

Minutes, Joint Council and TCP Meeting

Belém
5-6 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)
Commission I	Xinming TANG (XT), TCP Antonio Tommaselli (AT), Vice TCP Tao ZHANG (TZ), Secretary
Commission II	Alper Yilmaz (AY), TCP, per ZOOM
Commission III	Laurent Polidori (LP) TCP
TCP Commission IV	Sisi Zlatanova (SZ), TCP
TCP Commission V	Gay Jane Perez (GJP), TCP, per ZOOM

Guests:

Charles Toth (CT), ISAC Chair
Gunter Schreier (GS), IPAC Chair
Raul Queiroz Feitosa (RQF), Reg. Rep. Latin America
Jaime Hernández Palma (JHP), Vice Reg.Rep. Latin America
Laxmi Thapa (LT), Student Consortium President
Saeed Al Mansoori (SAM), GSW2025 Director, per ZOOM
Ghariba Salem (GhSa) GSW2025, per ZOOM

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ISPRS Headquarters Annette Radtke (AR)

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Minutes

1 Opening Remarks

LH welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 9am. She thanked LP for preparations for the meeting.

2 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3 Approval of Minutes from JM in Cairo

The minutes from the JM in Cairo in September 2023 were approved.

4 Action List

The Council and TCP Action List was revised.

5 Technical Commissions Progress

5.1 TC I Report

XT reported on TC I Mid-term Symposium, WG activities and plans for the coming year.

5.2 TC II Report

AY reported on TC II Mid-term Symposium, WG activities and plans for the coming year.

He also informed Cnl of opinions from his WG officers regarding the issues requiring attention for the sustainable development of ISPRS.

5.3 TC III Report

During the TC III Business Meeting, LP reported on TC III Mid-term Symposium, WG activities and plans for the coming year. He informed Cnl that there are some changes to WGs.

WG officers from the Commission objectively commented on deficits in ISPRS operations.

Action 24/2028: LP to inform Cnl of changes to WGs, by 31 December 2024

5.4 TC IV Report

SZ reported on the TC IV Mid-term Symposium, WG activities and plans for the coming year.

She also reported on changes to WG officers, and has proposed a new WG which is yet to be approved by Cnl.

Action 24/2029: SZ to inform Cnl on changes to WG officers, by 30 November 2024

Action 24/2030: Cnl to revise TC IV proposal for new WG, and approve new WG, by 30 November 2024

5.5 TC V Report

GJP reported on TC V Mid-term Symposium, WG activities and plans for the coming year.

6 Report of Latin American Regional Representative

RQF informed the participants about the LAGIRS meeting taking place in November 2025 which will be consecutive to the IEEE GRSS & ISPRS Young Professional & Student Consortium Summer School. He also reported on his fruitless attempts to reinstate contact with Latin American Members.

7 Committee Reports

7.1 IPAC Report

GS reported on IPAC activities and plans for the coming year. IPAC still seeks more female members and more members from Latin America and Asia Pacific.

He is willing to continue as IPAC chair until 2026 (next ISPRS Congress in Toronto) and is considering who could become his successor.

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) have asked ISPRS to co-organise a session at the Living Planet Symposium, 23–27 June 2025, in Vienna. Speakers will be invited by ISPRS & ESPI and a side event is planned at ESPI premises, upon invitation only, with cost-sharing of catering. Council approved the proposal. Topics for the event need to be prepared by GS and LH.

ISPRS expects a partnership proposal from the Geospatial World Forum (GWF) for the joint GWF and ISPRS session which has been organised by IPAC for several years.

Action 24/2031: LH to confer with GS on further steps in co-organizing ISPRS & ESPI event at LPS 2025, in due time

Action 24/2032: LH to check and edit the partnership proposal from GWF to improve conditions for the ISPRS session, in due time

7.2 ISAC

CT reported that the ISAC page on the website has been updated. The gender balance has not improved. ISAC does not have a regular agenda and has not had any issues to deal with in the recent past.

8 Student Consortium Report

LT thanked the TCPs for the registration waivers for SC board members to attend the Symposia, and also for TIF travel support. She explicitly thanked SZ for the networking event at the TC IV Symposium and DL for his support preparing SC participation at the coming Congress.

She reported that 6 applications have been received for SC Chapters of which 4 approved Chapters will be officially announced on 7 November 2024.

SC requests TCs to collaborate to organize dedicated tutorials and mentorships. They also ask WGs to assist in organizing Summer Schools in Africa and the Middle East.

Next year the SC celebrates its 20th anniversary.

The consortium would like to change its name to include “Young Professionals”.

At the GSW in Dubai, the SC will organize a Student and Young Professional Day on 8th April 2025.

For Congress 2026, the SC plans a summer school, a youth forum - technical session and panel discussion, speed dating and social evenings.

LT informed Cnl and TCPs that with 3 SC board members in Europe, participation at events in the region are now also possible with less outlay and effort.

Action 24/2033: NP to propose a call for suggestions for further SC activities to Cnl and TCPs, by 31 December 2024

Action 24/2034: TCs to collaborate with SC to organize dedicated tutorials and mentorships, ongoing

Action 24/2035: TCPs to ask WGs to assist SC in organizing Summer Schools in Africa and the Middle East, ongoing

9 Geospatial Week 2025

GhSa reported on the organisational preparation of the GSW 2025 and SAM on the status of the scientific preparation, both of which appear to be running well.

The travel grant application process is open and has been well co-ordinated with TIF, for which SAM explicitly thanked Senthil Kumar for his support. Cnl is very pleased with the number of full papers submitted. Abstract deadline is still open.

10 Congress 2026

DL presented the continuing preparation of the congress and asked TCPs to prepare a list of reviewers of their TC, to encourage their WG officers to prepare their session and papers. Following the successful experience with poster sessions for authors who will submit only abstracts, these will be most probably organised during the Congress. The abstracts will be reviewed and will not be published in the proceedings.

Action 24/2036: TCPs are to encourage WG officers to submit papers to Congress, to provide reviewers for the Congress review process and to participate at Congress in Toronto, ongoing till Congress

11 Call for Bids – Council Members / TCPs / GSW 2027 / Congress 2030 / Awards

A draft text has been prepared to inform members about the bids opening next year for election at the GA in Toronto and will be sent to members, posted at the ISPRS web site and published in the eBulletin once finalized.

12 Discussion: Strategy Issues for Sustainable Development of the Society

CT presented the results of the survey on ISPRS importance and relevance which was sent to 70 selected individuals. CT will send the same survey to TCPs and WG officers to have a wider group of opinions for discussion about the potential future changes.

Action 24/2037: JJ to forward TCP and WG officer list to CT to distribute survey, by 15 November 2024

Action 24/2038: JJ to forward Advisory Group Report to TCPs, after they have returned their questionnaire, by 30 November 2024

12.1 Update the Terminology for Statutes and Bylaws

Definitions of photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information science do not require important changes. Small changes were provided by TCPs. NP will provide their final wording.

Action 24/2039: NP to forward Cnl an amended version of definitions for P, RS and SIS, by 30 November 2024

Action 24/2040: Cnl to comment/approve the definitions for P, RS and SIS, from NP, by 15 December 2024

13 Coming Joint Meeting

Autumn 2025

14 Any Other Business

None

15 Closing

The meeting closed at 16:30 on 6 November after the TC III Business Meeting.