

Minutes, Council Meeting

21 - 22 February 2022

Budapest, Hungary

In Attendance:

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Secretary General	Lena Halounová (LH)
Congress Director	Nicolas Paparoditis (NP)
Past President	Chen Jun (CJ) per Zoom
Vice President	Charles Toth (CT)
Treasurer	Songnian Li (SL) per Zoom

Guests: Inez Burger (IB)

Minutes: Annette Radtke (AR)

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Minutes

1. Opening Remarks

CH opened the meeting at 9:45 CET on Feb. 21.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of CM Minutes from 21 January 2022

The minutes from 21 January were approved.

4. Action List

Both the Council and the TCP and Council action lists were updated.

5. Congress 2022

5.1 Actions before Congress

The actions have all been carried out to date.

5.2 General Assembly

The agenda of the General Assembly (GA) was discussed in detail; LH was asked to amend it as per Cnl decisions.

Action 22/1667: LH to amend the GA Agenda, by 28 February 2022.

TC V proposal for resolution of TC V which mentioned important topics for the 2022 – 2026 Commission V was discussed. It was decided to send the proposal to the proposed new TCP V.

Action 22/1668: LH to send TC V proposal for resolution to all proposed TCP for Com. V, asap.

5.2.1 Bids and Nominations

The bids and nominations list was updated. The deadline is 30 April 2022.

It was decided to select a new IIAC Chair.

Action 22/1669: CH to contact potential IIAC Chairs for availability for next term, asap.

5.2.2 Voting in the General Assembly

5.2.2.1 Voting Process in the General Assembly

The voting process for the GA was refined.

5.2.2.2 Software for Voting – On-site Test and Evaluation

Postponed until Telecon Meeting on 7 March, 13:00 CET.

5.2.3 Document Distribution to Delegates

While the preliminary agenda will be distributed to ISPRS members, by 6 March, the related documents can follow later. Those documents which have been received will be distributed in March. Updated documents will be distributed closer to the GA date.

Action 22/1670: LH to distribute the preliminary GA Agenda and related documents to OdMs, AsMs, RgMs, HnMs, TIF Board, ISAC Chair, IPAC Chair, FinCom, Cnl, by 6 March 2022.

Action 22/1671: LH to distribute preliminary GA Agenda only to StMs, Reg.Reps., SC Pres., CIPA Pres., ICORSE Chair, EiCs, Webmaster, 2016-2022, TCPs, proposed TCPs 2022-2026, proposed CD 2026, by 6 March 2022.

5.3 Awards and Certificates Handed over During the Congress

Dates for presentation of the individual awards were discussed and decided. For the awardees who receive their recognition at the Gala Dinner, ISPRS will pay one ticket per person.

Action 22/1672: CJ, with the help of AR, to inform awardees and donors of date and time of award presentations, by 1 April 2022.

5.3.1 ISPRS Best Young Author Award

In 2020, ISPRS selected two papers for the Young Author Awards per TC, in 2021, one per TC. In 2022, up to 2 very good papers per TC shall be selected by the TCPs. NP has informed TCPs.

5.3.2 Status of Helava and Dangermond Award

Deadline for the U.V. Helava and Jack Dangermond Award 2022 is 20 March in order to inform winners on 1 April.

Action 22/1673: CT to remind Editors-in Chief to finalise awards for both Jack Dangermond and Helava Awards for 2022, by 28 February 2022.

5.3.3 List of Certificate Recipients for the Congress

Action 22/1674: Cnl members each to revise and update list of recipients for Certificates of Recognition, by 1 April 2022.

5.3.4 Presentation Folder for Certificates

Council decided to have cardboard folders for Certificates of Recognition printed.

Further quotes for representative folders for awards are to be sought by LH in the Czech Republic.

Action 22/1675: LH to inquire about prices for Awards folders in Czech Republic, by 7 March 2022.

5.4 Registration

A regular registration desk as well as self-registration devices (whereby attendees print out their own badge) will be available. The number of badge variations was simplified.

5.5 Congress Programme

LH has contacted Anjana Vyas for updated details on the CATCON for 2022.

5.5.1 Scientific Sessions Structure

Scientific sessions will comprise presentations of papers which will be published in Annals, *and* some good papers published in Archives. One or two sessions will be dedicated to the Best Papers of Young Authors from 2021 and 2022.

Also, the status of the Forum and the Technology tracks was presented and discussed.

5.5.2 Poster Sessions

The possibility to launch a call for interesting poster presentations (without publications) on topics related to ISPRS was discussed. In order not to overlap with offers to companies for the technical track, this launch – if realised – would probably be limited to young authors of research establishments. A decision on was postponed to the next meeting.

5.5.3 Tutorials

The tutorial topics and schedule are available at the Congress web site.

5.5.4 Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will begin at 5:30 pm on Monday 6 June. Details of the programme were discussed.

5.5.5 Exhibition

The exhibition still offers vacant booths of various sizes.

5.5.6 Social Programme

The social programme needs to be finalised. White Elephants (White Elephant (WE) dinner), TIF Chair (TIF dinner), Student Consortium (a pub get-together, sport activities) etc., should be contacted for the preparation of their potential activities.

CT is asked to continue preparations for an appropriate setting of a possible Brock Award reception.

Potential congress bidders are to be asked about their plans for holding bidder events.

Action 22/1676: NP to contact WE, TIF Chair, SC President to prepare individual activities of the social programme, by 7 April 2022.

Action 22/1677: CT to continue preparations for a possible Brock Award reception and report to Cnl, by 7 April 2022.

Action 22/1678: NP to contact potential Congress bidders and request information about possible bidder events, by 7 April 2022.

Action 22/1679: Council to prepare ISPRS actions during the Gala Dinner, by 7 April 2022.

5.5.7 Other meetings

Other meetings to be held during Congress have to have their own schedule and participants have to be contacted:

CIPA, ICORSE, EiCs + publishers, ISAC, IPAC, IIAC, UN-GGIM Geospatial Societies.

Action 22/1680: LH to contact CIPA president, ICORSE Chair, EiCs, publishers, ISAC Chair, IPAC Chair, IIAC Chair, UN-GGIM Geospatial Societies Chair to seek their interest in organising a meeting during the ISPRS Congress, and to report to Cnl, by 1 April 2022.

5.5.8 Lunches

Lunches will be served on the top floor of the Acropolis building. Food trucks will also be set up in front of the building.

5.5.9 Cnl Post-Congress Meeting

The first CM of the new Council will take place on Sunday 12 June.

Action 22/1681: LH to inform incoming Council Members about the Post-Congress Meeting, by 20 March 2022.

5.5.10 Joint Cnl and TCPs after-Congress Meeting

The first JM of the new TCPs and the new Cnl will take place in Nice on Saturday 11 June after lunch.

Action 22/1682: LH to invite incoming Cnl members and incoming TCPs to post-Congress meeting, by 20 March 2022.

5.5.11 Pre-Congress meeting of Council

Departure for the Cnl pre-Congress Meeting from Nice to Grasse will be on Friday 3 June, details will be communicated later. CH will go to Grasse directly on 2 June.

Action 22/1683: Cnl to inform Inez and Annette of exact arrival and departure dates and times, asap.

5.6 Use of Congress ConfTool List

This item was postponed for the next CM.

5.7 Congress Finances

5.7.1 2022 Congress Budget

The updated budget was presented.

5.7.2 Virtual Part of the Congress – Financial Conditions

The financial conditions of the virtual part of the Congress were discussed. The discussion will be concluded at the next CM.

5.8 Guidelines

Discussion about Guidelines was postponed to the next CM.

6. GSW 2023

Naser El-Sheimy has offered to organise GSW 2023 in Egypt in autumn 2023. Council had informed the community about this offer; no objections were raised. Therefore, Council decided to accept the offer, thanking Naser and his team wholeheartedly. A formal announcement will be made as soon as the dates and further information is available.

Action 22/1684: CH to contact Naser El-Sheimy and thank him for offering to organise GSW 2023, inform him that Cnl has accepted the offer, ask him to provide details such as dates, so that the 2023 GSW can be announced to ISPRS members, asap.

7. Status ISPRS Virtual Keynote Series

ISPRS Virtual Keynotes for March and April 2022 were discussed.

Action 22/1685: LH to coordinate with the TC IV Webinar Series to avoid overlaps, asap.

8. Financial Affairs

8.1 Reply from FinCom

The reply from FinCom on the Financial Report was discussed.

Action 22/1686: SL to update Financial Report with Cnl decisions and return to FinCom, by 26 Feb 2022.

8.2 Co-operation between SG and Tr for updating list of GA eligible voters

Prior to Congress, SL is to supply the payment status of members to LH. This is to be updated before each GA.

Action 22/1687: SL to supply SG list of member payments prior to Congress, by 25 May 2022.

Action 22/1688: SL to supply SG with updated member payments, on the morning of each GA prior to 10 a.m.

8.3 Status of Member Arrears

2022 invoices were sent to members in January. Members to be removed from the roll were discussed.

Council established that certain Associate and Regional Members have ceased to exist. Cancellation of other members in arrears will be proposed to the GA.

StMs in arrears will be cancelled from the database.

Action 22/1689: LH to contact 40092 GeoCad 93 Ltd., 4 April 2022.

Action 22/1690: LH to contact OA regarding 40093 TÜBİTAK UZAY - Space Technologies Research Institute, by 4 April 2022.

Action 22/1691: CT to follow up with 40117 Lizardtech (Extensis), by 4 April 2022.

Action 22/1692: LH to contact 10015 Union of Surveyors & Land Managers in Bulgaria, by 4 April 2022.

Action 22/1693: CH to contact 10026 GEOCUBA, by 4 April 2022.

Action 22/1694: LH to contact 10094 Ukrainian Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, by 4 April 2022.

Action 22/1695: LH to contact African regional Representative to check the situation with ODM from Kenya , by 19 March 2022.

Action 22/1696: CH to provide new Reg. Co-ord. for Arab States with list of members and arrears for the region, by 7 March 2022.

9. Publications

CT reported that the contracts have not yet been finalised between MDPI and Associate Editors.

Council confirmed Hartwig Hochmair as new Associate Editor for IJGI.

Action 22/1697: CT to contact MDPI to finalise contracts with Assoc. Editors, by 28 February 2022.

Action 22/1698: CT to clarify responsibility for payment of Associate Editors of the Open Journal with Elsevier, by 28 February 2022.

Action 22/1699: CT, SL to clarify system of payment of EiC and AEs of Open Journal with Elsevier, 28 February 2022.

Action 22/1700: NP to arrange linkage between papers in Archives and Annals and presentations of speakers of the 2020 and 2021 Congress Editions with the help of CH and Markus English, asap.

10. Council Responsibilities for Magazines

10.1 GIM

The responsibility list was revised.

10.2 GeoInformatics

Action 22/1701: LH to check if GeoInformatics is a suitable channel to continue promoting ISPRS, by 10 April 2022.

10.3 eBulletin

The responsibility list was revised.

11. IPAC

Council welcomed Vanessa Keuck from ESA, as new IPAC member.

12. Student Consortium

Voting for the new SC Board is taking place at present. The results will be announced at Nice during the GA.

13. Next Meetings

13.1 Council Participation at other Meetings

GSW Forum, Amsterdam, May 9-12, 2022 – LH and GS for session organisation, NP, CH

UAS Expo, Las Vegas, Sept. 6-8 2022 – CT

FIG Congress, Warsaw, Sept. 12-15, 2022 – tbd.

13.2 Council Meetings

Joint Meeting: Hybrid/Prague, 11-12 April 2022

Pre-Congress CM: Grasse, 3-5 June, (departure from Nice on 3 June).

Post Congress meeting: Nice: JM 11 June afternoon and CM 12 June 2022.

Cnl is asked to think about possible dates and venues for the JM in autumn, during which the WG structure for 2022-26 is to be finalized. This item is to be discussed further in the CM in Prague in April.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Change in WG IV/9

Chris Pettit has stepped down as an ISPRS officer. He has served as co-chair of WG IV/9.

14.2 GWF 2022

LH will ask GS to assist in organising a technology session on Integrated Earth Observation & New Space Revolution at GWF 2022, 9-12 May.

Action 22/1702: LH to ask GS to assist in organising a technology session on Integrated Earth Observation & New Space Revolution at GWF 2022, by 28 February 2022.

14.3 E&CB Initiative 2022

SL reported that for the 2022 initiative, four projects have been selected and the funds have been transferred.

15. Closing

CH thanked everyone for participation and closed the meeting at 17:25 CET.