

**ISPRS GA II: Monday 27 August, 09.00am - 12.30pm**

Rapporteur: Serene Ho

<b>Item</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
<b>15</b>	<p>Secretary General Chen Jun provided explanation of voting rights for ordinary members at GA. There are 90 OdMs in ISPRS: 44 were entitled to vote and 33 were present at GA New OdMs admitted to GA were granted voting rights after payment of 2012 subscription fees.</p> <p><i>Roll Call:</i> All countries were present except: Czech Republic, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Slovak Republic (126 maximum votes)</p> <p><i>Results of Election of Hosts of Technical Commissions:</i> (Only TC7 had two nominations and hence required a vote – all other TCs had single nominations). The voting results for Com. VII were: 96 votes (75%) for Turkey, 21(167% votes for China. The final list of elected Technical Commission Presidents (TCP) is: TC1: USA TC2: Canada TC3: Switzerland TC4: China TC5: Italy TC6: China TC7: Turkey TC8: India</p>
<b>16</b>	<p><i>Report on the Journals:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="272 1249 1434 1713">1. <i>ISPRS International Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing:</i> George Vosselman (editor-in-chief)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="312 1328 1434 1361">• Growth in submissions, acceptance rate decreasing (27% in 2011)</li><li data-bbox="312 1368 1434 1402">• Move to time-based publishing by Elsevier</li><li data-bbox="312 1408 1434 1442">• Decreasing paper subscriptions, increasing online downloads</li><li data-bbox="312 1449 1434 1482">• Increase in impact factor (2.885 in 2011) and citations</li><li data-bbox="312 1489 1434 1556">• 2008-2011 U.V. Helava Award to: Konrad Schindler, Andreas Ess, Bastian Leibe and Luc Van Gool</li><li data-bbox="312 1563 1434 1630">• Changes to Elsevier contract (valid to 2016) include an increase in issues, subscription fee, page numbers, additional associate editors.</li><li data-bbox="312 1637 1434 1671">• Derek Lichti (U. Calgary) appointed new Editor-in-Chief as of Jan 2013</li></ul>Certificate of appreciation presented by President Altan to George Vosselman.</li><li data-bbox="272 1749 1434 2049">2. <i>ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information:</i> Wolfgang Kainz (Editor-in-Chief), published by MDPI<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="312 1827 1434 1861">• Open access journal, preparation started in 2010</li><li data-bbox="312 1868 1434 1901">• Broad scope of journal covering all aspects of ISPRS Technical Commissions</li><li data-bbox="312 1908 1434 1975">• 8 published papers so far, high rate of rejection to protect quality in start-up phase</li><li data-bbox="312 1982 1434 2016">• Shorter processing time: average of 60 days</li><li data-bbox="312 2022 1434 2056">• High viewing of papers; increasing visits to webpage</li></ul></li></ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 special issues in pipeline (2012-13)</li> <li>• Requests from the Editor-in-Chief: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- council members should write position papers about key topics of ISPRS</li> <li>- TCPs should write position papers about respective TC</li> <li>- TCPs should encourage WGs to publish workshop results</li> <li>- New council to discuss fee waiver period extension with MDPI</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Certificate of appreciation presented by President to Wolfgang Kainz.</p>
<b>17</b>	<p><i>Presentation of Certificates, Helava Prize Runners Up:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2008: Helmut Grabner, Thuy Thi Nguyen, Barbara Gruber and Horst Bischof</li> <li>• 2009: Jérôme Korona, Etienne Berthier, Marc Bernard, Frederique Remy and Eric Thouvenot</li> <li>• 2011: Christopher Gold and Hugo Ledoux</li> </ul>
<b>18</b>	<p><i>Member Proposals to host the 23<sup>rd</sup> ISPRS Congress in 2016:</i></p>
18.1	<p>Czech Republic (Prague): 12-19 July 2016, Prague Congress Centre Presenter: Lena Halounova</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme: “From human history to the future with spatial information”</li> <li>• Proposed Organizing Committee: Karel Pavelka, Milan Konecny, Leos Svoboda, Vaclav Safar</li> <li>• Presented video showcasing historical and cultural aspects of Prague, as well as infrastructure that can support Congress needs, including Summer School (Czech Technical University in Telc)</li> <li>• Proposed fees</li> <li>• CSPRS will donate 1% of fees to ISPRS Foundation</li> <li>• Prague will result in first female Congress Director</li> </ul>
18.2	<p>France (Paris): Presenter: Nicolas Paparoditis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• France has long tradition of involvement in ISPRS and provided major scientific and technical contributions</li> <li>• Priority to have accessible and open event</li> <li>• Paris an attractive venue from historical, cultural and infrastructure aspects</li> <li>• Congress exhibition in heart of event to increase interaction between industry and academia</li> <li>• Commitments: balanced scientific program; attractive youth program; not-for-profit event; inter-generation event; 100% English-speaking event</li> <li>• New features: poster proceedings; indoor robotic challenges; ISPRS Olympics</li> <li>• Many possibilities for social program</li> <li>• Efficient and experienced organizing committee</li> </ul>
<b>19</b>	<p><i>Reports of Council:</i></p>
19.1	<p>President: <b>Orhan Altan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of President’s responsibilities</li> <li>• Strategic issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promotion of ISPRS</li> <li>- Greater interaction and engagement with members; newly appointed regional representatives</li> <li>- Collaboration with relevant organizations: JBGIS, GEO/GEOSS, IEEE and OGC (through ICSU), UN-GGIM</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Increased activities and engagement in under-represented areas: organization of meetings in Africa and Latin America
- Ongoing actions from 2010 Strategic Plan
  - Revised TC Terms of Reference
  - Attracting donations to ISPRS Foundation
- Scientific activities
- Interaction and engagement with members
- Communications and publications
- Introduction of conference management service
- Representation of ISPRS at various conferences and meetings
- Recognized efforts of Council, TCPs, Regional Representatives, Committee Chairs, Editors; Gerhard Kemper; support for Secretary General, Treasurer and President
- Society in healthy state but always more work to undertake in future.

Certificate of Appreciation presented by President to three individuals from Turkey who provided support.

19.2 Secretary General: **Chen Jun**

- Overview of Sec-Gen's responsibilities
- 11 council meetings, 5 joint meetings and 6 tele-meetings over last 4 years
- Prepared working documents and drafted minutes
- Approved 91 events (53% reports submitted) and 39 Archives Numbers – conference organizers need to improve reporting on these events for the future
- Membership management: membership changes and database maintenance
- Overview of ISPRS publications: ISPRS e-bulletin, ISPRS webpages, ISPRS Journals, ISPRS Archives, ISPRS page on GIM magazine
- Communication channels (external): ISPRS brochures (10000 copies), ISPRS Awards brochure (300 copies), Silver Book, Banners, correspondence with international organizations
- Communication channels (internal): website preparation, distribution of conference information from TCPs and WG to ISPRS email distribution list, query management
- Special thanks to Dr. Wang Qian, Mr. Fan Jingsheng, Mrs. Hu Junhong, Ms. Chen Chen, ISPRS council colleagues, John Trinder, Ian Dowman and others.

Certificate of Appreciation presented by President to Mrs. Hu Junhong and Ms. Chen Chen.

19.3 Treasurer: **Mike Renslow**

- Overview – global economic circumstances, impact on non-profit organizations and ISPRS and its members
- Increasing scope of finances over the last 10 years and cost of doing business
- Notable trends:
  - High levels of in-kind support needed from OMs and SMs to support Council activities
  - Increased time demand on Treasurer due to e-commerce, security and email; more time working with membership
  - Treasurer's Position has become a Financial Manager having legal and fiduciary responsibility
  - Term transactions increased from around 400 to around 3000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focused effort on transparency</li> <li>- Need for professional assistance and services</li> <li>• Council's Responsibilities and Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development and adoption of formal Financial Policy in 2009</li> <li>- Oversight from Financial Commission</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Next term considerations: upgrade software, review and update Financial Policy document, work with Regional Representatives to maintain regional membership list</li> </ul>
<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><i>Report on The ISPRS Foundation</i>  Presenter: Dieter Fritsch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of TIF</li> <li>• Overview of mode of operation</li> <li>• Overview of Board of Trustees</li> <li>• 4 Committees: Marketing and Promotions, Grants Evaluation, Large Grants Procurement, Audit</li> <li>• Finance Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Financial Bylaws according to US legislation, recognised as 'publicly supported organization' and exempt from taxation</li> <li>- Operational costs of TIF dependent on donations therefore aim to increase donations</li> <li>- Trust Fund Amsterdam closed in 2011</li> <li>- ISPRS Foundation Investment Policy approved in 2006</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Update on Grants 2008-12 (total spend approx. \$150000)</li> <li>• Large Grants Committee prepared a 3 step process to be implemented in next 4 years to increase fundraising</li> <li>• 2011 Annual Report was available at the Congress</li> </ul>
<p><b>21</b></p>	<p>Nominations for Council:  President: Chen Jun (China)  Secretary General: Ammatzia Peled (Israel), Christian Heipke (Germany), Cliff Ogleby (Australia)  1VP: Orhan Altan (Turkey)  2VP: Marguerite Madden (USA)  Congress Director: Nicolas Paparoditis (France), Lena Halounova (Czech Republic)  Treasurer: John Mills</p> <p>Presentations by Secretary General Nominations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cliff Ogleby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Outlined his commitments to the role in terms of maintaining and enhancing reputation of ISPRS, support for operation and management of ISPRS, seeking new opportunities, improving communications</li> <li>- Developing new initiatives across different areas</li> <li>- Outlined past achievements and how these will contribute to and continue through to new role as Secretary General</li> <li>- Commitment of support from University of Melbourne and Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Christian Heipke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Outlined his personal experiences and qualifications for the position of Secretary General including involvement with Strategic Commission and Hannover Workshop, Dean of Civil Engineering at home university</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Outlined his perspective on ISPRS and the importance of his work in Society in three main areas</li> <li>- Roots and main focus of ISPRS is scientific, therefore ISPRS needs to remain the premier scientific organization in the face of growing interest in geospatial domain and competition from related disciplines</li> <li>- Opportunities for improvement needs to be addressed: increase impact on geospatial information at large; more activity WGs with critical mass and impact; adaptation of meeting schedule to obtain more coherence and visibility both internal and external; further adaptation to ISPRS publication to improve quality, distribution and citation indices; better integration of both national mapping agencies and private companies; better cooperation with other sister societies to avoid duplication; more consistent internal management of the society including a review of role of Council members and rigid selection procedures; fees should be in line with global financial situation</li> <li>- Changes should respect views of ISPRS members, from which Council gets its mandate</li> </ul> <p>3. Ammatzia Peled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provided overview of personal history, qualifications and ISPRS experiences including 2 terms on Council</li> <li>- Provided outline of his potential contribution to the role, as well as support from home university</li> <li>- Broad scope of relationships with a variety of international societies</li> </ul> <p><b>Meeting adjourned at 1pm.</b></p> <p>Nominations for Financial Commission:</p> <p>Presentation of candidates for the Sec. General:</p>
22	<p>Nomination for the Fellows Committee: Postponed till GA-III</p>
23	<p>Discussion of Amendments to Statutes and Bylaws: Postponed till GA-III</p>