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## MINUTES

of the ISPRS Council Meeting in  
ISLE OF SKYE  
Sept 15 - 16, 1986

Attending:	G Konecny	Pres
	G Zarzycki	1 v Pres
	J Trinder	2 v Pres
	K Torlegård	Secr Gen
	G Togliatti	Treasurer
	S Murai	Congress Dir

and as advisors

H Jerie	Chm. Fin. Comm.
F Doyle	Past Pres
P Fagundes	Past Congr. Dir.

### Opening

#### 1. Administrative Remarks.

G Konecny welcomed the participants and expressed thanks to A Macdonald and S Walker for planning the arrangements of the meeting.

2. The agenda was approved. See attachment.

3. The minutes of the previous meeting of Council was approved. Past Congress Dir Fagundes confirmed distribution of Rio Proceedings as in paragraph 23. The 1st v President gave his new address

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4. The action items from last meeting were reviewed. The following actions are not yet fully accomplished.

4. Guidelines
5. 1988 incoming TC Pres.
6. Gen Ass timetable
12. Solicite Sust Members
14. French version missing
16. Schermerhorn Award

- 17. Award Policy Committee
- 21. Overdue fees
- 27. Council Member accounts (annually)
- 28. Auditing (annually)
- 36. Sust. Member's Category
- 38. Regional activities
- 47. Mechatronics in Kyoto

#### Reports

5. The President's report is enclosed.

6. The 1st v President, G Zarzycki, has had contacts with Canadian Institute of Surveyors concerning the S G Gamble Award. He also mentions the Co-data of ICSU as an interesting organization for ISPRS. He then reports on the Land Related Info Systems Seminar in Toronto, the FIG Congress and the ASPRS Convention.

7. The 2nd v President J Trinder reports on a meeting with I Antipov in New Delhi about Statutes and Bylaws. John also has had telephone contacts with Jean Cruset on the same matter.

8. Secretary General's report is enclosed.

9. Treasurer's report is enclosed. After consultation with the President and the Secr Gen, the Treasurer had decided to change the deposit account of the Society from the bank in London into bounds at the Union de Banques Suisses. This decision had been endorsed by the Financial Committee.

In order to avoid confusion and payments to old bank accounts, it is strongly recommended that the Society maintains the same account in the same bank permanently.

It was stated that the fiscal period of the Society in principle runs from Congress to Congress. For practical reasons the auditing will be done 3 months prior to the Congress, and the incoming treasurer will take over the responsibilities of the accounts 3 months after the Congress. The auditing will be done by at least 2 of the 3 members of the Financial Committee.

It was noted that the Editor of the official journal of the Society Jürgen Hothmer gets 3000 USD/year to cover his expenditures, and that this is regarded to be a honorarium. Ways and means to Solicite Sustaining Members was discussed.

Holders of personal accounts shall report their expenditures to the Treasurer not later than the next Council meeting.

10. The Congress Director's report is enclosed. Distribution of invitations to the Congress, acquisition of mailing etc was discussed.

11. Hans Jerie, chairman of the Financial Committee, reported from the last meeting and the approval of the report of the Treasurer. see enclosure. Then Jerie discussed the problem of overdue fees of Members which may have difficulties to pay their fees in foreign currency. He recommended Council to consult UN:s list of "poorest countries" when looking for a solution.

Jerie then asked for a plan or a policy for Council activities, to which the expenditures would be related. As for now there is no formal relation such as a budget between income and expenditure of the Society.

12. Past Congress Director P Fagundes repeats his report to the meeting with Council and TC Presidents in Edinburgh last week. See attachment. Council now recommended Fagundes to give the French Society a deadline by Oct 20, 1986 to deliver a French version of Statutes and Bylaws. If nothing is received the Rio Proceedings will be printed without the French version.

13. Joint Board of Sister Societies has held two meetings one in Harrogate UK and another in Toronto Canada. G Konecny reports on the deliberations. Minutes have been sent to Council earlier.

Doyle recommends Council to drop the project of establishing an Information Retrieval System. In the meantime Mr Latach, France, has offered to build up an IRS, provided he obtains proceedings etc. Council decides to recommend ISPRS officers (Congr Dir, TC Presidents, WG Chairmen) to submit copies of their proceedings to the ISPRS Documentation Centre at ITC to Mr Latach France, to Geo Abstracts UK, and to similar IRS. This will also be discussed during the Comm VI Symp 86.

14. Doyle reports on IUSM. Council Members have already got written documentation. As to the definition of Surveys and Mapping in those documents, G Konecny expressed the opinion that within IUSM, geodesy be referred to as being the science needed to define a common reference system for surveys and mapping. Discussion followed.

Doyle has written to Ebner asking him to regard the joint meeting of his WG and a FIG WG and an IAG WG as sponsored by IUSM.

Doyle indicated that 1992, the space year, can be the first opportunity for IUSM to arrange a congress. Co-operation between ISPRS, FIG and ICA within IUSM was discussed. USA would be a possible host country. Doyle has had correspondence with Spain on the same matter.

15. Konecny reported on the recent meeting of representatives of international remote sensing activities. Council members will get the minutes of that meeting. Proposed amendments to the mailing list were submitted, so as to invite the most important organizations to become members of the Joint Board of Remote Sensing Activities (JOBRESA) which is now being formed.

#### Symposia Reviews

16. Comm II. G Konecny commended L Fritz for his WG:s, in particular Goldfinger's WG on radar imagery. The low participation from some US official agencies was discussed. The symp would have gained in quality if there had been more time for discussion, some overview papers, a few more exhibitors and poster session in stead of so called reserve papers that were not presented at all.

17. Comm V. The sessions on Digital Real Time Photogrammetric Systems were regarded as a full success. They were excellent, while some other were lacking in quality and way of presentation.

18. Comm III. The tutorial was regarded to be very valuable. However, it had contents enough for 2 -3 days. It is recommended to repeat the same tutorial in conjunction with further meetings, e.g. the ASPRS annual convention, the Kyoto Congress, the Photogrammetric Week and the like.

Doyle recommends Council to consider to organize continued education, perhaps through Comm VI.

Murai said that he missed the Digital image processing part of Comm III. Here Comm III could be more active.

Ehlers, Mulder, Lohmann, Sakata, Fu could be invited to present papers in Kyoto, or to form a new WG in order to define some 20 R&D problems in digital photogrammetry.

19. Comm VII. The symp timetable had 2 parallel sessions, sometimes with collisions of two very good speakers presenting general overview papers at the same time. This is not for the benefit of the participants. Specialist papers in different fields may be scheduled parallel, but not general overviews, key-note addresses etc.

20. Comm I. Here again there were 2 parallel sessions with sometimes a very small audience in a big hall. Here posters could have been a better solution.

21. Comm IV. It was good to bring photogrammetrists and remote sensing experts together. But the mixing of an international and a national meeting was sometimes very disturbing. Zarzycki expressed his discontent with the programme as far as data acquisition with photogrammetric plotters is concerned. He meant that data acquisition for land related data bases should be treated by Comm IV to a larger extent. The improvement of the performance of Comm IV compared to the previous administration was noted and the efforts by A Macdonald and S Walker are very much appreciated. Doyle said that Macdonald's reports from New Delhi and Plovdiv should be published in Photogrammetria.

22. Comm VI has not yet had its symposium. It was discussed whether the terms of reference should include also continuing education in photogrammetry and remote sensing. Regionalization of tutorials was discussed. It was mentioned that ICA and ITC both had tried a sort of rolling seminars repeated in different places, but that activity had been finished.

#### Publications

23. ISPRS Archives. The list of availability of ISPRS Archives will be up-dated by the Secr Gen and distributed. For the Rio Proceedings please refer to paragraph 12.

The Congress Director and the Technical Commission Presidents shall be charged to deliver ISPRS Archives (Proceedings) to

- a) ITC:s Documentation Centre of ISPRS
- b) Latarch France for information retrieval, 1 copy
- c) Geoabstracts, UK, 1 copy
- d) 6 copies to Council Members
- e) 6 copies to other Technical Commission Presidents.

24. Photogrammetria is the official journal of ISPRS. G Konecny reported on a meeting between him and Hothmer and representatives of Elsevier. ISPRS has an agreement with Elsevier that says that they and we will try to improve the quality and circulation of Photogrammetria. We are bound to this until the next Congress, Kyoto 1988. Council expressed that it will consider to change the publisher and/or the Chief Editor of the official journal of the Society, if not

- a) 6 numbers/year are issued
- b) they appear regularly on time
- c) with an improved quality, and
- d) with an increased circulation (there are 15 000 potential subscribers)

25. History of photogrammetry. G Konecny reviews the situation. F Doyles supplements the description. The 1st volume will be published soon with Ted Blachut and Rudolf Burkhardt as editors. The President of ISPRS has been presented a draft of an agreement between ISPRS and the publisher saying among others that the volume is approved by ISPRS as an official publication of the Society. It was decided that the President shall read the manuscript and assess its quality before signing the agreement.

Doyle further reports that he has promised the President of Comm VI to edit volume 2 of the History. He himself will write a chapter on satellite photogrammetry. Chester Slama has promised to write on analytical photogrammetry. There is not yet any author for the chapter on photo interpretation. (Colwell has not responded to F Doyle's invitation). The two first chapters can be ready in manuscript by the end of the year.

If possible the two volumes will be presented at the Kyoto Congress.

26. Statutes and Bylaws. With the decision made under p. 12 we now wait for the Rio Proceedings to be published. From them there will be made offprints of the Statutes and Bylaws which will be circulated to members and officers of the society.

#### Budget

27. Overall budget. See attachment to p9. The theoretical income per year is 55 000 Sw fr in fees and 7000 Sw fr in interests, total 62 000 Sw fr. The last years the actual income has been 45 000 Sw fr.

The cost of Council operations was discussed. There has been no change of the fee structure since 1980. In the meantime world inflation has increased the expenditures. In addition there is now a very pronounced tendency that government support decreases for the kind of work that ISPRS does. This leads to increasing expenditures if we want to maintain our level of activities.

After discussion it was concluded that we can expect the expenditures for 1986 to be around 80 000 Sw fr. The same amount is foreseen for 1987.

At the next Council meeting these estimations will be revised, based on the full accounting of 1986.

28. New stationery has to be printed. The estimated number was 4000 of each type of letter paper. Changes of addresses and phone numbers were noted.

29. Membership Fees. The Secr Gen will ask members to check their category and suggest proper changes before the next congress.

#### Membership

30. Venezuela has been admitted as Member through mail vote. It has category 2.

Argentina has changed its Member and the new Category will be 6.

The matter of two separate photogrammetric and remote sensing societies in a country with only one of them being represented in ISPRS was discussed. To the knowledge of Council there are problems of this kind in Australia (Committee), Brazil (SELPER), Canada (will become a problem), China (Committee), Columbia (SELPER), India (two organizations), Italy (3 organizations), Japan (joint board, no problem), Korea (can become a problem), the Netherlands (two societies), New Zealand (maybe), Thailand (two different organizations), UK (Committee), Tunisia (two governmental agencies).

How to handle the outstanding fees of the following members was discussed: Algeria, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Congo, Madagascar, Sudan, Suriname, Tanzania, Zaire, Nepal.

The importance of soliciting membership through personal contacts from Council to representatives of prospective members and sustaining members were discussed.

31. Sustaining Members with overdue fees were Alan Gordon, Fladner, Kucera, Gabby, Teledyne and Keuffel & Esser. They will be given a reminder and unless they pay they will be expelled.

The Secr Gen will invite all members not in the highest category to raise their fees. He also will invite important companies to become Sustaining Members. At the same time he will explain the advantages of being a Sustaining Member of the Society.

G Zarzycki and G Konecny will both go to the ASPRS meeting in Baltimore, April 87 and convene a Sustaining Members meeting there. Among others the ideas to change the Statutes and Bylaws will be presented.

G Zarzycki and Fred Doyle will prepare a Pro Memorium for next Council, how the services to Sustaining Members can be improved.

This can include e.g.

- favourable conditions at exhibits
- priority for technical program, such as exhibitors forum
- listed in proceedings and journals
- free registration at meetings with exhibits
- ISPRS membership in their letterhead
- votes in General Assembly

32. Regional Members according to Statutes and Bylaws have not been established. The development has gone in another direction. Please refer to p 15 and the JOBRESA minutes. SELPER and AARS both want to become Regional Members of ISPRS. With their present structure we have to change our Statutes and Bylaws to be able to admit them. Discussion on voting rights, hosting technical commissions, electing council members and honorary members was discussed. No decisions were made on this issue.

33. Honorary Members. The matter was discussed.

#### Awards

34. The Gamble Award procedures were discussed. It was decided to suggest to CIS that they produce the pins, print the certificate, make the inscription and presents the awards. It was further suggested to CIS that ISPRS makes the announcement and that the nomination jury shall comprise three members namely the president of CIS or his nominee, the 1st vice president of ISPRS (chairman) and a third person appointed on personal merits.

35. The Schermerhorn Award is sponsored by the Netherlands and presented to persons that have served the Society within the technical and scientific field of the 7 Technical Commissions. Council suggests a jury of three persons, one from ISPRS Council, one appointed by the Netherlands, and the president of respective technical commission. Konecny will finish the negotiations with Ligterink.

36. The Brock Award is presented by Council to a person nominated by two ISPRS members, no one being from the same country as the nominee. There is not yet anyone nominated. G Zarzycki will contact W. French about production of the medal.

37. von Gruber Award is presented to a young author. The jury comprises one Member from the UK member, one from the West German Member and one from ITC. Jerie reported on the work to revise the statutes as far as the definition of "young" is concerned.



38. The Japan Society will set up prizes for the best speaker of the day and the best poster of the day. All 14 prizes will be presented at the closing ceremony.

#### Congress affairs

39. Murai reviewed the meeting with the TC Presidents. It was proposed to Murai that the special sessions in the afternoon be distributed as follows:

- 3 for regional activities
- 1 for extra late incoming speakers
- 1 exhibitors forum
- 1 for IUSM
- 1 for JOBRESA

The Congress Director will specially invite

- Honorary Members
- Council Members with families
- Ambassadors of every member country

There will be no registration fee for Presidents of Technical Commissions and for two representatives of each FIG, ICA, ISM, IAG and IHO, and for one representative of member of JOBRESA (but not for associate members).

On July 5, Thursday, the premises of the Congress will be used by the Japanese Societies for national meetings.

There will be no tutorials or workshops.

At the Congress Council would need 5 rooms namely for President, Secretary General, Congress Director, one for 1st vice President, 2nd vice President and Treasurer, and one for the 2 typists of President and Secretary General. In addition Council has access to typists in the typewriting pool. Each Technical Commission will have a room.

40. Bids for the 1992 Congress is expected from USA, perhaps from India, Austria, Bulgaria and Spain, but not from Australia.

41. Possible candidates for technical commissions are for

- I: Brazil
- II: GDR, (NL)
- III: FRG, CH, China
- IV: Japan, (India)
- V: FRG, Australia, CH
- VI: ?
- VII: UK (definitely), Australia?

42. Guidelines for congress host, TC Presidents, WG chairmen, Speakers, Council etc will be revised by J Trinder before the next meeting of Council.

#### Statutes and Bylaws

43. Statutes. The proposed changes were presented by Trinder. Discussion. The proposed new definition of photogrammetry & remote sensing was not approved.

44. Bylaws. Zarzycki proposed to delete BL IX(a). Torlegård proposed changes in XII.

Everybody sends comments to Trinder who will compile a new proposal for the next meeting of Council. This will also include proposals made by TC Presidents, see attachment.

The proposed changes of Bylaws VII, XIII.8, XIII.10, XIII.14, XIV and XV were already acceptable.

#### Meetings

45. Next Council meeting will be held in Kyoto 15-17 April 1987.

46. Calls for papers and invitations to ISPRS WG Meetings were enclosed to the agenda.

47. Calls for papers and invitations to Sister Society Meetings were enclosed to the agenda.

48. Calls for papers and invitations to Regional Meetings were inclosed to the agenda.

49. Calls for papers and invitations to United Nations meetings were enclosed to the agenda.

#### Closing

50. G Konecny closed the meeting, thanked the members of Council for fruitful discussions and wise decisions, and he also expressed the gratitude to A Macdonald and S Walker for all their support in arranging the practical environment for the meeting in Skye.

Stockholm in Oct 1987



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