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ISPRS
COUNCIL MEETING

Bursa, Turkey, 9-11 July, 2004

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- 11. Publications (LF/JT)**
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Attendees

President

John Trinder (JT)

Secretary General

Ian Dowman (ID)

First Vice President

Lawrence Fritz (LF)

Congress Director

Orhan Altan (OA)

Treasurer

Ammatzia Peled (AP)

Second Vice President

Gerard Begni (GB)

1. Opening remarks and approval of agenda

JT opened the meeting and noted that this would be last of this four year period. He thanked OA for hosting the meeting and hoped that it would not be too demanding before the heavy duties of the Congress.

2. Review of Beijing Council Meeting Minutes

ID reviewed the minutes and comments were made on the following items:

Item 3 There was still no action on FAO or GeoSpatial Workforce Development.

Item 8.1 ID had written to El Salvador, but had received no reply.

Item 9.3 ID had written to FR who had responded that there was no need for any immediate action on his replacement as he expected to be in Zurich for some time to come.

Item 10.1 HR had agreed to come to Istanbul after correspondence with JT.

3. Confirmation of Congress Program

3.1. Scientific program & Exhibition

OA reported on arrangements for the Congress and made the following points:

6 Tutorials would be running with between 11 and 27 participants.

The ICA/Eurogeographics Workshop would be the only one running.

There would be 570 presentations in 119 Technical sessions and 1145 in 58 poster sessions.

There would be 71 exhibitors but OA noted that there would be no Japanese firms or firms from SE Asia.

165 free registrations had been offered, mainly from developing countries.

The hardcopy and softcopy proceedings were ready.

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The presentation of Young Author Awards was assigned to Council members.

Tania Sausen will not attend because she had been unable to obtain permission from the government, EB will cover her responsibilities.

3.2. Daily timetable

Council schedules were reviewed and ID would keep these up to date during the Congress. Flags should be distributed to exhibiting Sustaining Members by JT with photographer during the walk through after the opening of the Commercial Exhibit..

3.3. Staffing, communications, security

All pigeon holes will be located on the on Lower level, and will be controlled by staff. Staff would also control entry to the General Assembly.

3.4. Archives A & B

ID had been through the requirements for the Archives with the compilers and would provide all the information generated at the Congress. It was agreed that obituaries for Wang, Allam and Jaksic, should be included, and possibly Blachut.

3.5. Meetings at Congress

ID had generated a list of meetings and outline agendas. These would be prepared and distributed during the Congress. ID would liaison with the staff of the ISPRS Daily to ensure that important items were included.

4. General Assemblies

4.1. Agenda review & timing

The draft agenda of the General Assembly was confirmed. It was agreed that India will bid for TC IV and Israel for TCVIII

4.2. Guests and Observers

It was noted that the 'Observer' status was poorly defined in the Bylaws and would not be used. Anyone who is not a delegate or advisor will be given a 'Guest' badge. Council needs to address this issue in next sessions.

ACTION OA to place review of Bylaws on to CM Agenda

4.3. Statutes and Bylaws

Council reviewed the proposed changes to the Statutes and Bylaws which had been circulated, and agreed that no further changes were needed.

5. Awards

5.1. ToRs

LF presented the revised ToRs for the Wang Zhizhou Award, Council approved them, and they now required confirmation from China and ratification by the General Assembly. Council approved minor changes to von Gruber and Helava awards

5.2. Citations

Council noted the TCP recommendations for Presidents Citations.

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5.3. Other gifts

Council agreed on what gifts would be presented by the President and Secretary General.

6. Ceremonies

6.1. OA reviewed the arrangements for the Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony and stressed the need for a rehearsal for the Opening.

6.2. Social Event Speeches

It was agreed the Council will attend the following events and give a vote of thanks as indicated:

- Welcome reception – no speeches
- Brock Award - ID
- Exhibitors reception - JT
- Dinner Cruise - LF
- Australian Party - GB
- Gala Dinner - AP
- Council Dinner - first and last president

7. Resolutions Process

LF outlined the current status of resolutions and the procedure to be followed at the General Assembly. Good progress has been made and meetings have been set up to be held during the Congress.

8. Foundation

LF reviewed the contract for financial services, signed with Bormel, Grice and Huyett, PA, in Laurel MD.

Council discussed possible nominations for the officers, particularly whether the Operations Officer and Finance Officer should come from Council. No decision was made.

Council discussed the presentation of the Foundation to the GA, this would be linked to the item on Registration.

Council discussed the items for the agenda at the Board Meeting. The documents were reviewed and some minor changes made. Priorities and typical amounts for grants were allocated.

It was noted that it will take several years to accumulate enough capital to award significant grants. Corporations often prefer to give one-off grants for specific projects, for which they will see some immediate benefit. A mixed approach was therefore desirable.

It was agreed that UN earmarked funds should be transferred to Foundation.

9. ISPRS Membership

9.1. Changes in Membership

ID outlined the changes in membership which had taken place throughout the past 4 years.

9.2. Members in Default

Council reviewed overdue subscriptions and identified the following to be removed:

- Ord Mbs 19
- Ass Mbs 4
- Reg Mbs 1

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This would be reviewed before presentation to the GA.

Council will propose to the GA that these members be expelled, and will also list those over 5 years overdue. The new Council should pursue countries where societies are known to have expired and to seek a new member.

10. Financial Affairs

10.1 Treasurer's Report

AP reported current balances which are healthy; cash flow should be no problem for the rest of the year. He also noted high cost of Highlights due to printing of additional copies for Congress and the preparation of the questionnaire.

Council decided that SwF35000 should be budgeted for Society administration in the coming 4 years.

11. Publications

11.1 Journal

JT reported that the contract with Elsevier had been signed. EB has negotiated a contract for digitising volumes 1-19 for the Elsevier archive, for access at a charge to subscribers. This contract will be signed at Congress. Electronic subscription for individuals is now available.

11.2 ISPRS Highlights

Council reviewed the latest version of the contract for Highlights. This would be signed at the Congress after clarification of some points of detail on the return to ISPRS on advertising and cost of mailing.

11.3 Book Series

The current status of the Book Series was reviewed. Council was concerned at the lack of focus in the contents of two of the books published or proposed. Meetings will be arranged with Maxim Shoshany and Janjaap Blom at the Congress to discuss the future of the series.

12. ICORSE

ID reported that communication was still difficult and that it looked unlikely that ICORSE would be represented at the Congress. JT reported a very encouraging meeting with the ISRSE Director in St Petersburg and stressed that Council or TCPs must be represented at the next organising committee meeting in late October or early November.

13. Inter-Organisational Relations

12.1 CRTEAN

ID reported that he had received an invitation to attend a seminar of High Resolution sensors in Tunisia and that there was also a request to support the seminar financially. Council required more information on the nature of the meeting and were not inclined to offer financial support.

12.2 GSDI

There had been no further incentive for ISPRS to join GSDI, but we would continue to keep in touch.

12.3 ERWDA Conference in Abu Dhabi

ISPRS had been invited to take part in the International Conference of Sustainable Transport in Developing Countries in Abu Dhabi in February 2005. It was agreed that Stan Morain would

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represent ISPRS. [Note: The Chairman of the Conference Committee attended the Congress and met Council there.]

14. Council Reports

Council reports were given orally.

15. Actions of Council

Council reviewed the list of outstanding actions.

16. New actions

ID noted new actions agreed at the meeting.

17. Other business

There was no other business.

JT closed the meeting and thanked all participants for a constructive meeting and looked forward to a successful Congress.