

Minutes, Council Meeting

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Istanbul, Turkey

In Attendance:

President	Christian Heipke (CH)
Secretary General	Lena Halounová (LH)
Congress Director	Nicolas Papparoditis (NP)
First Vice President	Chen Jun (CJ)
Second Vice President	Charles Toth (CT)
Treasurer	Songnian Li (SL)

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Minutes

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. List of Actions

The action list was updated.

3. Science Issues

3.1. Review Process – Guidelines

The review process documents are valid for all ISPRS events, and are living documents. As such they will evolve over time, and they can (and for some occasions should) be adapted to individual meetings by local organisers.

They are to be made available to the ISPRS Community via appropriate places in the ISPRS and the Congress websites and the next eBulletin. Prior to doing so, some editing is necessary.

The preparation of an Archives publication of the review process documents, for historical documentation, is to be discussed with Commission V.

Action 18/1111: Clément Mallet to edit review process documents for publication at an appropriate place on the web and in the next eBulletin, by 30 April 2018

Action 18/1112: NP to discuss the preparation of an Archive publication of review process documents with Commission V, by 30 April, 2018

3.2. Software for the Registration and Reviewing Process for ISPRS Events

ConfTool is to be used as the future registration and reviewing process for ISPRS events whenever possible. To facilitate this use, ISPRS will pay the fees for ConfTool for all ISPRS events as of Janu-

ary 1st, 2019. This decision is to be announced adequately in the ISPRS community. Further discussion on whether to include co-sponsored events is necessary.

Due to privacy regulations, the company providing ConfTool is not in a position to build an ISPRS database of attendees for future use. Council agreed to initiate an attendee database itself with respect to GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation (EU) [2016/679](#) rules), beginning January 1st, 2019.

Action 18/1113: CH to contact Copernicus for advice regarding authority for collection of personal data for participant database, by 30 April, 2018

4. Congress

4.1. Second Announcement

NP presented his proposal on the content.

Action 18/1114: NP to prepare a draft of the 2nd Announcement, by 31 May, 2018

4.2. Industry Relations, Exhibition, Sponsors

NP described his plans for attracting exhibitors and sponsors. He will also attend important meetings in this regard, e.g. Intergeo and the ASPRS March Meeting and meetings in China as appropriate.

4.3. Web Site, Congress Promotion

NP presented the present status of organisation of the Congress for comments and discussion. He also showed the current web site, along with plans for evolution. He suggested to have a unified layout for future ISPRS events. Cnl agreed to this suggestion and asked him to further develop this idea.

Action 18/1115: NP to further develop the idea of a common layout for future ISPRS events, by 31 May, 2018

5. Status GSW 2019

Due to unforeseen circumstances in Dubai, the designated GSW Director has asked ISPRS to postpone the meeting until 2012. As a consequence, Cnl invited the University of Twente to organise GSW 2019 under the leadership of George Vosselman; they had narrowly lost the vote for GSW 2019. He accepted the invitation, and GSW 2019 will now take place in Enschede, the Netherlands from 10-14 June, 2019. The contract is to be finalised in April.

Action 18/1116: SL to finalize the GSW contract with George Vosselman, GSW Director, to be ready for signature, by 30 April, 2018

6. Status of Symposia

Commissions II, III and V have signed contracts, the contract for Commission IV is not yet finalized and Commission I is due to sign at the beginning of April.

Action 18/1117: SL to prepare the contracts for TC I and TC IV Symposia for signature, by 30 April, 2018

7. ISPRS Publications

7.1. IJPRS

7.1.1. Associate Editors

Four new associate editors have been installed.

7.1.2. New Contract with Elsevier starting in 2019

The present contract with Elsevier ends on 31 December 2020. CT is to begin negotiating modifications of the present contract with the new Elsevier contact, Joshua Bayliss, in the second half of 2019. He is to enquire if it is possible to include costs for the additional AEs in 2018 or 2019.

Action 18/1118: CT to prepare a new ISPRS contract with Elsevier (including the possibility to cover costs for the additional AEs in 2018 or 2019) effective from 1 January 2021 by 31 January 2020 for signature, by 30 June, 2020

7.2. IJ-GI

No news were presented.

7.3. Status of Biennial Report

The Biennial Report is ready for printing along including the GSW final announcement.

Action 18/1119: AR to arrange printing of the Biennial Report, by 20 April 2018

7.4. Special Issues for 2020 Nice Congress

Cnl suggests that Special Issues to be published shortly before the 2020 Nice Congress for both journals, reviewing scientific developments in the respective fields, follow an open call. SL is to take the lead as guest editor on the IJGI organisation, and CT on the IJPRS.

Action 18/1120: SL to initiate Special Issue for IJGI with the Editor-in-Chief for Nice Congress, by April 30, 2018

Action 18/1121: CT to initiate Special Issue for IJPRS with the Editor-in-Chief for Nice Congress, by April 30, 2018

7.5. Social Media

CT and LH met shortly with Mustafa Üstüner, Social Media editor of the Student Consortium, who is prepared to continue assisting ISPRS social media endeavours in the future.

8. Financial Affairs

8.1. Report from Treasurer

8.1.1. 2018 Budget Proposal and 4-year Rolling Budget

The TIF budget was approved. ISPRS and TIF can offer full support for the proposed summer schools and travel grants in 2018, each paying 50% of the funds.

8.1.2. Report for the Financial Commission

A report will be submitted to the FinCom with the 2017 Financial Report and the 2018 and four-year rolling budgets.

Action 18/1122: SL to submit 2017 Financial Report and 2018 and four-year budgets to Financial Commission, by 30 April, 2018

8.2. Income from Journals

Reflecting the success of the journals, income from both has risen considerably in the past year. Further suggestions are required to implement the 2017 recommendations from the Financial Commission on the expenditure of surplus funds.

Action 18/1123: Cnl to provide to SL suggestions on expenditure of surplus funds, by 15 April, 2018

8.3. Status of Education & Capacity Building Initiative

Some funds have been transferred to the recipients already and the remaining ones are scheduled to be processed soon.

Action 18/1124: SL to finish transfer of the rest of the funds, by 15 May, 2018

8.4. Payment of GSW Wuhan dues

Payment is expected in March 2018.

8.5. Travel Expenses Reimbursement

The reimbursement of travel expenses on behalf of ISPRS were discussed. Cnl agreed to reimburse meals at a reasonable level.

Action 18/1125: The treasurer is to add an explanation sentence to the travel expenses form with respect to meals, by 10 April 2018

8.6. Euro Account for CIPA

Action 18/1126: SL is to inform Dan to request information from UBS on opening a Euro account for CIPA banking, by 30 April, 2018

9. Society Issues

9.1. Awards

9.1.1. Jack Dangermond Award

The final list of the Jack Dangermond Award Committee is:

- Deren Li (Wuhan University)
- Margueritte Madden (University of Georgia)
- Jamal Jokar Arsanjani (Aalborg University Copenhagen)
- Michael Leitner (Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge)

Action 18/1127: LH to harmonize the text on Jack Dangermond Award and Helava Award, by 5 April, 2018

9.1.2. Wang Zhizhuo Award

The revised Wang Zhizhuo Award ToR were approved by Council.

Action 18/1128: CH to forward to ME for publication on the web, asap

9.1.3. Young Author Award and Best Poster Award

The revised Young Author Awards ToR and the Best Poster Award were approved by Council.

Action 18/1129: CH to forward to ME for publication on the web, asap.

9.1.4. Roles and Necessary Key Competences of ISPRS Council Tasks

A discussion of the Cnl brought new ideas. Further discussion will continue in Beijing during the TC III Symposium.

Action 18/1130: CH is to circulate a draft version of the Roles for Council before the Beijing meeting, by April 15, 2018

9.2. StM - RSLabs Courses

Discussion on the establishment of an ISPRS lead online course platform is to be postponed until the Joint Meeting with all Commission Presidents in autumn.

9.3. Regional Representatives

9.3.1. Proposals for Summer School Locations

Regional Representatives are asked to suggest locations, convenors and themes for upcoming summer schools.

Action 18/1131: LH is asked to inform Regional Representatives to suggest locations, convenors and themes for upcoming summer schools, by 30 June, 2018

9.3.2. Regional Coordinator for the Arab States – Abdalla Alobeid

Council approved Abdalla Alobeid be installed as Vice Regional Coordinator for the Arab States to support Muhamad Alrajhi in his office as Regional Coordinator.

9.4. Membership Issues

9.4.1. Irish OdM

The transfer of the Irish OdM, from *Irish Society for Surveying* to *Ordnance Survey Ireland*, was approved by OdMs. All ISPRS members were informed about this change.

9.4.2. Canadian Membership

The ballot on the transition of *Canadian Remote Sensing Society* from AsM to OdM is due by 7 May 2018.

9.4.3. Qatar Membership

A representative from Qatar is expected at the Beijing Symposium to discuss membership.

Action 18/1132: CH to contact the representative of Qatar during the TC III Symposium in Beijing to discuss membership, by May 10, 2018.

9.4.4. Cooperation with IEEE in South America

Cnl discussed possibilities of cooperation between ISPRS and IEEE GRSS. One option is a close cooperation on regional level in South America.

Action 18/1133: CH is to follow up with IEEE GRSS on the cooperation on regional level in South America, by May 31, 2018

9.4.5. Members in Arrears

Members in arrears were discussed and proposed actions were delegated to Cnl members.

Action 18/1134: Cnl members to contact discussed ISPRS members regarding arrears, by 3 April, 2018

Action 18/1135: Council Attendance at Meetings

The Council Attendance to International Meetings list was updated.

9.5. ILMF/ASPRS Meeting in Denver

CT reported on the joint meeting, which successfully hosted over 1500 participants.

9.6. UNISPACE 50+

Council agreed that Gunter Schreier (GS) and LH host an ISPRS side event prior to the meeting titled “50 years of Earth observation – What’s next?”

Action 18/1136: LH and GS to prepare the UNISPACE+50 side event, in due time

10. Responsibilities for ISPRS Outreach Publications

10.1. eBulletin

The forward list was updated.

10.2. GIM

The GIM Page publication has changed, allowing shorter printed articles bi-monthly. The new schedule is to come in March.

Action 18/1137: LH to contact Wim van Wegen to clarify possibilities for ISPRS to publish material in GIM in the future, by 15 April, 2018

10.3. Geoinformatics

The recent Geoinformatics Page responsibility was not clear and must be timely decided in future.

Action 18/1138: AR to contact Ruud Groothuis to clarify possibilities of ISPRS promotion in Geoinformatics, by 15 April, 2018

11. Coming Meetings

11.1. LARS 2018

Information on the developments in Latin America will come following the LARS meeting.

Action 18/1139: CH to inform Cnl about results from meetings which will take place during LARS, by 15 April, 2018

11.2. Symposia in 2018 – Attendance and Speeches

Symposia	Attendance	Opening	Closing
TC I	NP, CH, CT	CT	CH
TC II	NP, CH, CT	CH	NP
TC III	CH, CJ, LH, SL, NP	LH	NP
TC IV	CH, LH, NP, SL	SL	NP
TC V	All	CH	NP/Representative

12. Next Council Meetings

Autumn 2018: Dehradun, India: CM: Nov. 22 & 25, JM: Nov. 23 & 24 – tbc.

Winter/Spring 2019: CM options: Hannover, Denver, Canada

June 2019: CM: GSW 2019 in Enschede.

Summer 2019: Pre-Congress JM in Nice – tbd.

Action 18/1140: CT and SL to inform Cnl about possibility to organize CM in Denver or Canada in 2019, by 30 June, 2018

Action 18/1141: NP to offer dates of a potential pre-Congress JM in Nice in 2019, by 30 April, 2018

Action 18/1142: CH to ask George Vosselman for possibilities to hold CM/JM during GSW 2019, by 30 May, 2018

13. Any other Business

13.1. ISC Merge and Candidates for the 2nd call for ISC Governing Board

No action necessary.

13.2. Student Consortium

The SC has asked for help in accomplishing changes to the Student Consortium Statutes and By-laws. A first draft of a new version of this to be prepared with support by CT for the ACRS 2018, and is to be circulated to Council prior to this meeting.

Action 18/1143: CT to circulate a draft of the SC Statutes and Bylaws, by July 15, 2018

14. Closing

CH closed the CM at 11:30 and thanked all members for their dedicated work.