plan and the election of Fellows.

- MF stated that a PCO has been appointed to organise all 3 events, the Dreiländer Tagung, ISPRS Centenary Celebrations and the ISPRS Commission VII Symposium. Registrations will be centralised for the 3 events. Participants will be able to register for more than one event. Registration for the Centenary Celebrations will be €65. An additional badge will be issued by CJ for those delegates and attending the GA.

- Representatives from GeoUnions, Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies, regional member representatives, and advisors to delegates and other invitees can also attend the GA.

- The application form for financial support from OOSA to attend the GA will also be announced on the ISPRS home page.

- Following the GA, a plaque to commemorate Eduard Dolezal will be unveiled in the courtyard of the TU administration building, to which all participants to the GA will be invited to attend. The caption will be in German, but a glass overlay will include an English translation. A buffet lunch will then follow.

14.2 Afternoon Lectures

- The afternoon session will be held in the Kuppelsaal which can accommodate about 230 people. Closed-circuit TV will be provided for those who cannot be accommodated in the Kuppelsaal. Entrance will be based on the order of registration. Introductory speeches will be given by the Rector of TU Vienna and

OA. Then the speakers on technical subjects will be Gottfried Konecny, Larry Jordan (ESRI) and Norbert Pfeifer.

- The first Karl Kraus award will be presented during the afternoon session.

14.3 Gala Dinner

- It was agreed that dress code for the Dinner should be 'Smart or National Dress'. OA will wear black tie.
- Speaker at the dinner. It was agreed that the costs of satisfying the requests of Ms Wangari Maathai - Kenyan Nobel Laureate were unreasonably high and hence it was decided not to progress with this request. Therefore three names were considered, Franz Josef Radermacher, Ghassem Asrar and Mazlan Othman. Based on voting by ID, MR, JT, and OA the preferences were as follows: 1st Radermacher, 2nd Asrar and 3rd Othman. OA will follow up the invitation of Professor Radermacher and plans to visit him in November to discuss the content of his speech.

14.4 Other Matters

- Michael Franzen: Determine cost of printing the 64 page book on the history of ISPRS written by Gottfried Konecny, to determine whether it will be cheaper to print it in Turkey or Austria.
- Proposal for GIS Development to become a sponsor. After some discussion it was agreed that GIS Development should become a Silver Sponsor, with ISPRS paying the registration for 2 participants. The agreement requires ISPRS to provide regular contributions to GIS Development publications. These will be managed by JT. These will come from past Presidents of ISPRS, LOC (1 article), Council etc. Links from ISPRS Home page and the Centenary Home page will have to be arranged.
- 750 logo pins for the Centenary and 50 Fellowship pins are being arranged by CJ.

15. Reports from Council

These were provided in advance and were not discussed.

16. Other Business

16.1 Cooperation with SSGA, MiGAILK and Wuhan Universities

OA and AP will have a meeting with SSGA, MiGAILK and Wuhan Universities in Wuhan, Oct, 2009 to discuss the collaboration matters.

16.2 Summer Student Seminar in Novosibirsk July 2010 –Financial support

16.3 Events to support or send representatives

17. Next Council Meetings

The next council meeting will be held in Haifa, Israel from March 14th to 18th 2010. The following CM and JM are planned.

18. Close

This meeting, which began on the 2nd of September in Enschede, closed at 12.50pm on 10 September 2009 in Stuttgart OA once again expressed thanks to ITC and Martin Molenaar and University Stuttgart Institute of Photogrammetry for the organizations of the meeting series.