

Minutes of the Meeting of Council, 2nd and 3rd October, 2005, Enschede

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President	Ian Dowman (ID)
Secretary General	Orhan Altan (OA)
First Vice President	John Trinder (JT)
Congress Director	Chen Jun (CJ)
Treasurer	Stanley Morain (SM)

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Second Vice President	Manos Baltasvias (EB)
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1. Opening

ID opened the meeting and thanked John van Genderen and the ITC for hosting the meeting. He welcomed the participants and stressed the importance of the discussions, which would include the budget for 2005 and further years.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was revised to add minor items. The revised agenda is that given above.

3. Review of previous Council Meeting in Zurich

3.1 Approval of minutes

OA reviewed minutes and they were accepted without change.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda.

Several action items were discussed and completion dates agreed upon:

3.2.1 Video

The newly prepared video that was presented at the JM was discussed and everybody agreed it will be a good investment for the future of the Society and Profession. It was agreed that the video will be produced as an “interactive DVD”. A total of 300 will be produced at a cost price of €15.37 per DVD, or a total of €4611 including, layout, text for cover and shipment in a special envelope: 230 DVDs should be sent to Members, Joint Board and Geo-Unions and the remainder should be advertised for sale on the website at a price of €30.

4. Policy Matters

4.1 Finance policy and budget

The budget proposal prepared by SM was discussed at length and taking into account the likely income and expenditures over the next 4 years it was decided to plan for a deficit of CHF50,000S by 2008.

4.2 Statutes and Bylaws

Council noted the interim report on the ad hoc Honorary Member Committee, and that the Committee would report to Council by the end of 2005.

4.3 Highlights

After a lengthy discussion and considering the input from the JM and the current status of the Society’s budget it was decided to terminate the production of ISPRS Highlights from the March 06 and to produce it as an electronic newsletter.

5. Technical Commissions

5.1 Issues raised at JM

The proceedings of JM were reviewed and it was observed that with the exception of small number of WGs, all others were progressing well.

5.2 Contracts

Contracts for TCI and TCVIII are still outstanding.

5.3 Symposia

All Symposium preparations are in good shape, but it was agreed that the developments should be closely monitored, especially the Symposia where the peer reviewed paper submission is expected.

5.4 Working Group Meetings

Most of the WGs have organized meetings before the Mid-term Symposia.

6. Review of Council Strategy

6.1 Review of actions decided in CM Zurich

Actions agreed at CM Zurich were reviewed.

6.2 Initiatives in Africa

ID reminded Council of the on-going activities in Africa, which included the GEOSS workshop and tutorials, and a meeting of members, at Africa GIS2005, JBGIS ad hoc committee on Capacity Building in Africa, GeoUnions GeoScience in Africa project. Council agreed to continue this activity, but to review progress after the Africa GIS2005 event.

6.3 Disasters

The role of WGs was discussed, and the significant input from WG IV/8 in organizing a well prepared workshop on “Disaster Management”, the proposal for a Book on this subject in Book Series, and the preparations of the WG VIII/2 for establishment of a test data set for the WG activities were welcomed. OA explained the developments of the new UN institution DMISCO, to which ISPRS belongs as one of the supporting institutions.

7. Congress

7.1 Congress Plans

CJ’s report on the Congress preparations at the JM was discussed and it was decided that the agreed actions should be finalized with special attention to the procedures for peer reviewed of papers. The adoption of a structure for the scientific program similar to that used for Istanbul Congress was discussed and it was decided to review it further at the next CM before finalizing it at the next JM.

7.2 Congress Contract

The status of the Congress Contract was discussed and it was agreed that it can be finalized at the ISPRS Workshop in Hangzhou.

8. ISPRS Membership

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

OA reported on the status of ISPRS Members as shown on the table

Current Status of Active Members

Type / Cat.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	A	B	C	D	E	Total
AsM	6	2	1											9
OdM	31	22	12	8	5	5	2	4						89
RgM	12													12
StM									7	6	12	26	10	61
Total														161

New Members;

- School of Civil Engineering and Geosciences, University of Newcastle upon Tyne (40082) became a Category E Sustaining Member in 30-05-2005.
- Division of Photogrammetry, Selcuk University, Turkey applied for membership as Category E Sustaining Member before the CM and it is accepted by the Council at the meeting.

Change of name:

- Z/I Imaging Corporation (40050) has changed its name to Intergraph Corporation.

8.2 Status of Defaulting Members

There were no changes in the defaulting Members list since the last CM.

8.3 Recruitment

OA explained that he intends to approach the companies with good potential for becoming Sustaining Members and also embassies of countries to suggest organizations which could be invited to apply for membership of ISPRS. For this action OA proposed a high quality publication showing different ISPRS application areas.

9. ISPRS Publications

9.1 Journal

OA circulated a table of applications from organizations from developing countries for free subscriptions to the ISPRS Journal and it was decided that;

- no individual support should be given,
- to extend the application deadline to the end of the year,
- to place a notice on the website for authors waiting for a response from the previous Editor-in-Chief.

9.2 ISPRS Bulletin HIGHLIGHTS

The decisions are given at the point 4.3

9.3 Archives

OA reported on the different requests of buying the Archives in hardcopy form, which demonstrated the necessity for the hardcopy proceedings at the mid term Symposia.

ACTION 05/0159 OA to inquire about the possibility of including the Proceedings in Engineering Index

9.3 Book Series

The proposal to produce a Volume entitled “Geo-information in Disaster Management Response” was approved subject to clarification on costs.

9.5 Home Page

OA gave a report on the new design of the Home Page with the new interactive capabilities. It was decided that OA should combine some links, such as Science and Technology, Publications and Calendar etc.

9.6 Orange Book

OA explained that the latest version of the Orange Book is on the Website and he will not produce a printed version of it in near future.

9.7 Silver Book

OA explained that the newly printed Silver Book was distributed in May 2005.

9.8 Blue Book, database

OA distributed the newly printed Blue Book.

9.9 Brochure, Flyer, Poster and Banner

OA gave a brief explanation of the newly published Brochure, Flyer, Poster and new Banners of the Society and pointed out the need to print of a third version of the ISPRS brochure before May 06.

9.10 Green Book

It was decided to continue the action of compiling the Green Book from inputs from the Council:

10. Financial Affairs

10.1 Report of Treasurer

This subject was fully dealt with under agenda item 4.

As a further action, since the change of the address of the Society in the UBS Bank Accounts to Turkey failed, it was decided to maintain Australia as the domicile of the Society, and to review the position in 2008.

An attempt to obtain Insurance cover for legal claims against the Society or Council has proved to be impossible.

10.2 Science initiatives

This was discussed as part of the discussion on finance.

11. Foundation

JT reported on the developments on the ISPRS Foundation, including: the finalization of the agreement between The Netherlands STICHTING ITC FONDS and ISPRS Foundation for transfer of Amsterdam 2000 funds to the Foundation and the establishment of a bank account in the Netherlands; the request from the Trustees of the Trust Fund Amsterdam 2000 to allocate €15,000 to support participants from developing countries to attend the Symposia in 2006; the need for assistance in setting up an account in Switzerland for the loan from ISPRS; the status of the Foundation funds; publicity efforts; and plans to hold a Trustees meeting in Europe in 2006 during one of the Symposia.

It was agreed that the €15,000 be allocated from the Trust Fund Amsterdam 2000 to support participants to attend the Symposia. The grants would be allocated equally where possible to all TCs with a maximum of €2,000 for any one individual.

It was also decided that the following persons are on the Foundation Grants Committee:

Ian Dowman

Terry Keating

Abe Aboidouin

Klas-Jan Beek

Sergio Camacho

12. ISPRS Committees

12.1 ISAC

The current situation of the Committee and the report of the Chair are discussed. It was decided that; Andre Streilein should be invited as the new member of the Committee

12.2 IPAC

There were no items discussed on this item.

12.3 CIPA

ID and OA reported that the recently organized CIPA symposium in Turin with about 270 participants was great success. The next CIPA symposium will be held in Athens in Oct 2007.

12.4 ICORSE

ID reported that ID, SM and OA from Council and TCPs AP and JvG had attended the ISRSE in St Petersburg. Several of these people had also attended the ICORSE meeting. The symposium was generally successful and several ISPRS sessions had been arranged. ICORSE had generally been receptive to ISPRS comments and we would be represented on the Technical Committee for the next ISRSE in Costa Rica in 2007.

12.5 Ad Hoc Committee on Standards

The report of WK was discussed and it was decided that

13. Forthcoming Meetings

A list attached to this minute is given in Annex 1

14. Relations with International and other Organizations

14.1 Joint Board

ID reported on the last meeting of the Joint Board in Cairo. The next one will be held during the Commission II Symposium in Vienna in July 2006.

14.2 United Nations

ID and SM participated in the UN Cartographic meeting for the Americas in New York. Several agencies were there and it was useful for ISPRS to be present at these meetings.

14.3 ICSU

ID and OA will represent ISPRS in the next ICSU GA in Suzhou/China and also at the Geo-Unions meeting.

14.4 CEOS

There was no significant activity to report on CEOS

14.5 GEO

ID and OA had attended GEO I in Geneva, at which the organizational structure continued to be discussed. A further meeting will take place at the beginning of December in Geneva.

14.6 COSPAR

There was no significant activity to report on CEOS

14.7 IEEE-GRSS

ID reported on the IEEE/ISPRS workshop on GEOSS to be held in Pretoria at Africa GIS2005.

14.8 Others

ID reported that he had attended a meeting in Rome to discuss the International Science Years (IGY, IPY, IPYE, IHY), attended by the organisers of the 'Years' and representatives of the ICSU GeoUnions. Council agreed to endorse the Science Years and to become an Associate of IPYE. All involvement was to be on a best effort basis with no expenditure to be made without Council approval. It was noted that WG VIII/8 has made a proposal to IPY, which was being evaluated.

15. Review of Decisions and Actions on Council

A list of Actions from the previous period was discussed and reviewed. The action items of this meeting has been added to this list and attached as Annex 2 to these minutes

16. Reports from Council

Reports of the Council Members on their activities since the previous CM were presented.

17. Other Business

There were no other items to be discussed and ID thanked the Council Members for their contributions and reminded them of the very urgent business matters arising from this meeting.

18. Next Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be 30th April to 1st May 2006 in Reno.

19. Close

ID closed the meeting and thanked John van Genderen organising and ITC for organising and hosting the meeting.