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Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING in Kyoto 14 - 18 April 1987

Attending:	Gottfried Konecny	President
	Georg Zarzycki	1st Vice President
	John Trinder	2nd Vice President
	Kennert Torlegård	Secretary General
	Giovanna Togliatti	Treasurer
	Shunji Murai	Congress Director
	Hans Jerie, advisor	Chairman Financial Commission

1. Opening

Immediately before the opening of the Council Meeting, Council was welcomed to Kyoto International Congress Centre (KICH) by Mr. Sawaragi and the leading staff members of KICH. They showed Council around at the KICH. The main hall, lecture halls, exhibition areas, rooms for poster sessions, technical commission presidents and council were inspected and found very satisfactory. The tour also included the tea ceremony in a house in the gardens surrounding KICH.

2. Minutes of the previous Council Meeting

held in Skye were reviewed and endorsed.

3. Action Items

The list of actions to be taken by Council since the previous meeting was reviewed point by point. Each Council Member reported and commented on actions taken.

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#### 4. The President's Report

Gottfried Konecny reported that he had participated in 14 international conferences and represented the Society at those meetings. (See Attachment 2). He gave a detailed report from the Comm. IV Symposium in Badagry, Nigeria, as he was the only Council Member to attend that symposium.

Mrs Olayinka Adekoya, President of Commission VI, had organized the symposium very excellently. It was regrettable that not more non-african persons could participate. President Adekoya had strong support from parts of the government and also financial support from private enterprise. A number of high officials participated, among them the Oba.

Gottfried Konecny also reported from the recently established contacts with the International Astronautical Federation IAF, which had had a meeting in Innsbruck. The next IAF conference will be held in Brighton, UK, and ISPRS has been offered, and has accepted, to organize a session at the meeting. As Konecny has other obligations at that time, 1st Vice President Georg Zarzycki will take on the duty of organizing that session.

In context to the report from the U.N. Cartographic Conference in Addis Abbeba, Ethiopia, Council exchanged information on persons and organizations in Africa that are active in photogrammetry and remote sensing. Four centres for remote sensing were mentioned: Oguadougou, Kinchasa, Ile Ife and Nairobi.

From the American Annual Convention, held in Baltimore, Gottfried Konecny reported that the USA Member ASPRS is going to apply for the 1992 Congress.

Gottfried Konecny also reported that the Chairman of the Intercommission WG I/II Klaus Szangolies has invited Council to hold a meeting in conjunction with a seminar on space photography 3-6 September 1987 in Leipzig, German Dem. Rep.

In connection with a planned conference of the International Hydrographic Organization, Gottfried Konecny intends to discuss the possibilities to establish a closer link between this organisation and the sister societies (IAG, FIG, ICA, ISM and ISPRS).

Gottfried Konecny also informed about his plans for participation in International conferences for the coming 8 months. For details, see the President's Report, Attachment 2.

### 5. 1st Vice President's Report

Georg Zarzycki reported on his contacts with the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, ASPRS, concerning the Brock Award. After the death of Dr Kaufmann, who established the award, the financial situation of the foundation has not yet been settled. It is, however, quite clear that the Society can award an individual with the Brock Gold Medal, in case a deserving nominee is recommended to receive it.

ASPRS has indicated its interest in becoming a member of JOBRESA (The JOint Board of REMote Sensing Activities), and being willing to take on the responsibility for both USA and South America. This is, however, not to be welcomed, because JOBRESA has already SELPER as a Member that covers the remote sensing activities of South America.

The Canadians are now working at organizing their national societies for photogrammetry and remote sensing in such a way that there will be one national body that covers the objectives of ISPRS.

Georg Zarzycki also raised the question of the official languages of the Society, as there is a similar discussion internally in Canada.

He finally reported that he and prof. F. Ackermann had found that there is no need for an awards committee for the time being.

### 7. Secretary General's Report

Kennert Torlegård reported that he since the last Council Meeting in Skye had above the ordinary correspondence also done the following.

The minutes of the Council meeting in Skye, of the Technical Commission Presidents Meeting in Edinburgh, and of the JOBRESA meeting in Enschede, have been distributed to Members and officers of ISPRS for information.

Invitation letters to become Sustaining Members have been sent to a large number of companies that manufacture and sell instruments, materials and services in photogrammetry and remote sensing. Only a few replies have been received, all negative.

All Members and officers of ISPRS have received a circular letter on preparations for the General Assembly to be held in Kyoto 1988.

More stationery is being printed and it will be distributed to Council soon. Kennert Torlegård also reported on changes of the secretarial staff of his department.

Kennert Torlegård plans to go to the following meetings and represent the Society at them.

- WG VII/1 Colloquium on DEM 22-22, May 1987, Copenhagen
- WG VII/1 Colloquium on Texture and Context, 1-2 June, Stockholm
- WG III/2 et al Conference on Digital Photogrammetry, 2-4 June, Interlaken.

- 5th Scandinavian Conference on Pattern Recognition and Image Analysis, 3-6 June, Stockholm.
- IUGG, 10-15 August, Vancouver
- WG V/4 Industrial and Engineering Surveys, 2-4 September, London
- Small Council Meeting, 4-6 September, Leipzig
- Photogrammetric Week, 14-18 September, Stuttgart
- ICA, 12-22 October, Morelia Mexico.

#### 8. Treasurer's Report

Giovanna Togliatti reported that the payment of annual fees by members has improved since the last Council meeting, which had made her a little happier about the income of the Society. But she was still worried about the fact that we spend more money than we get in. For details, see Attachment 3.

After discussion Council concluded that there are several causes of the unbalance between revenues and expenditures, such as

- fee structure unchanged 1980
- commitments to Photogrammetria (Hothmer), to History of Photogrammetry (Blachut), to IUSM (Doyle), and to Multi-Lingual Dictionary (Lindig).
- officers of ISPRS can not, to the same extent as earlier, get their travelling costs covered by their employers
- ISPRS has intensified its cooperation with other international bodies through the Joint Board of Sister Societies, the International Union of Surveys and Mapping, the Joint Board of Remote Sensing Activities.
- the policy in having representation from several continents, which has not been so pronounced earlier, leads automatically to an increase in travelling costs.

Giovanna Togliatti also commented on Annex A to the last circular to Members, saying that the time commitment of the Treasurer can be estimated to one day per week.

She also pointed out the advantage of having a Treasurer who can use the Swiss bank account of ISPRS in the daily movements of money.

To use the same bank and account number permanently is also an advantage for the sake of not confusing Members with new bank account numbers every four years. This means that a close bank connection with the Swiss bank of ISPRS is of the greatest value for the Treasurer. This was also strongly supported by Hans Jerie, chairman of the Financial Commission and previous Treasurer.

On the basis of estimations by Council Members the Treasurer presented a budget for the period April 1987 - April 1988. Planned activities were estimated to cost approximately 110 000 Sw. Frs. The income during the same period is expected to be 50 000 Sw.Frs. See Attachment 4.

It was decided to proceed according to the plan of activities, in spite of the fact that funds are used for current operations. The situation will, however, be critical, if the relation between revenues and expenditures is not balanced at the beginning of the next Congress period.

#### 9. Congress Director's Report

Shunji Murai reported on the progress of the preparations for the Kyoto Congress, see attachments 5 and 6. Murai had appointed Japan Travel Bureau as official organizer of hotel reservations and travels. They have a contact in Europe, Meon Group Travel, with Mr. John M. Moulton (see page 25 of the 2nd circular for the Kyoto Congress) who offers travel + hotel + meals from places in Europe for groups and individuals for a price in the range of USD 1500-2000.

The Congress Committee had decided to abandon the idea of giving a prize to the best speaker because of the difficulties in making a fair judgement of presentations of incomparable topics held at the same time in different halls. But the Congress Director's Prize for the best Poster will be awarded on recommendations by a jury of three persons. Shunji Murai will appoint the members of this jury.

As can be seen from the attached report Shunji Murai will not be able to go to the SELPER meeting to be held in Bogota 21-27 November 1987.

Shunji Murai intends to appoint certain "guiding hosts" who will assist groups of participants coming from the same region, such as East Africa, South America, Scandinavia etc.

After discussion Council decided to take action in order to solicit companies for the exhibition at the Kyoto Congress. Up to now 1/3 of the exhibit area has been sold.

#### 10. Report of the Financial Commission

Hans Jerie first took up the question of Members with out-standing annual fees since many years, which was treated also by Giovanna in the Treasurer's Report. With respect to the small number of Members that really have difficulties in paying in Swiss Francs and that they often have a low Category number, the problem can be solved by introducing a new Category 0, suggested Hans Jerie. For Members of this Category 0, the annual fee should be the same as for Category 1, but Members of Category 0 would not be exempted from the Society because of unpaid dues. Category 0 Members would have one vote in the General Assembly. An alternative is, of course, to admit non-paying Members to participate in the General Assembly through special decisions.

It was decided that Hans Jerie will work out an amendment of Statutes and Bylaws to introduce a Member Category O with the above mentioned rights and duties and also an alternative which permits the least developed countries to participate in the General Assembly without fulfilling their dues to the Society.

Secondly Hans Jerie took up the transition period and the divided responsibilities during the overlap between outgoing and incoming Treasurer and Financial Commission. The outgoing Treasurer will continue to obtain payments from Members a long time after the change of Treasurer, because some Members do not observe or are not informed about the new Treasurer. Having a permanent bank account as suggested by Giovanna eliminates, of course, some of these payments to the previous Treasurer, but not all. This means that the previous Treasurer must be willing and able to handle some of the ISPRS money movements.

The present Statutes and Bylaws state that the new Council takes over command at the end of the Congress. This is, however, not very feasible for the Treasurer. The bills from the intensive Congress period may not yet have been paid, thus the books have not been closed and the accounts have not been audited. This implies that there must be a transition period when the outgoing Treasurer still handles the money of the Society, while the recently elected incoming one presents his credentials to the ISPRS Swiss bank, establishes the necessary new bank contacts etc. The actual transfer of responsibilities and transposition of books should be done within 3 months and not later than 6 months after the Congress.

The responsibilities of the Financial Commission, e.g. to audit the accounts, follows the same time delay.

The third item Hans Jerie took up was the cost for accompanying persons at Council Meetings. The Financial Commission recommends that spouses pay their marginal costs only. The full cost for Council Members, the meeting, etc has to be covered by ISPRS with or without subsidies from a hosting Commission, Members own arrangements for financial support, special funds etc.

Council accepted this recommendation. The Skye meeting costs will be regulated accordingly.

Finally Council identified the need of guidelines also for the Financial Commission. John Trinder will prepare a draft.

#### 11. Statutes and Bylaws

John Trinder had compiled proposals for changes and amendments of Statutes and Bylaws, see Attachment 7.

After reviewing Trinder's proposal and discussion, Council decided to propose to the General Assembly to establish a new type of Membership, Regional Membership. A Regional Member shall be a multi-national Association of photogrammetry and/or remote sensing organizations for the purpose of considering questions of common interest, promoting regional cooperation, convening regional conferences, etc. A Regional Member will have one delegate in the General Assembly with speaking rights, but no voting right.



Council decided to propose introducing the term Ordinary Member instead of Member, in order to avoid confusion between the different types of membership that now exist.

Futhermore, Council preferred

- the term Ad hoc Committees before Provisional Committees,
- to omit (a) of Bylaw IX.5
- the term Data Base before Data Bank in the name of Commission IV
- to re-formulate the scope of Commission VII
- to omit the word Remote in the name of Commission V
- to omit the words "for approval" in the Bylaw XV.6 (a)
- to emphasize "having an independent budget" also in Bylaw VI.

#### 12. Membership Status

Canada has requested a change of Category from 8 to 6. The decision will be made by the General Assembly.

The Secretary General was charged to solicit new Members using a list from Gottfried Konecny.

#### 13. Sustaining Members

In order to solicit Sustaining Members, their rights vis-a-vis ISPRS have to be explained and presented. Council decided to propose that the General Assembly allow the Sustaining Members to have one observer with the right to speak in the General Assembly.

The following Sustaining Members will be encouraged to increase their contribution

Bausch & Lomb	to 500 Sw.Frs.
Itek	to 500 "
DFVLR	to 1000 "
Precision Photolabs	to 250 "
Marshall Macklin	to 250 "
Intergraph	to 1000 "
LogEtronic	to 250 "

#### 14. Honorary Members

The status of Honorary Memberships was reviewed. There are now 3 places vacant. In the discussions the opinion was that only retired persons that made substantial contributions to the advancement of photogrammetry and remote sensing should be considered.

### 15. Awards

Possible names for nomination to the Sam G Gamble Award were discussed. Candidates shall be sponsored by 3 individuals who write to the Gamble Award Jury which comprises G. Babbage, H. Jerie and G. Zarzycki.

The charter of the von Gruber Award has now been changed concerning the definition of "young author". The new charter will be translated into French and German and circulated.

Gottfried Konecny was charged to draw up a charter for the Willem Schermerhorn Award. It will be given to deserving individuals within the field of the 7 Technical Commissions.

Two Members have jointly proposed a recipient of the Brock Gold Medal Award.

### 16. Sister Societies

No meeting has been held with the Joint Board of Sister Societies (FIG, ICA, IAG, ISM, IHO, ISPRS) since last Council Meeting.

### 17. IUSM

The Statutes of the International Union of Surveys and Mapping were distributed to Council Members, who will communicate directly with Fred Doyle in case of comments.

### 18. Applications for the 1992 Congress

The USA Member of ISPRS has already at several Technical Commission Symposia announced its ambition to host the 1992 Congress. As to date there is no confirmation in writing.

The Israel Member has made a formal application for the 1992 Congress see Attachment 8.

The Members of India and Bulgaria have both in discussions indicated the possibility that they may apply for the Congress.

### 19. Nominations for Council 1988-92

To date only the UK has nominated Keith Atkinson for Treasurer, or, failing that, 2nd Vice President. See Attachment 9.

### 20. Applications for Technical Commissions

To date there are two formal applications for Technical Commissions.

Comm VI Poland with Z. Sitek as President

Comm VII UK

### 21. Applications for Financial Commission

There is one formal application from UK. This is under the condition that Keith Atkinson fails to be in Council. If so, Don Proctor is nominated as chairman, or failing to be elected to chairman, he candidates as member.



## 22. Kyoto Congress

Most of the information about the planning is contained in the Congress Director's Report, see Attachment 5.

Discussion.

It was found feasible to amend the check-list of events preceeding a Congress with the event 24 hours before the General Assembly: Delegates and their Advisors present to the Secretary General their credentials. Treasurer checks at the same time if the Member has paid its dues.

In the preparations of the Congress, Council needs support for the translation of official documents into German and French. The Secretary General will write to the German and French Societies and ask them for help in this respect. The same is also applicable to the Part A of the Proceedings of the Congress.

The possibility of arranging Special Sessions was welcomed. Three such sessions will be offered to IUSM (Fred Doyle), JOBRESA (Roberto da Cunha) and the Sister Societies (Don Pearce?) respectively. Shunji Murai wants to have topics and name of moderator by December 1987 at the latest.

## 23. Publications

The numbering of the ISPRS Archives will be done with Arabic figures.

Jurgen Hothmer, Editor of Photogrammetria, has proposed that ISPRS give free subscriptions to a number of officers of the Society. Council decided that the same officers as before shall continue to get Photogrammetria free, namely the 6 Council Members.

The first volume of the History of Photogrammetry edited by T. Blachut and R. Burkhardt, will be published in several languages before the Kyoto Congress. Gottfried Konecny and Georg Zarzycki have seen the manuscript and accepted it for publication. The opening ceremony of the Congress will include a recognition of the publishing of the first volume.

## 24. JOBRESA

The minutes of the last JOBRESA-meeting in Enschede were reviewed. It was suggested to invite also IAF, The International Astronautical Federation, IUFRO, The International Union of Forest Research Organizations and ASPRS, The American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

## 25. Technical Commission Work

The announced and planned WG Colloquia were reviewed and participation from Council discussed.

The conclusions from the Comm VI Symposium were reviewed. See Attachment 10.

A status report from Comm VII is enclosed. Attachment 11.

26. UN, UNESCO

Giovanna Togliatti pays the annual contribution.

It was decided to nominate Gottfried Konecny, Kennert Torlegård and Fred Doyle as official representatives of ISPRS in UN and UNESCO NGO.

27. Next Council Meetings

A small Council meeting will be arranged in conjunction with the Intercommission WG I/II Seminar on Space Photography in Leipzig. The Council meeting will take place on Sunday 6 September 1987.

A full Council meeting together with the 7 Technical Commission Presidents will take place in Stockholm 16-20 April 1988.

Sat	16	Arrival
Sun	17	Informal Pre-discussions
Mon	18	Technical Commissions + Kyoto Programme Content
Tue	19	Council
Wed	20	Council

28. Closing

The President Gottfried Konecny closed the meeting, and with the accord of all other Council Members and the chairman of the Financial Commission, he expressed the warmest and most sincere thanks to Shunji Murai for the great hospitality and perfect arrangements, and gave Shunji a token of appreciation in form of a book on the History of Art.

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