

# Minutes, Council Meeting

Belém, Brazil  
4,5 and 7 November 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), per Zoom
Congress Director	Derek Lichti (DL)

Guests:	Charles Toth (CT), ISAC
	Gunter Schreier (GS), IPAC

## Minutes:

ISPRS Headquarters	Annette Radtke (AR)
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## Minutes

### 1 Opening Remarks

LH welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 9:04 am.

### 2 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved after adding items to Any Other Business.

### 3 Approval of Minutes of CM Telecon held on 1 October 2024

Postponed.

### 4 Review of Council Action List

The action list was revised.

### 5 Management of ISPRS

#### 5.1 Sustainability of the Society

##### 5.1.1 First Recommendations from the SWOT Advisory Group

CT reported on the response to the survey on the relevance of ISPRS within the community. TCPs and WG Officers will be asked to complete the same survey. CT will supply feedback at a telecon with Cnl in January 2025.

**Action 24/1224:** LH to ask CT to send SWOT survey to TCPs and WG officers, by 30 November 2024

**Action 24/1225:** CT to follow up with Cnl on 2<sup>nd</sup> round of questions proposed by CT on SWOT issues after TCPs and WG officers reply to 1<sup>st</sup> round, by 31 December 2024

**Action 24/1226:** NP to propose a white paper on ISPRS annual events, by 31 December 2024

#### 5.2 ISPRS Dataset Management

Council approved the restructure of the website regarding the professional web content, including it in the Open Resources pull-down menu.

Action 24/1227: JJ to send a file about the new pull-down menu called *ISPRS Open Resources on the Home page* to ME to update the website, by 30 November 2024

### 5.3 Social Media

Council discussed the content of the ISPRS Social Media channels in 2024 and did not find it sufficient. Therefore, Council agreed not to sign the contract with the present Social Media Manager for the following period. A new Manager will be selected from the list of candidates Council received in 2023.

Action 24/1228: LH to inform the present Media Manager that a contract will not be signed for 2025, by 30 November 2024

Action 24/1229: SW to contact two Media Manager candidates, by 30 November 2024

Action 24/1230: SW to define Media Manager KPIs and evaluation method, by 31 December 2024

## 6 Publications

Cnl discussed the possibility of transferring the ISPRS Annals together with Copernicus to become a Journal.

Action 24/1231: NP to discuss the implications of transferring the Annals to become a Journal with Copernicus, by 31 January 2025

### 6.1 IJPRS

Council discussed the suggestion from Elsevier to raise APCs for IJPRS. The renewal of the IJPRS contract is due at the end of the year.

Council also discussed an e-mail from the Editors-in-Chief concerning their increasing workload. Council approved to recommend that the editors recruit a third Editor-in-Chief. If the EICs still do not wish to extend the number of EIC, Council would push for a temporary raise of their honorarium and for a higher number of Associate Editors (AEs) in 2025.

Action 24/1232: NP to address an email to Elsevier regarding a raise in APCs for IJPRS to be at a lower level than proposed by Elsevier, by 30 November 2024

Action 24/1233: NP to contact IJPRS EICs regarding new contract conditions, by 30 November 2024

Action 24/1234: NP to contact the IJPRS EICs and ask them to select new AEs for topics with a high number of submissions, by 12 December 2024

### 6.2 IOJPRS

The open journal has been referenced by SCOPUS with a Cite Score of 5.5, but does not yet have an impact factor.

### 6.3 IJGI

MDPI has suggested a raise in APC. Cnl would like to include the travel grants for Editors in the honorarium to be paid by MDPI to the new contract for the following period.

Action 24/1235: NP to discuss a raise in APC for IJGI with MDPI, by 15 November 2024

Action 24/1236: NP to ask to MDPI that they pay all IJGI EIC and AEs directly, including complete travel grants, by 15 November 2024

Action 24/1237: JJ to contact MDPI founder/owner regarding actions taken against rumours about them, by 30 November 2024

Action 24/1238: CH to discuss the opportunity of changing publishing house for IJGI with WK, by 30 November 2024

## 6.4 Augmentation of Revenues from ISPRS Journals

NP discussed the trajectory of APC raise of our journals and proposes to consider augmenting the revenues from our journals to sustain ISPRS development.

**Action 24/1239:** NP to commence discussions and negotiations with publishers, and eventually put them into competition, to raise revenues for ISPRS, by 30 April 2025

## 6.5 GIM

The responsibilities list was updated.

## 7 Events

### 7.1 GSW 2025

See JM Minutes.

**Action 24/1240:** CH to hold a meeting with the IPC to discuss preparations for the GSW 2025, by 15 December 2024

### 7.2 GSW 2027

One group has voiced interest in hosting the GSW 2027 to date.

### 7.3 General Assembly 2026 - Bids to host the 2030 Congress, Technical Commissions and Council

Two countries have indicated interest in hosting the 2030 Congress. Interest has been expressed to host most TCs in the coming ISPRS term. The bid information as well as an invitation to submit applications for ISPRS Awards will be sent to OdMs in the coming days.

**Action 24/1241:** JJ to send *Bids for GA and Awards in 2026* information to OdMs, by 30 November 2024

## 8 Coming Meetings

### 8.1 Council and Joint Meetings

Council Telecon: 16 January 2025 15:00 CET.

The next in-person CM will take place at the GSW 2025, all day on 6 and in the afternoon of 7 April 2025.

The date and place for the next Joint Meeting is yet to be decided.

### 8.2 Other Meetings

No changes were made to the list of international meetings attended by Cnl.

## 9 Any Other Business

### 9.1 Belém Declaration

A declaration, to be signed at the Closing Ceremony by SELPER and ISPRS, was prepared during the meeting, with the help of the IPAC Chair, and will be disseminated via the ISPRS web site and in the coming eBulletin.

### 9.2 Addition to Orange Book

Text about numbering of the ISPRS proceedings was updated.

### **9.3 TIF Travel Grants**

Cnl discussed the suggestion from TIF to install a grant system for seniors. It was decided that TIF will send such applications to Council to be decided upon on an individual basis.

**Action 24/1242:** LH to inform TIF to forward grant applications from seniors to Council to be decided upon on an individual basis, by 30 November 2024

### **9.4 Brock Award**

The Brock Award is the most prestigious ISPRS Award presented at the ISPRS congresses and therefore, also in 2026.

**Action 24/1243:** Cnl to consider appropriate candidates for the Brock Award 2026, by 31 December 2024

## **10 Closing**

LH closed the meeting at 16:30 on 7 November 2024.