



MINUTES OF ISPRS COUNCIL MEETING
6-8 July 1996

Hotel Schloss Weikersdorf
Baden, Austria

Council:

- 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

Invited Guest (6 July):

- P. Waldhäusl (Austria) Congress Technical Program

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MINUTES

Saturday 6 July

Meeting convened at 9 am.

1. Opening Remarks

President Murai opened the meeting and thanked Congress Director Kraus and Chairman of the Congress Technical Program, Peter Waldhäusl for selecting an excellent meeting place. S. Murai stated that the prime objectives for the Council Meeting are to confirm the final schedule of events for the Congress and to conduct other Society relevant business.

Congress Director Kraus gave a brief description of Baden and noted its special role in ISPRS history, having been for 10-15 years the home of ISPRS founder and first President E. Doležal. He outlined the local arrangements and proposed a schedule of activities.

2. Agenda Modifications & Approval

The agenda was approved and no modifications were requested.

3. Review of Action Items & Minutes

It was noted that the minutes of the 15, 18 and 19 January 1996 Council Meeting had been previously approved by all Council and no further review was necessary. Secretary General Fritz then reviewed the Checklist of Council Tasks/Actions and the status of each was discussed. Of the 77 Action Items and Tasks to be addressed after the January Council Meeting: 31 Action Items have been completed, three were overcome by events, one was dropped; 30 Tasks have been completed and one was overcome by events; and seven were to be completed in conjunction with the Congress. The Secretary General thanked Council for its diligence by remarking that after four years with 206 Action Items plus 100 Tasks, only four remain open.

4. Confirmation of Congress Program

Congress Director Kraus reviewed the status of the Congress activities as follows:

a. Scientific Program

As of 5 July a total of 1,847 individuals have preregistered for the Congress, including 181 accompanying persons. All 10 tutorials will be

held as about 350 registrations have been received. To date, 826 have registered to attend the Opening Plenary Session.

With regard to papers; 1,147 Abstracts were accepted, 25 Abstracts were rejected, 811 papers were accepted for publication in the *Archives*. Pre-Congress sales of *Archives* are approximately 500 volumes. The *Archives* contain approximately 4,624 pages. It was uncertain whether RICS will have an agent seller of ISPRS *Archives* at the Congress.

b. Exhibition

K. Kraus reported that the allotted Exhibition space was sold. A special stamp will be issued each week to commemorate the Congress.

c. Social Events; and d. Meetings & Timetable

The entire schedule of activities was reviewed in light of Council member schedules and transportation to Congress events. It was agreed that official addresses will be made at the social and other events:

Opening: All Council present
Netherlands Reception: J. Trinder
Brock Reception: K. Torlegård
Doležal Awards (GA-VUT): S. Murai
Opening Exhibition: S. Murai
IUSM Task Groups & Executive Board: J. Trinder, L. Fritz
UN/Com VII Special Sessions: L. Fritz
Exhibitors' Castle Party: L. Fritz
Lockheed/SI/Kodak Reception: A. Gruen
Gala Buffet: K. Kraus, S. Murai, J. Trinder
Sustaining Members Meeting: S. Murai, L. Fritz, K. Kraus

Meetings, locations and schedules for Council participation were discussed: Daily breakfast review meetings at hotel; Joint meeting with Commission Presidents; five General Assemblies (GA); the Commission open business meetings; Austria Center is closed on Sunday; incoming-outgoing Council dinner with Honorary Members; IUSM Task Group meetings; IUSM Executive Board meeting; Incoming-Outgoing Council meeting; meeting with Editors; Joint Meeting with Incoming-Outgoing Commission Presidents; and the Sustaining Members meeting.

5. General Assemblies

Secretary General Fritz stated that on the morning of June 20th Spain regretfully had to withdraw its application for hosting the year 2000 Congress due to government cutbacks. Coincidentally, in the evening of June 20th he received a fax from Indonesia indicating a desire to host the 2000 Congress. He then described the color badges for delegates, representatives, advisors, officers/staff and guests to be used for identification and attendance and showed the cover sheets for the GA delegate loose leaf notebooks. Next the voting process was discussed. It was agreed that invited guests should include new Ordinary

Members, prospective new members including applicants for Associate Membership, candidates for Congress and Commission offices, award recipients, IUSM President, and individuals requested by Council to give reports.

The Agenda and time allotments were discussed and items to be prepared by Council for review by delegates were assigned.

6. Awards

A review was made of all award recipients.

Honorary Member: F. Ackermann

Brock Gold Medal: Y. Tufin

Otto von Gruber: H. G. Maas

Sam Gamble Award: P. Waldhäusl, M. Araya

Schermerhorn Award: D. McKeown

Schwedfsky Medal: A. Cracknell, J. Case

Best Papers by Young Authors: Xiuxiao Yuan, Naser El-Sheimy,

Woosug Cho, Reda Ezzat Fayek, Jeffrey A. Shufelt, Christine Pohl,

Yingchun Zhou, Gaudenz Danuser, Chuang Tao, Xiaojun Yang

Honorary Mention: Com I - P. Patias; Com II - J. Labonte;

Com III - I. Colomina; Com IV - R. Tateishi; Com V - M. Shortis;

Com VI - K. Cho; Com VII - G. Guyot

It was agreed that terms of reference should be prepared for the Honorary Mention awards to include scheduling and to avoid nepotism within Commission Secretariats.

A confirmation was made of the availability and responsibilities for Award Certificates and the timing for their completion and delivery. It was decided that the awards to the winners of the Computer Assisted Training CONtest (CATCON) should be presented at the 5th GA. The jury is Working Group (WG) VI/2 Chairperson Kohei Cho, Commission VI President Li Deren and a designee of Council. Heinz Rüther will be asked to be on the jury. The winners will receive a total of 500,000 ¥ for providing public domain software.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

The Council was then driven to the cemetery for ceremonies and to pay homage at the gravesite of Society founder, Prof. Dr. Eduard Doležal.

Meeting recessed at 5:30 pm.

7. Resolutions

Chairperson, First Vice President Torlegård has formed a Resolutions Committee of I. Viellet, K. Atkinson and H.-P. Bähr. He reviewed the schedule for Resolutions activities during the Congress. Candidates for Technical Commission President (TCP) are to be informed by the current TCP's to participate actively in the formation of the Resolutions.

It was agreed that draft Resolutions should be distributed for GA-3 to allow sufficient time for review and comments by GA delegations.

Meeting recessed at 7:30 pm.

Sunday 7 July

Meeting reconvened at 9:30 am.

All six Council Members present.

8. Plenary Sessions & Ceremonies

K. Kraus reviewed the program and timing of events at the Opening Plenary Session. It was agreed that about 40 seats were needed for seating of VIP's.

The program for the Commission Summaries Plenary Session was prepared and scheduled as follows:

Chairperson: 1st Vice President Torlegård (2 min.)
Summary of Commission Activities: 7 TCP's (7 min. each)
Resolutions: K. Torlegård (15 min.)
Summary of Exhibition: A. Gruen (7 min.)
Summary of Other Technical Events: J. Trinder (10 min.)
Appreciation to TCP's: S. Murai (2 min.)
Honorable Mention Awards: K. Torlegård/S. Murai (5 min.)
Closing: K. Torlegård

The agenda for the Tuesday 9 July Joint Meeting of TCP's with Council was reviewed and adjustments made. It was agreed that the TCP's are to be instructed to provide a summary of Commission Activities at the Congress and not a summary of their four year term.

The Closing Plenary Session was then prepared and scheduled as follows:

Chairperson: President Murai
Decisions of the GA: L. Fritz (10 min.)
Presentation of Best Poster Awards: K. Kraus (15 min.)
Address of Outgoing President: S. Murai (10 min.)
Presentation of Chain of Office: S. Murai (2 min.)
Address of Incoming President: (15 min.)
Address of Outgoing Congress Director: K. Kraus (10 min.)
Presentation of the ISPRS Flag: K. Kraus (5 min.)
Address of Incoming Congress Director: (5 min.)
Closing of Congress: K. Kraus (2 min.)

9. Membership Status

a. Ordinary Members

A review of procedures to handle non-responding countries and those in significant arrears was made. It was agreed that 2nd Vice President Gruen will contact as many of these countries as possible at the Congress to verify their status.

A guest list of new Members and prospective Members was reviewed for GA invitations.

A formal waiver for a six month delay in payment for fiscal year 1996 by Russia was approved.

b. Prospective Associate Members

The applications from the Iranian Remote Sensing Center, Italian Remote Sensing Association (AIT), Korean Society of Remote Sensing, and the National Research Council of Thailand were reviewed and approved for submission to the GA, contingent on GA approval of pending Statute and Bylaw changes.

c. Regional Members

Acknowledgement of active Regional Membership by AARSE and PAIGH will be made at the 1st GA. It was noted that OACT has reactivated its membership and will make payment of its arrears in subscription.

d. Sustaining Members

EarthWatch Incorporated was formally approved as Category C Sustaining Member. A review of unit subscription for Sustaining Members to correspond with the proposed increase of Ordinary Membership resulted in the following rates (in Swiss francs):

Category A to 2,800 Swf;

Category B to 1,400 Swf;

Category C to 700 Swf;

Category D to 350 Swf.

10. Interorganizational Relations

a. IUSM

Treasurer Trinder reported on the inactivity of IUSM Task Group A despite his communications to urge preparation for its Vienna Congress meeting. It was agreed to continue support of IUSM objectives.

b. ICSU

It was agreed that J. Trinder, and L. Fritz are to participate as ISPRS representatives to the 25th ICSU General Assembly to be held in late September in Washington, DC. The ISPRS Annual Report to ICSU had been submitted by K. Torlegård in June.

c. Others

CIPA - Council ratified the 1-3 October 1997 CIPA International Symposium "Photogrammetry in Architecture, Archaeology and Urban Conservation" in Göteborg, Sweden as an ISPRS event. It was agreed that ISPRS recommends approval of the nomination of Prof. Jan Rosvall of Sweden for the ICOMOS vacancy on the CIPA Committee.

ERIM - The request for ISPRS to become a cooperating organization for

the ERIM conference series was discussed. It was noted that ERIM events often overlap ISPRS Commission and WG events. It was agreed that ISPRS should offer Sustaining Membership to ERIM with the opportunity to negotiate to avoid overlap of events.

UNESCO - A new NGO status for ISPRS relations has been established within the framework of the International Council for Engineering and Technology (ICET) and UATI. This arrangement provides new opportunities for contracts, contributions and subventions for ISPRS.

UN/DPI - L. Fritz is to participate in the 49th Annual DPI/NGO conference as ISPRS representative.

IAPR-TC7 - 2nd Vice President Gruen wishes to step down as liaison to this subcommittee. He will approach Prof. W. Foerstner to become the ISPRS representative.

SPIE - A. Gruen wishes to step down as the permanent liaison of ISPRS to SPIE. A successor will be determined during the Congress.

ISB - A. Gruen reported that a WG on 3-D Analysis of Human Movement has been officially established by the International Society of Biomechanics and he has been invited to be their liaison with ISPRS. Council approved his appointment.

Meeting Approvals - The following meetings were approved with ISPRS as cooperating sponsor:

May 1997 - AM/FM GIS Asia'97 Conference in Taipei, China and
29 Sep-2 Oct 1997 - Optical 3D Measurement Techniques
Conference in Zurich, Switzerland.

11. Publications

a. *Journal*

S. Murai prepared a draft report for the GA. It was agreed that we will pursue a new contract for the *Journal* which will contain peer reviewed articles and Society announcements only.

b. *Bulletin*

The proposal for production, editing and distribution of an ISPRS Bulletin from SELPER Editor M. Araya was discussed in detail. Decisions regarding content and financing were made in anticipation of negotiating an agreement at the Congress or as soon thereafter as possible.

c. *Home Page*

A. Gruen reviewed the Home Page activities which will be reported to the General Assembly. L. Fritz reviewed the agenda and materials to be covered at the Council meeting with the Editors (*Journal*, *Bulletin*, *WebMaster*) at the Congress.

d. *Archives & RICS*

It was agreed that the *ISPRS Guidelines for Publication of the International Archives of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing* will be enforced rigorously for all proposed ISPRS Proceedings to maintain high quality. It was agreed that the RICS Contract is to be provided to the new TCP's for compliance and for recommendations on improvements in the contractual arrangements. It was further agreed that TCP's should be advised to use proper packaging for shipment of *Archives* to RICS to avoid damage and loss of value.

Meeting recessed at 7:15 pm.

Monday 8 July

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 am.

Five Council Members present (Congress Director Kraus absent).

12. Statutes, Bylaws & Guidelines

The additional proposed amendments to Bylaws prepared by L. Fritz on Voting and Commission VI terms of reference were discussed, modified and approved. It was agreed that a set of Resolutions to cover Council Task Groups will be prepared as they are needed to effectively facilitate and promote grants, fellowships, scholarships, etc. and for support of interorganizational relations.

The *Objectives and Guidelines for ISPRS Member Reports* document prepared by WG VI/1 Chairperson, J. Jachimski and P. Waldhäusl was tabled for more detailed discussion at a future Council meeting. Similarly, the remarks prepared by WebMaster A. Streilein were accepted for further Council review.

(Action Item - Council)

The *Directives for Financial Support of New ISPRS Initiatives* prepared by J. Trinder and A. Gruen were approved. These new directives will be distributed to the TCP's at the Joint Meeting of Incoming-Outgoing TCP's with Council.

13. Finances

a. **Report of Financial Commission**

The report was accepted.

b. **Increase of Subscription**

Treasurer Trinder reviewed his rationale document for the GA to approve an increase in the membership subscription unit from 90 to 100 Swf for the 1996-2000 term. Council discussed and approved the document.

14. Council Reports

Council members reported a summary of their activities since January. Treasurer Trinder reviewed the financial accounts of member organizations and their status.

15. ISPRS Headquarters-Future

A discussion of possibilities to transition many clerical and perfunctory staff functions to a more permanent arrangement was held. Opportunities such as the availability of retired ISPRS knowledgeable individuals to run a permanent office on an ISPRS salary using donated facility space were discussed. Council members discussed the pros and cons of such an arrangement and the type tasks which could be considered for a Council Assistant. These tasks could include activities such as the Bulletin, the types of task group projected activities in education and communications with external organizations, the Annual Report, collection of *Archives A* documents, etc. No consensus or agreements were reached, except that further discussions are warranted.

16. Other Business

The agendas for the Joint and Council Incoming-Outgoing officer meetings to be convened during the Congress were reviewed.

The draft plan for Council meetings to be held during 1996-2000 term was discussed and modified. It will be further reviewed and adjusted after the election of hosts for the Commissions are held.

17. Adjournment

President Murai closed the meeting with an expression of appreciation for the strong effective support and cooperative attitude of all Council members over the past four years. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

*Prepared by Lawrence W. Fritz, Secretary General
31 August 1996*

