

Minutes, Joint Council and TCP Meeting

25 March 2020

1pm CET

In Attendance:

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

TCP Commission I	Stefan Hinz (SH)
TCP Commission II	Fabio Remondino (FR)
TCP Commission II	Takashi Fuse (TF)
TCP Commission II	Isabella Toschi (IT)
TCP Commission III	Jiang Jie (JJ)
TCP Commission III	Ahmed Shaker (AS)
TCP Commission III	Hong Ping (HP)
TCP Commission IV	Sisi Zlatanova (SZ)
TCP Commission V	Senthil A. Kumar (SK)
TCP Commission V	P.L.N.Raju (PLNR)

Guests:

2020 ISPRS Congress	Clément Mallet (CleM) Inez Burger (IB)
GSW 2021	Saeed Al Mansoori, GSW Director 2021 (SAM) Ghariba Salem (GhS)

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ISPRS Headquarters	Annette Radtke (AR)
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Minutes

1. Opening Remarks

CH opened the meeting via Zoom at 1pm CET.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of JM Minutes from Enschede, 12 & 13 June 2019

The minutes from Enschede were approved.

4. Review of TCP Action List

All actions in the list have been completed.

5. Science and Policy Matters

5.1. Input from Technical Commissions

5.1.1. ISPRS Awards

Nearly all awards except for President's Honorary Citation and ISPRS Best Young Author Award have been selected and, due to postponement of the 2020 Congress, will be presented to awardees at the 2021 Congress.

5.1.1.1. President's Honorary Citation

Action 20/2064: TCPs to submit nominations of the President's Honorary Citation to CH, by 31 March 2020.

5.1.1.2. ISPRS Best Young Author Award

The ISPRS Best Young Author Awards will be presented to papers published in the 2020 proceedings, under the condition that they will not be withdrawn. Withdrawn papers will not be considered.

Action 20/2065: TCPs to inform Cnl of the ISPRS Best Young Authors awardees, by 9 April 2020.

5.1.2. Experience of 2016 – 2020: Lessons learnt

SK presented a proposal to introduce ICWGs between TC V and all other TCs, to enhance and improve cooperation and communication for Capacity Building developments in the next ISPRS period.

Action 20/2066: SK to begin discussions with Julian Smit, TC V candidate for 2020-2024 period, in due time.

Further proposals from other TCs were postponed.

5.1.3. General Input for ISPRS 2020 – 2024

Postponed

5.1.4. Status of Resolutions for Congress

Resolutions have been received from four commissions.

5.2. Keynote Speaker Programme

TCPs were reminded that, in 2019, the Keynote Speaker Program was initiated and results can be found on the ISPRS web site.

6. Scientific Initiative and Educational & Capacity Building Initiative

6.1. TCP Experience 2016 – 2020

LH presented the responses from TCPs regarding their experience and opinion on the SI and E&CBI.

SL received positive responses from Initiative recipients, who agree to present their projects at Congress. A presentation format has yet to be proposed.

Action 20/2067: NP to propose a format for the presentation of SI and E&CBI projects at Congress, in due time.

6.2. Presentation of Evaluation of Initiatives at the Congress

ISAC will be asked to present an evaluation on the SI and E&CBI at Congress.

Action 20/2068: LH to contact ID to have ISAC evaluate the Initiatives and to report on the result at Congress, in due time.

7. ISPRS 2020 – 24

7.1. Bids for Council, Congress 2024 and Commissions

All present bids and nominations can be found on the web site. Due to the postponement of the Congress, the deadline will also be postponed until 2021, so further bids can be expected.

7.2. Geospatial Week 2021

Following the postponement of the XXIV Congress to 2021 due to the COVID-19 situation, a new date for the next GSW will have to be decided on very soon, between ISPRS and the Dubai hosts. SAM will inform Cnl asap.

SAM presented an overview of the present status of preparation including proposed Ws, the technical program and the web site. He asked for any comments from TCPs and Cnl.

Action 20/2069: TCPs and Cnl to comment to SAM and Cnl on Ws, the technical program and the web site, asap.

8. Congress 2020

8.1. Reviewing Process

CleM presented slides of the results of the reviewing process.

In the name of all TCPs, SH expressed his thanks to CleM for the excellent work.

8.1.1. Plagiarism Checks

The plagiarism checks have not yet been executed. CleM is to enquire if it is possible to check for plagiarism prior to reviewing for future events.

Action 20/2070: CleM to enquire with Copernicus if it is possible to check for plagiarism prior to reviewing for future events, in due time.

8.2. Programme, Sessions

Postponed

8.3. Virtual Presence

Postponed

8.4. Implications of the Covid-19

NP explained the decision taken to postpone the Congress till July 2021.

The Acropolis Congress Centre will remain the venue.

2020 Awards will be presented in 2021.

Papers submitted for the 2020 Congress will be published for a nominal fee in the Archives and Annals, unless they are withdrawn. A new round of paper submissions will be run in 2021.

NP plans to organise virtual presentation sessions, to enable interested authors to present their 2020 accepted papers.

Action 20/2071: NP to inform authors of virtual presentation sessions for accepted papers in 2020, by 4 May 2020.

The registration fee paid for 2020 will be retained as registration for 2021, including publication of the 2020 papers in Archives and Annals in 2020, and new submissions in 2021.

The early bird fee deadline (4 May 2020) is set as the deadline for the publication of the 2020 submitted papers. The fee will also include registration for the 2021 Congress.

The GA is also postponed and will take place during the Congress in 2021. All decisions are postponed, and all ISPRS officers are asked to continue in their present office for another year.

The GA deadlines, including bids and nominations for the new ISPRS term, are also postponed. It is therefore possible that more bids and nominations, with the exception of Awards, will be received by the new deadlines in 2021.

Discussion needs to be initiated whether to move the ISPRS cycle by one year, due to the current situation, or to accept the shorter 3-year term, resulting in the next Congress being organised in 2024, as planned.

Cnl asks TCPs to inform all WG Officers that they are asked to continue in their present office for another year, and to maintain a high level of activity.

Action 20/2072: TCPs to inform all officers that they are asked to continue in their present office for another year, and to maintain a high level of activity, by 31 March 2020.

9. Student Consortium Summer Schools in 2020

It can be expected that some of the 5 planned SSs will be cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 situation.

NP confirmed that the SS prior to Congress 2020 is also postponed.

Action 20/2073: CT to contact SS organizers and ask for update on the status of SS plans due to COVID-19, by 30 April 2020.

10. ISPRS Publications

10.1. Book Series Policy and Plan

No developments.

10.2. ISPRS eBulletin, GIM, Geoinformatics and TC Contributions

All slots currently filled.

10.3. Journals

10.3.1. IJPRS Special Issue for Congress

The deadline for submissions will be extended.

10.3.2. MDPI Special Issue for Congress

The deadline for submissions will be extended.

10.3.3. Open Access Publication for ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

TCPs gave their views on OA publication. The discussion will be continued within Cnl.

10.4. Biennial Report

The report has been distributed digitally only but will be posted to members etc. asap.

11. Coming Meetings

Postponed

12. Any Other Business

No other business

13. Closing

CH thanked the participants for their input and closed the meeting at 5:30pm CET.