



**JOINT MEETING
COUNCIL AND TECHNICAL COMMISSION PRESIDENTS
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
8-9 APRIL 2000**

Council Attendees

President:	Lawrence Fritz (LF)
Secretary General:	John Trinder (JT)
First Vice President:	Shunji Murai (SM)
Congress Director:	Klaas Beck (KB)
Treasurer:	Heinz Rüther (HR)

Apologies

Second Vice President	Marcio Barbosa (MB)
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Commission President Attendees

Commission II:	Ian Dowman (ID)
Commission III:	Toni Schenk (TS)
Commission IV:	Dieter Fritsch (DT)
Commission V:	Hirofumi Chikatsu (HC)
Commission VI:	Lukman Aziz
Commission VII:	Gabor Remetey-Fülöpp (GR)

Absent

Commission I:	George Joseph (GJ)
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In attendance

Representing Second Vice President	Jose' Luiz Aguirre
Chair, Financial Commission:	Armin Gruen
Journal Editor:	Emmanuel Baltsavias (EB)
ISPRS Highlights Editor:	Lucas Janssen
Chair, Congress Technical Program Committee:	Martin Molenaar
CONGREX (Conference Managers)	Rika Strik
	Abey Jaarsma

AGENDA

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MINUTES

1. Opening

President Lawrence Fritz welcomed all Council and TCPs and representatives of the Congress Organising Committee to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He thanked Gabor Remetey-Fülöpp and Peter Winkler for their arrangements for the meeting, including the venue, the international seminar organised on Friday 7 April, and the excursion.

He stated that the success of the meeting is dependent on TCP consideration of a number of important issues, specifically:

- Commission Resolutions for the General Assembly
- Bylaw revisions of Commission Terms of Reference for the General Assembly
- Selection of Young Authors Awards and Honorary Citations
- Coordination of the technical program to ensure a smooth flowing Congress
- Review of the Strategic Plan
- Responsibilities of the Commissions at the Congress
- Other unfinished business.

2. Review of Action Items and Minutes of 1999 C & TCP Meeting in Enschede

Matters raised from the Minutes:

Item 3.1: The agreement between ISPRS and ICRSE to establish closer cooperation is close to finalisation. However, the agreements between SDH and CMSC have not progressed.

Item 3.4: A report has been prepared on Rational Functions by ID for the Congress.

Item 3.5: Bylaw XXXIII.1 should read Bylaw XIII.2.

Item 4.3: The questionnaire sent to ISPRS Highlights readers has been circulated, but answered poorly.

TCP Actions: 9 items were completed, 6 are still open, 1 is ongoing.

Action 00/339: JT to send details for Sustaining Membership application to Professor Rudolph Winter of JRC.

3. Congress Planning



The general program was presented by the Congress Committee. Items discussed were:

- TCP and Council breakfast planning meeting to be held at 8am on Sunday 16 July
- Program for Technical Commission Business Meetings (BM)
- Meeting of Incoming/Outgoing Technical Commission Presidents with new Council on Sunday 23 July from 8.30am to 10am
- Financial support provided for participants from developing countries
- Procedures for Young Authors Awards
- Financial assistance available for young authors of good papers from developing countries
- Interesting news to be published in the Congress Newsletter
- Encouragement to young people to attend the Congress
- Two best poster awards per Commission will be selected by separate committees appointed by each Commission

3.1 Technical program

The program for the Technical Sessions was presented by MM. Discussion confirmed that there were no major conflicts between the four parallel technical sessions:

The TCPs were requested **as soon as possible to:**

- provide names of Chairpersons for each Technical Session for which they are responsible and make sure that these person are available
- check the names of the Technical Sessions or rename if not correct
- provide a sequence number for the papers for each oral session.

Action: 00/335: TCPs to provide details of Technical Sessions to MM

Action: 00/336: Council to advise Special Session speakers to submit an abstract and inform them of revised date of sessions.

3.2 Workshops & Tutorials

Some Workshops have been cancelled due to low registrations. Tutorials will be reviewed shortly; some may be cancelled if registrations are too low.

3.3 Resolutions

It was necessary to complete the Resolutions which were due 15 February from the TCPs. Additional and incomplete Resolutions which are to be submitted by the Commissions for General Assembly approval must be completed as soon as possible and provided to First Vice President, who will submit them to the ISAC for advice. They will be made final at the Congress after the Commission Business Meetings.

Commission I resolutions were revised, but will be sent back to George Joseph for further modification.

Action 00/285: JT to return the Commission I resolutions for modifications.

Commission II, III, V, and VI were approved after modification.

Commission IV resolutions have not yet been prepared.

Commission VII resolutions were modified but require further preparation by GR.

Action 00/286: ID, TS, HC and LA to send completed resolutions to SM

Action 00/287: DF to send resolutions to Council



Action 00/288: GR to amend and send final version of resolutions to Council

3.4 Honorable Mentions & Awards

Honorable Mentions

The TCPs selected the Working Group individuals to receive the President's Honorary Citations and confirmed the address lists of WG officers selected to receive appreciation letters.

Action 00/340: GJ to submit selection to President promptly
ID to confirm selection to President

Action 00/289: GJ, DF, HC, GR to complete list of addresses of those WG Chairs to receive appreciation letters and provide to LF

Young Authors awards

TCPs are requested to submit their ranking of papers by Young Authors to the jury for final decision at this meeting. Oral presentations will be made by all winners of Young Authors awards, but the programming will be determined by MM once the winners are known.

CATCON2 will be held at the Congress.

Action 00/337: LA to contact Cho about procedures for the timing, arrangements and jury of *CATCON2* and send details to KB and Council.

3.5 TCP Activities

Commission reports

Final reports from each Commission covering the 1996-2000 term must be presented before the end of June.

Action 00/338: JT to send guidelines for Commission reports, and fax examples from Archives A to TCPs.

4. Scope of Commissions in Bylaws

The scope of the Commissions for revision of Bylaw XIII.2 were finalised during discussion with TCPs and Council (see Attachment A)

Action 00/290: JT to send terms of reference to Council and TCPs.

Action 00/291: SM to send terms of reference to ISAC for comment.

5. ISPRS Publications

5.1. Annual Report

The TCPs were satisfied with the outline of the Annual Report as included in the Orange Book. TCPs were thanked for their prompt submission of their contributions to the Annual Report.

5.2. Journal

Manos Baltasvias presented details of the Journal, including:

- Special topics issues: the GIS issue will be ready by October; an issue on hyperspectral data and imaging spectroscopy is planned for next year; and a special edition on 'Mountains' has been suggested for the future
- Plans for a special Congress edition, which should be good publicity for the Journal
- The completion of the judging for the Helava award and determination of the winner
- Development of an electronic edition of the Journal and electronic subscriptions



The terms of the new contract with Elsevier Science have been determined. Amongst other benefits, ISPRS has reduced the individual subscription price to \$40US, reduced the institutional price for developing countries to \$50US, gained control of the name of the 'ISPRS Journal' and the use of the ISPRS logo, and there will be an improvement in the structure and organisation of Journal.

However, the quality of the Journal still needs to be improved, with better reviews, and a faster review process. The general view at the meeting was that the quality of papers in the Journal has improved over recent years.

5.3. ISPRS Highlights

The main issue influencing the effectiveness of ISPRS Highlights is the method of distribution. Direct mailing is preferred, but so far only 3 Ordinary Members have indicated that they will provide addresses.

The possibility of publishing ISPRS Highlights in both hardcopy and electronic form was discussed as well as approaches that could be taken so that readers could gain electronic access to it. These and other issues will be considered when the new contract is being negotiated with the publisher before the 31 May deadline. A new editor-in-chief must also be found.

The Congress issue will be published in June. Material has already been requested from authors of articles. Advertisements are being negotiated.

5.4. Web and Home Page status

A brief report was given by JT, based on the written report submitted by the Web Master Andre Streilein. The significant issues were :

- The new domain name and address <www.isprs.org>
- The volume of material in the Home Page
- The number of hits on the Home Page has now reached 40,000 per month
- The most popular pages were the Calendar, the publications, the links to the Technical Commissions and Working Groups, and the link to the Congress.

5.5. Archives

Responses were obtained from TCPs regarding the delivery of copies of approved (by the Secretary General) Archives volumes to RICS Books. Several volumes in the current list of approved volumes have still not yet been delivered. It was also stated that a copy of all Archives Volumes must be submitted to the repository at ITC. The librarian in ITC is currently making an inventory of all volumes of the Archives held at ITC.

It was recommended that ISPRS should in future develop an electronic database of Archives publications, in which Abstracts of all papers published in the Archives are available on the Web. This suggestion should be followed up in consultation with the TCPs and the Web Master following the Congress.

Action 00/292: Pr to investigate electronic database of abstracts for Archives publications

It was also recommended that ISPRS should consider publishing a book series, managed by a publication committee. This matter should be considered by the next Council.

5.6. Guidelines & Orange Book

The Orange Book has been substantially revised and will be reprinted in the near future for distribution to all Members bidding for the Congress and Commissions in the next inter-Congress period. It is also available in the ISPRS Home Page. The TCPs agreed that the Orange Book is a very useful document and



agreed with the contents layout. The requirement by Council to place a surcharge on all Symposia and Congress registrations must be added.

Action 00/293: JT /LF to add surcharge on registrations to Orange Book

Done

5.7. Logo contest review

TCPs voted on the submissions for the logo competition.

6. Inter-Organisation Relationships

6.1. ICSU

The President and the Secretary General attended the General Assembly of ICSU in September 1999. ISPRS was not admitted as a full member, but actions are in place that should achieve admission as a full member at the next General Assembly in 2002.

6.2. CIPA

JT reported on changes in membership of CIPA. Heinz Rüther is an Ordinary Member of CIPA, while Andre Steilein is the ISPRS representative.

6.3. CEOS

A report was given of the main issues considered at the CEOS Plenary, that should be of interest to ISPRS. TCPs were urged to consider following up on matters of interest to their Commission.

Action 00/294: TCPs to consider means of developing closer cooperation with CEOS (WGs)

6.4. Standards (ISO)

Hans Knoop and Norm Andersen have attended the recent ISO TC/211 and will provide reports to ISPRS, including the proposed standard for qualifications of GIS professionals.

6.5. Other Societies

ICA

LF reported on the ICA meeting in Gävle Sweden between Presidents and Secretaries General of ICA and ISPRS. The prospects are good for future cooperation between the two organisations. LF and ICA officers jointly met with Dr H. Haberman of the UN Statistics Division in New York, who is responsible for the oversight of the UN Regional Cartographic conferences, for which both ICA and ISPRS have made a commitment to support.

IAG

LF attended the IAG strategic planning meeting held in USA in February 2000. IAG will continue the Summer School in cooperation with ISPRS. ISPRS should cooperate with IAG on inter-disciplinary activities. To this end LF will meet with the President of IAG, Professor Fernando Sanso in Italy in June.

Sister Societies

Sister Societies IAG, ICA, FIG, ISPRS and IHO will meet in Amsterdam to discuss how they should operate, including areas of cooperation. The UN Statistics Division has been invited to the meeting, to ensure better liaison between the Sister Societies and the UN on the Regional Cartographic conferences.

Other matters

(i) The next GSDI meeting will be held in Colombia in 2001. A representative from the UN will be present at that meeting. HR did not attend the meeting in Cape Town South Africa, since he was required to pay a registration fee of \$500.

(ii) TCPs were requested to solicit WG chairs to participate in MARISY2000 meeting.

Action 00/295: TCPs to request participation by WG officers in MARISY2000 conference



(iii) OICC also held a meeting in Tunisia in March 2000, where the ISPRS Ordinary Member in Tunisia represented ISPRS.

OICC will cooperate with ISPRS at meetings in Cairo in January 2001. These include the planned ISPRS workshop on Mobile Mapping and an OICC meeting on GIS/CPS/RIS Application and Sustainable Development. There will also be a UN-sponsored meeting on Sustainable Development, organised by OICC mainly covering aspects of energy and transportation in March 2001.

(iv) HR is now a representative on the African EIS Executive and chair of WG on Networking and Education. The group is very active and will meet next in June.

(v) Computer Vision - ISPRS has made good progress in establishing cooperation with experts in the computer vision, where there is a growing interest in ISPRS activities. Overlaps between the two areas are increasing. It is therefore necessary to maintain this cooperation.

(vi) HR was Technical Chair of ICRSE Symposium in Cape Town in March.

(vii) Commission II has established links with CEOS, OGC and ISO

(viii) Commission VII has strong links with JRC and GSDI.

7. Proposals for 2000-2004 Technical Commissions

Requests were made to TCPs to encourage potential applicants as incoming TCPs, particularly for Commissions for which there are no nominations.

8. Next Meeting of Council and Technical Commission Presidents (JT)

Commitments of TCPs at the Congress in Amsterdam are:

Breakfast planning meeting on Sunday 16 July 8am

Business meetings on Monday 17 July or Tuesday 18 July

Banquet on 21 July

Incoming and Outgoing Council and TCPs meeting Sunday 23 July at 8.30am-10am

Closing Ceremony

9. Other Business

LF discussed the Strategic Plan that will be presented to the General Assembly.

J. C. Trinder

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