

Minutes, Council Meeting

Changsha, China

13 & 15 May 2024

In Attendance:

President	Lena Halounová (LH)
Vice President	Nicolas Paparoditis (NP)
Secretary General	Jiang Jie (JJ)
Past President	Christian Heipke (CH)
Treasurer	Stewart Walker (SW)
Congress Director	Derek Lichti (DL)

Guests:

Charles Toth (CT), GSW 2025 (for 6.1)
Saeed Hussain Al Mansoori (SAM), GSW 2025 (for 6.1), per Zoom
Ghariba Salem (GhSa) GSW 2025 (for 6.1) , per Zoom
Ludwig Högner (LuHö), GSW 2025, per Zoom (for 6.1)
Naser El-Sheimy (NES), on behalf of GEOSA (for 6.6)
Senthil Kumar (SK), TIF (for 9), per Zoom
Laxmi Thapa (LT), SC President, per Zoom (for 11)
Nicolas Pucino (NPu), SC Vice President, (for 11)
Sisi Zlatanova (SZ), TC IV President, per Zoom (for 13.4)

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ISPRS Headquarters	Annette Radtke (AR)
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Minutes

1 Opening Remarks

LH opened the meeting at 9:10 on 13 May and welcomed the attendees.

2 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3 Approval of CM Telecon Minutes

Both the minutes from the telecons 12 July 2023 and 21 March 2024 were approved.

4 Review of Council Action List

The action list was updated.

5 Update of ISPRS Documents

5.1 Statutes and Bylaws

Action 24/1196: LH to draft new definitions for PH, RS and SIS and forward to Cnl, by 20 May 2024

Action 24/1197: LH to send PH, RS and SIS definitions from Cnl to ISAC and Editors-in Chief (to receive a reply by 15 September) by 15 June 2024

Action 24/1198: LH to send TCPs PH, RS and SIS definitions from Cnl, ISAC and EiCs for revision (to receive their reply by end of October) for the final discussion during JM in Belém, by 20 September 2024

Action 24/1199: NP to draft short descriptions of Technical Commissions for St&BI, by 31 August 2024

Action 24/1200: NP to draft a new clause on inclusion and sustainability for St&BI, by 31 August 2024

Action 24/1201: JJ to ask SZ to propose a definition of SIS and ensure it is forwarded to NP, by 30 June 2024

5.2 Update of Orange Book

The updated version of the Orange Book was published on ISPRS web page during the meeting.

6 Conferences

6.1 GSW 2025

SAM reported on the preparation of GSW 2025. The Laser Scanning workshop is to take place on the last two days of the GSW to avoid further conflict with a previously approved event.

SAM will deal with email communications received due to the unexpected change of dates of the event.

6.2 GSW 2027 Voting Procedure

The voting procedure was revised and the updated version was published in the Orange Book and on the GSW web page during the meeting.

6.3 Numbering of GSW Proceedings

In future, Cnl is to allocate Volume numbers for Congress, GSWs and Symposia when signing the contracts. Volume numbers for smaller events will be allocated by Copernicus.

GSW volumes will include a G, eg. XLVIII-G-2025, L-G-2027

Action 24/1202: SW to update volume numbering in sample contracts, by 30 June 2024

6.4 Mid-term Symposia

JJ reported on the preparation status of each remaining Symposium.

6.5 Congress 2026

DL reported on the status of preparations for the Congress in Toronto.

6.6 Congress 2030

NES informed Cnl, on behalf of the Saudi Arabian ODM, GeoSA, that GeoSA intends submitting a bid for Congress 2030.

7 Financial Affairs

7.1 Change of the Bank

A new bank is yet to be chosen. Details from various banks and types of accounts are still being collated.

7.2 Financial Report

SW presented details of the Society's financial situation.

7.3 Strategy for Handling ISPRS Members with Debts

SW will cc JJ when communicating with members regarding fees and arrears. JJ will follow up with members not responding to these emails. JJ will send letters per regular post to members.

8 TIF – Grant Evaluation Committee

Decisions related to registration fees for TIF grant recipients to participate in events reside with the event organiser.

Action 24/1203: SW to revise TIF Grant Evaluation Committee members with SK, by 30 June 2024

9 Industry-Aligned Scientific Initiatives

SK presented his ideas on an industry-aligned initiative, for which Cnl thanked him. LH, NP, IIAC chair (Hartmut Rosengarten) and SK will continue discussions.

Action 24/1204: LH to coordinate online meeting with NP, SK and IIAC chair for the development of the industry initiative, by 31 July 2024

10 ISAC

CT submitted a report on ISAC. There is no outstanding business.

11 Student Consortium

11.1 Student Consortium Advisory Committee

NP and JJ were selected as the initial members of the Advisory Committee to the Student Consortium. TCP V will be consulted at the Symposium in Manila and asked to join the committee.

11.2 Student Consortium Chapters

Sixteen Student Chapter applications have been received from around the world. Cnl is very pleased about this development and expressed its congratulations to SC officers.

The SC budget for 2025 will be revised in autumn 2024, taking requirements of the chapters into consideration. Applications for Summer Schools will be processed through the Advisory Committee.

Cnl advised LT and NP to inform Consortium officers to mention their SC involvement when applying for travel grants.

12 Scientific Issues

12.1 Vision Paper

Postponed to the JM during the TC III Symposium in Belém

12.2 TCP Feedback Discussion

Postponed to the JM during the TC III Symposium in Belém.

13 Management

13.1 Media Library

Cnl encourages the submission of video material. In Cairo, Cnl decided that event organisers decide whether or not they want to have videos of the presentations recorded and made available to the public. DL will do so for the Congress in Toronto.

Action 24/1205: CH to discuss with GSW 2025 about video material submission, by 31 May 2024

Action 24/1206: NP to transfer videos from the Nice Congress to Hannover, by 31 August 2024

13.2 ISPRS Management System

Cnl has prioritised membership, financials and documentation for the initial new management system.

Action 24/1207: CH to discuss with ME about his availability to implement a new management system and inform Council, by 30 June 2024

13.3 ISPRS Dataset Policy and Management

Action 24/1208: JJ to draft a structure of ISPRS dataset resources, by 31 August 2024

13.4 Presentations without Papers

The TC IV Symposium and some TC IV workshops allow presentations without papers in order to attract speakers from industry and government. The WGs requesting this type of presentation explained that many colleagues prefer to publish papers in journals and not in proceedings. At the TC IV Symposium, the orals without papers will only be short presentations and authors will be asked to submit short videos prior to the meeting to check the quality of the presentations.

Action 24/1209: Cnl to discuss TC IV Symposium presentations without papers and how to proceed in the future in Belém

14 Future Plan for Biennial Report

It was decided to continue publishing the Biennial Report. TCPs will be more clearly asked to submit information on the commission's vision.

Action 24/1210: JJ to inform TCPs to include commission's vision for Biennial Report submissions, in due time

15 IJPRS

QW and CM would like to install a 3rd EiC for Computer Vision and Artificial Intelligence. QW has agreed to remain as EiC for another term. Elsevier will submit OPHOTO to reach impact factor.

16 Coming Meetings

16.1 Council and Joint Meetings

JM Belém 5-6 November 2024 (TC III Symposium 4-8 November)

CM Belém 4, 7 November 2024

CM Dubai, GSW, 6-11 April 2025

16.2 Council Attendance at International Meetings 2022-26

The list of the Council Attendance at International Meetings 2022-26 was updated.

17 Any Other Business

None

18 Closing

LH closed the meeting at 6pm on 15 May and thanked the participants for their attendance.