



MINUTES OF ISPRS COUNCIL MEETING

14-15 October 1994
Beijing International Congress Centre
Beijing, China

Attendees:

S. Murai (Japan) President
J. Trinder (Australia) Treasurer
L. Fritz (USA) Secretary General
K. Kraus (Austria) Congress Director
K. Torlegård (Sweden) 1st Vice President
A. Gruen (Switzerland) 2nd Vice President

Observers:

G. Konecny (Germany) Honorary Member
D. Tait (UK) Editor *ISPRS Journal*

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MINUTES

6-7 September 1994

Technical University Munich

During Commission III Symposium

From 1425 to 1700 hours Council met with G. Konecny, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Journal Marketing, to review Committee findings and to discuss further actions required. The discussions were healthy but non conclusive and G. Konecny was requested to summarize options and recommendations for a report to the Beijing Council Meetings.

On 7 September Council reconvened from 1115 to 1715 hours to begin some of the agenda items scheduled to be covered at the October Council Meetings in Beijing. Agenda topics 1, 9, 12, and 3 were discussed as follows:

1. Opening

Council expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet during the Commission III Symposium. S. Murai convened the meeting and asked Commission VI President to give a brief summary of the preparations, program and schedule for the Joint and Council Meetings and other events planned during the Commission VI Symposium week in Beijing.

9. Amendments to Statutes, Bylaws & Guidelines

J. Trinder and L. Fritz presented their documentation containing rationale and specific proposed changes to the Statutes and Bylaws developed to facilitate representation of "...the whole community of photogrammetrists and remote sensing experts..." in an ISPRS member country or region thereof. After lengthy discussion a unanimous agreement was not achieved. Discussion of additional ideas was deferred to the Beijing meeting.

Council recognized that the ISPRS contract with RICS for exclusive post Symposium sales has not been adhered to in a couple of instances for reasons unclear. It was agreed that the *Guidelines for Hosting a Technical Commission* should be amended to clarify Commission responsibilities.

(Action Item #142 - AG)

12. Review of Commission Activities

a. Meeting Approvals

The following meetings listed on the ISPRS Events Calendar (See Enclosure I.) were approved:

27-29 Mar 95 - IC WG II/III @ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

17-21 Apr 95 - WG II/III @ Orlando, USA

28-31 Aug 95 - WG VII/1 @ Montpellier, France

1- 4 Dec 95 - WG IV/2 @ Madras, India

K. Kraus and L. Fritz have forwarded exhibit materials to WG V/1 Chair S. El-Hakim for an ISPRS display table at the Videometrics III Conference of SPIE during 31 Oct- 4 Nov 94 in Boston, USA.

3. Review of Action Items & Minutes

L. Fritz reviewed the Checklist of Council Tasks/Actions outstanding and status of each was discussed. Twenty-five action items have been completed, three were overcome by events, and 23 remain open. (By Beijing five more had been completed, one overcome by events, thus leaving 17 open.)

The minutes of the 2,5-6 June Council Meeting were approved.

Friday 14 October 1994

Beijing International Congress Centre

Meeting convened at 9 am.

2. Agenda Adjustments

It was agreed to cover items 5, 7, and 9 first to allow G. Konecny to contribute to the discussion before his departure.

5. XVIII Congress

a. Approval of Scientific Program

Council expressed satisfaction with the cooperative spirit of the TCP's in reconciling the Scientific Program for the Congress. It was agreed that the scientific program will cover all aspects of the terms of reference of the Commissions and WG's. The preliminary titles of the sessions are approved recognizing that the TCP's are to refine them soon.

WG VI/1 Co-Chairman J. Jachimski will be reviewing the guidelines issued for National Reports used at the Washington Congress and will offer recommendations regarding statistics desired in the reports to Council for approval. The guidelines then will be issued by Secretary General Fritz to all Ordinary Members.

(Action Item #136 - LF)

K. Torlegård recommended that Jachimski contact I. Dowman to collaborate on the desired statistics because Dowman had previously sent

a survey to assess which equipments are used by nations. Torlegård will contact Jachimski and Dowman re: this.

(Action Item #137 - KT)

b. Congress Plans

K. Kraus and L. Fritz agreed to collaborate in February 1995 for coordination of the timing of all official events (e.g. General Assemblies, Award ceremonies, meetings, etc.) required at the Congress.

(Action Item #138 - KK & LF)

K. Kraus reported that he has agreements with some national societies to provide free advertisement of the XVIII Congress in their Journals.

7. Publications & Communications

a. *ISPRS Journal*

Based on previous discussions it was agreed that the consensus opinion of Council and TCP's is to continue with a Classical Journal (peer reviewed) with ample space available for timely Society news, scientific and technical information.

It was decided that Council prepare a listing of content and conditions for Elsevier to consider and that the Ad Hoc Committee (G. Konecny, K. Atkinson, D. Tait) meet with Elsevier and prenegotiate the conditions before the end of 1994.

(Action Item - GK, DT, KA)

b. *Annual Report*

L. Fritz reviewed the assignments for Council and TCP's to prepare text for the 1994 ISPRS Annual Report.

(Action Item #139 - LF)

(Action Item #140 - KT)

c. E-mail Report

The report was accepted by Council and the Ad Hoc Committee is thanked for their efforts. To complete the Committee activity Chairmen J. Fryer and L. Mussio are requested to report to the General Assembly in 1996.

(Action Item - JF & LM)

d. RICS

D. Tait offered to request RICS to put the availability of the ISPRS Archives on E-mail distribution.

(Action Item - DT)

9. Amendments to Statutes, Bylaws & Guidelines (Continued)

Discussion continued on membership options for national organizations, usually for remote sensing, that are not represented by the ISPRS Ordinary Member. A. Gruen distributed an outline for creating ISPRS Associate Members. Incentive

mechanisms such as appropriate fees or time limitations for Associates were discussed. A. Gruen will prepare specific changes to Statutes and Bylaws by the end of 1994 for further Council consideration.

(Action Item #141 - AG)

Other Statute and Bylaw amendments under consideration are: clarification of Society awards recognition; definition of photogrammetry and remote sensing; Sustaining Membership for institutions of higher learning; delegates of Regional Members to the General Assembly; recognition of spatial information systems; assurance of continuity balance on Council; and assignment of added responsibilities to the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents. A. Gruen agreed to prepare a redlined set of changes and accompanying rationale for each change by the end of 1994 for further Council review.

(Action Item #143 - AG)

Treasurer J. Trinder offered to prepare similar documentation to A. Gruen for suggested Bylaw amendments regarding finances.

(Action Item #144 - JT)

Meeting recessed at 6 pm.

Saturday 15 October 1994

Beijing International Congress Centre

Meeting convened at 8 am.

4. Activity Reports

a. President

S. Murai reviewed the report of his activities. (See Enclosure J.)

b. Secretary General

L. Fritz reviewed the report of his activities. (See Enclosure K.)

c. 1st Vice President

K. Torlegård reported that during 15-21 July he participated in International Space University (ISU) activities in Barcelona. He gave an ISU lecture and met with WG III/1 Chairman I. Colomina at the Institut Cartogràfic de Catalunya. On 2 September he returned to Barcelona for the ISU Closing Ceremony and met with Jasentuliyana, Oesberg, Roland Doré and Georg van Reoth. During 5-9 September he participated in the Commission III Symposium as Chair of WG III/2 ; attended Council meetings; and held a planning meeting for the WG III/2 Workshop in Stockholm 30 Aug - 1 Sep, 1995 with IC WG II/III.

d. 2nd Vice President

A. Gruen gave an oral report and will combine his activities in his report for the next Council meeting. He noted that he has prepared a special

theme issue for the **ISPRS Journal** to be issued soon: he gave a few invited presentations such as to a biomechanics meeting; is working on a joint proposal to interlink ISPRS with the Biomechanics Society; and he visited Moscow and Russian groups involved in digital activities and data collection.

6. Treasurer's Report & Financial Affairs

J. Trinder reviewed the report of his activities. (See Enclosure L.) Council discussed delinquent accounts of a few Member organizations.

(Action Item #146 - LF)

John opened the discussion on the potential for ISPRS to consider offering a limited amount of funding for scientific program support. It was agreed that any such support must be for the good of the Society such as educational activities e.g. CD ROMs, educational materials, etc. and not for travel funds. The topic should be added to the agenda at the next Council meeting.

(Action Item #147 - LF)

8. Membership

a. Ordinary Members

Egypt has indicated that it will change membership from the Aerial Survey of Egypt to the Egyptian Committee for Surveying and Mapping. A letter to Egypt requesting formal authorized transfer of the Ordinary Member has been sent by L. Fritz.

Latvia has completed formal authorized transfer of their Ordinary Membership from the State Land Service of the Republic of Latvia to the Latvian Society of Geodesy and Photogrammetry as of 26 July 1994.

(Action Item #148 - LF)

A letter requesting status has been sent to Bophuthatswana.

b. Regional Members

L. Fritz reported that the balloting for admission of the African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment will be closed soon. All votes received to date are in favor and admission is imminent.

Inquiries regarding the status of ISPRS Regional Member the Organisation Africaine de Cartographie et Télédétection (OACT) have indicated that the organization appears to be inactive.

c. Sustaining Members

An application for Category D Sustaining Membership by Geocarto International Centre located in Hong Kong was approved by Council. A previous Category D approval of Research & Development Centre "Monitoring" located in Bendery, Moldova has been suspended awaiting further communication.

10. Awards

Council discussed the awards process and potential candidates. It was agreed that K. Torlegård initiate the juries for the awards and for him to circulate advertisements for the awards via K. Kraus.

(Action Item #149 - KT)

It was agreed that this is a quadrennial task of the 1st Vice President that should be outlined in the Bylaws.

(Action Item #150 - AG)

11. Interorganizational Relations

a. IUSM

It was agreed that Council prepare its vision strategy for discussion at the next meeting in preparation for the end of June 1995, two to three day long IUSM Council Meeting.

(Action Item #151 - LF)

b. ICSU

(See Joint Meeting minutes.)

(Action Item - GK)

c. JOBRESA

Activities seem to have ceased. Council suggested possible candidates to be approached to reactivate JOBRESA.

(Action Item #152 - JT)

d. UATI - Union Internationale des Associations et Organismes Techniques

Council agreed to continue to support coordination with UATI.

e. Others

J. Trinder reported on his representation of ISPRS and speech to the UN-ESCAP at Beijing in September 1994. It was agreed that ISPRS should continue to be represented at relevant UN forums and collaboration for joint activities is encouraged.

12. Review of Commission Activities (Continued)

b. Commission Board Meetings

Council reviewed activities, status and recommendations reported at its Joint Meeting with the TCP's and made the following decisions:

(a) Guidance for future ISPRS Symposia is to include a requirement that ISPRS is to be the primary sponsoring organization if the Commission hosts wish to hold the mid-term Symposium concurrently with another Conference group; (b) It is recommended that the Commission Secretary present a scientific summary of the trends and state-of-the-science at the Closing Session of the mid-term Symposium .

(Action Item #154 - LF)

Approve D. Rosenholm (Sweden) as Chair of WG I/6 with D. Klarg as

WG I/6 Secretary. To assist in this reactivation of WG I/6 activities. Council members are to forward nominees for WG members to Comm I President L. Mussio.

(Action Item #155 - Council)

c. Next Council Meetings

Next Joint Meeting with the TCP's is scheduled for 8-9 June 1995 in Vienna with a review of the 1996 Congress venue. Council will meet on 6-7 June and then reconvene on the 10th.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1245 hours.

*Prepared by Lawrence W. Fritz, Secretary General
on 16 November 1994*

ENCLOSURES

(NOTE: enclosures A-I are referenced in the Joint Meeting Minutes, enclosures I-L are referenced in the Council Meeting Minutes.)

- A. *Guidelines for Hosting a Technical Commission* (12 November 1993 version)
- B. *Guidelines for Publication of the International Archives of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing* (18 May 1994 version)
- C. Availability of the *International Archives of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing* (15 May 1994 version)
- D. Schedule of activities at the XVIII Congress
- E. Preliminary titles for Congress Technical Sessions
- F. Report of Editor *ISPRS Journal*
- G. Report on E-mail systems
- H. E-mail Internet resources
- I. ISPRS Events Calendar (15 November 1994 version)
- J. Report of the President
- K. Report of the Secretary General
- L. Report of the Treasurer
- M. Nov 94 IUSM Newsletter