ISPRS General Assembly II

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Minutes

The meeting commenced at 13:30.

14 Membership Development

The new AsM and StM from Ghana received their membership certificates.

15 Election of Member to Host the ISPRS Congress in 2030 - 1st Vote

The digital voting system was explained to the delegates by Markus Englich and a test ballot was executed.

The result of the first ballot was:

Australia 19.14%

China 15.43%

Kenya 1.85%

Korea 46.91%

UAE 16.67%

As a 50% majority was not obtained, a second vote between the two bidders, who came first in the 1st vote (Australia and Korea) was executed.

16 Election of Member to Host the ISPRS Congress in 2030 - 2nd Vote

The result of the second ballot was:

Australia 32.72%

Korea 67.28%

17 Announcement of the 2030 Congress Host

LH announced the winner of the 2030 Congress as Republic of Korea.

18 Ratification of the 2030 Congress Director

The General Assembly ratified the Congress Director, Jisang Park.

19 Elections for Council

19.1 Election of President including his Presentation

The candidate for President, Nicolas Paparoditis, introduced himself and informed the General Assembly of his vision for the Society under his presidency.

The General Assembly elected Nicolas as President to ISPRS for the 2026-30 period by acclamation.

19.2 Election of Vice President including their Presentations

Candidate 1 - Jiang Jie

Candidate 2 - Alper Yilmaz

Candidate 3 - Sisi Zlatanova

The candidates introduced themselves and presented their vision for the 2026-30 term under their vice-presidency.

The result of the vote was:

Candidate 1 - Jiang Jie 41.98%

Candidate 2 - Alper Yilmaz 25.31%

Candidate 3 - Sisi Zlatanova 32.72%

As a 50% majority was not achieved, a second round of voting was made.

Candidate 1 - Jiang Jie 55.56%

Candidate 2 - Sisi Zlatanova 44.44%

The Vice President for the period 2026-2030 is Jiang Jie.

19.3 Election of Secretary General including their Presentations

Candidate 1 - Ahmed Shaker

Candidate 2 - Laxmi Thapa

Both candidates introduced themselves and presented their vision for the new term.

The election was held.

The result was:

Candidate 1 - Ahmed Shaker 80.25%

Candidate 2 - Laxmi Thapa 19.75%

The Secretary General for 2026-30 is Ahmed Shaker.

19.4 Election of Treasurer including his Presentation

Candidate - Petri Rönnholm

Petri introduced himself to the General Assembly.

The Assembly elected Petri Rönnholm as Treasurer for the 2026-30 term by acclamation.

19.5 Election/Appointment of Past President

Candidate - Lena Halounová

CH asked LH to accept the position.

The Assembly ratified Lena as Past President for the 2026-30 term.

10 Proposal and Discussion of Amendments to Statutes and Bylaws - cont.

20 Decision on Amendments to Statutes and Bylaws

20.1 Voting on the Changes to Statutes and Bylaws – Evolution Amendments

A ballot was held on the approval of the amendments related to the Statutes and Bylaws on the evolution of ISPRS.

The result was: 97.79% in favour of these changes.

20.2 Voting on the Changes to Statutes and Bylaws – General Amendments not related to the evolution of ISPRS

The Assembly agreed to vote on those changes which were not opposed by any member delegate, and to address individually those suggested changes, for which different opinions had been expressed.

A ballot on the approval of the general amendments not related to the evolution of ISPRS to the Statutes and Bylaws was held, excluding the opposed items.

The opposed items were:

- Using only the English language as the official language, and no longer of French and German
- Using British English
- Composition of the Fellow committee

The Assembly approved the editorial change: “he/she” to “they” in the complete documents, where appropriate.

The incoming Council was asked to revise the guidelines, delegating the responsibilities of the Treasurer which have been deleted from Bylaw XI.

New TC names will be amended in Bylaws.

21 Election of Member to Host the ISPRS Congress in 2029

The candidates were:

Australia

China

Kenya

21.1 1st Vote

Australia: 64.38%

China: 24.66%

Kenya: 10.96%

21.2 2nd vote if needed

A second ballot was not necessary.

22 Announcement of the 2029 Congress Host

The host of the 2029 Congress is Australia.

23 Ratification of the 2029 Congress Director

The Assembly ratified Petra Helmholz as Congress Director for the 2029 Congress in Australia.

The meeting closed at 16:45.