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on Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

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Abstract

The reasonings for RIPs are outlined. An appropriate statute is to be considered as a fundamental basis for successfully running an RIP and, particularly, to guarantee smooth co-operation of various nations. As a result of Working Group VI/6, guidelines for a statute are presented. It is recommended to implement RIPs for the geographical regions of Africa, Latin America, Northern America, Asia/Pacific, Eastern Europe and Western Europe. - RIPs will be of benefit to all Members of the International Society for Photogrammetry.

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At the Helsinki Congress 1976, the concept of "Regional International Periodicals (RIP)" had been presented (HOTHMER 1976). The background and objectives of this new idea are :

1. People are overflowed with printed material in industrialized countries. The average photogrammetrist has no access to all relevant professional periodicals as they are too numerous. Merging of existing journals on photogrammetry and remote sensing into few regional periodicals can be a remedy. The International Society for Photogrammetry should feel itself responsible for the average photogrammetrist and, therefore, should favour RIP which can be considered as a demand of our era.
2. Most developing countries are, meanwhile and fortunately, well advanced in the application of photogrammetry and remote sensing. However, provision must be made to assure that these countries become acquainted with latest technologies developed elsewhere. They need adequate means of information, such as appropriate periodicals. The International Society

for Photogrammetry should feel itself responsible to prevent that the technological gap between industrialized and developing countries gets wider again. RIP can be a tool for this demand.

3. On the other hand, several former developing nations are nowadays capable of carrying their share in developing advanced methods and technologies. Their findings should be made available to the benefit particularly of neighbouring countries. As a consequence, these nations need a periodical. Although it is impracticable that any country has its own journal, provision should be made that any country participates in a periodical which can be considered to be its own. The International Society for Photogrammetry should encourage all Members to make own contributions towards advancement and to publish the results.
4. Regional International Periodicals promote co-operation between neighbouring countries and within a geographical region. Therefore, RIPs correspond completely with paragraph 1 of the Statute of ISP which reads: "ISP is devoted to the development of international co-operation".
5. Existing periodicals on photogrammetry and remote sensing have quite a small print run. Therefore, they are relatively expensive. Merging of some of these journals into one RIP will raise the print run with the effect that the production cost per issue is less. As a consequence, subscribers to present periodicals can get more value for their money when subscribing to RIP.

Some basic features inherent for running any RIP should be :

- Participation of any country wishing to do so;
- Participating national societies subscribe for all their members;
- Participating countries are themselves responsible for the periodical, and decide themselves on policies and procedures and on appointment of officers running the periodical;
- The periodical shall be attractive to as many members of national societies of photogrammetry and remote sensing as possible;
- RIP shall be of high professional quality.

Well functioning of a RIP necessitates a tailor made statute, particularly to guarantee smooth co-operation of various nations. ISP envisaged this

need and adopted a resolution at Helsinki 1976 reading: "Guidelines for regional international 'Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing' periodicals should be established. Draft guidelines should be submitted for approval at the XIV International Congress".

Arising out of the resolution, Working Group VI/6 was established to prepare guidelines for such a statute, applicable to RIPs of, for example, Africa, Latin America, Northern America, Asia/Pacific, Eastern Europe and Western Europe. A draft was set up by the Chairman. Comments were received by the following members of the WG and other colleagues respectively: K. Atkinson, London, and several other British colleagues; T. Blachut, Ottawa; M. Carbonnell, Paris; F. Doyle, Washington; H. Draheim, Karlsruhe; J. Jachimski, Krakov; H. Meckenstock, Wuppertal; J. Rais, Djakarta; M. Spitzer, Adelaide. All comments were given serious considerations. Detailed answers to the presented arguments are available to anybody on request.

As a result of the activities of the Working Group, guidelines for establishing RIPs are presented as an Annex.

Some humorous comments analysed RIP to mean "Rest in Peace", arguing time has not come as yet to replace national feelings in favor of fruitful international co-operation. Others stated both RIP and the jumbo 747 have something in common: Ahead of their time, but 10 years later urgently required. Nevertheless, the writer is an optimist and hopes that, within the foreseeable future, RIP will be accepted to mean also: "Required in Peace" - to the benefit of all Members of the International Society for Photogrammetry, and possibly other fields as well.

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## P R E A M B L E

The International Society for Photogrammetry is devoted to the development of international co-operation for the advancement of photogrammetry and remote sensing. For this aim, photogrammetrists and remote sensing specialists depend on access to reports of the latest progress. So far, papers on results of research work are published in quite a number of periodicals. No one photogrammetrist and remote sensing specialist in any country can follow up all of these periodicals.

The photogrammetric community is quite small. But production of a periodical with a small print run is relatively costly. As a consequence, former developing nations will hardly have a chance to produce a periodical on their own. Thus they will continue to lack a stimulus for carrying their share in advancement.

At the Congress 1976 in Helsinki, the idea of Regional International Periodicals on Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing was presented. Their efficient organisation require a statute and appropriate bye-laws. The International Society for Photogrammetry therefore recommended that a guideline be prepared and submitted to the XIV Congress 1980 in Hamburg. The following is considered to be this guideline.

Regional International Periodicals (hereinafter referred to as RIP) could be established in, for example, the geographical regions of Africa, Latin America, Northern America, Asia/ Pacific, Eastern Europe and Western Europe.

### I. O B J E C T I V E S

#### § 1

- 1.1 ISP promotes photogrammetry and remote sensing in all countries and considers periodicals as indispensable tools for the dissemination of information. RIP are designed to serve that goal. In particular, the objectives of RIP are :
- (1) Participation of any nation wishing to do so;
  - (2) Facilitating access to information on advancement whilst reducing the number of periodicals;

- (3) Raising the print run, thus establishing a sound basis for RIPs;
- (4) Distribution of national news;
- (5) Providing information on international affairs as well as on neighbouring countries of the same region, thus promoting co-operation between nations.

## II. PARTICIPATION

### § 2

- 2.1 Participation in RIP is open to all National Photogrammetric/ Remote Sensing Societies of a geographical region. Participation
- 2.2 Participating Societies subscribe for all their members to RIP.
- 2.3 Application for participation requires that the Society has voted for one of the admissible languages (§ 7.2).
- 2.4 Participating Societies share the costs for RIP (§ 18.4) in relation to their Society Quota. The Delegate (§ 17.2) is responsible for payment in due time to the Manager (§18.3).

### § 3

- 3.1 Any participation in RIP is based on quotas.
- 3.2 Provided that
  - $M_S$  is the number of members of a Society,
  - $M_{RIP}$  denotes the number of members of all Societies participating in RIP,

the Society Quota  $Q_S$ , in per cent, is then

$$Q_S = ( M_S / M_{RIP} ) 100 .$$

Society  
(country)  
Quota

## III. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### § 4

- 4.1 The name of the periodical shall be established by the RIP - Assembly. Name
- 4.2 The name shall be indicated in § 1, Bye - Laws.

### § 5

- 5.1 Details of this Statute shall be regulated in Bye - Laws. Bye - Laws
- 5.2 The RIP - Assembly decides on the Bye - Laws.

- 5.3 No Bye - Law that contravenes the Statute shall be valid.
- 5.4 Statute and Bye - Laws shall be published in the first number of RIP.

§ 6

- 6.1 RIP shall be produced according to high international quality standards regarding both content and publishing. Quality Standard
- 6.2 Galley proofs are to be checked by the printer, the author and by a member of the Editorial Board.
- 6.3 Page proofs are to be checked by the printer and the Chief Editor.

§ 7

- 7.1 RIP can be published with a maximum of three languages. Language
- 7.2 The RIP - Assembly decides on these languages.
- 7.3 Provided that
- $M_L$  is the number of members of all Societies having voted for a specific language (§ 2.3),
  - the Language Quota  $Q_L$ , in per cent, is then Language Quota
- $$Q_L = ( M_L / M_{RIP} ) 100.$$

§ 8

- 8.1 An author is free to use any admissable language (§ 7.2). Author
- 8.2 Authors are neither charged, nor paid, for their articles. They are not given free offprints.

§ 9

- 9.1 First publication of a manuscript shall occur in RIP. Relation to other periodicals
- 9.2 Secondary publication can occur in other periodicals.

§ 10

- 10.1 RIP will be divided into six sections. The approximate percentage of pages to be used for a section is added : Sections
- (1) Scientific - Technical, 60%
  - (2) Reports, 16 %
  - (3) Book Reviews, 10 %
  - (4) National News, 10 %

- (5) International News, 4 %
- (6) Advertisements, unlimited

10.2 Whenever feasible, the scientific - technical section shall cover more than 60 %, whilst reducing the other sections.

#### § 11

11.1 The material for publication in RIP is to be composed considering Content both quotas (§ 3.2) and percentage (§ 10.1). However, quality has first priority, except for the section "National News".

#### § 12

12.1 Any article in the scientific - technical section shall be published with summaries in the three official languages of ISP. Summaries

#### § 13

- 13.1 Articles can be accepted for publication by synopsis. Synopsis
- 13.2 A synopsis is an outline of an article covering approximately one page of the periodical.
- 13.3 The Manager (§ 18) arranges to supply copies of articles in full, on special request, which have been published by synopsis.

#### § 14

14.1 Deadline date for supply of contributions for the section "National News" is one month prior to delivery date of RIP. Provision for latest news

### IV. ORGANISATION

#### § 15

- 15.1 Organs of RIP are : Organs
- (1) The Initiator
  - (2) The RIP - Assembly
  - (3) The Manager
  - (4) The Editorial Board

#### § 16

16.1 The General Assembly ISP appoints an Initiator for each geographical region. Initiator

- 16.2 The Initiator invites all National Photogrammetric/Remote Sensing Societies of his region to join RIP.
- 16.3 The Initiator requests all National Societies to appoint one of their members as Delegate to the RIP - Assembly.
- 16.4 The Initiator makes an assessment of the costs involved in publishing RIP.
- 16.5 The Initiator prepares nominations for
  - (1) Manager
  - (2) Publisher
  - (3) Printer
  - (4) Chief Editor
  - (5) Advertising Manager - Editor
  - (6) Auditors
- 16.6 The Initiator prepares a first draft of the Bye - Laws (§ 5).
- 16.7 The Initiator convenes the RIP - Assembly.
- 16.8 The Initiator keeps the President ISP informed of his activities.
- 16.9 The office of the Initiator expires as soon as the RIP - Assembly has appointed a Manager.
- 16.10 The Initiator submits a final report to the General Assembly ISP.

§ 17

- 17.1 The RIP - Assembly is composed of Delegates. RIP-Assembly
- 17.2 Each participating National Society (§ 2) appoints one of its members to be Delegate. Delegate
- 17.3 Any participating National Society has one vote.
- 17.4 Regular sessions of the RIP - Assembly are held with an interval of four years, preferably at Congresses of the ISP.
- 17.5 Extraordinary sessions of the RIP - Assembly, which can be held also by correspondence, are convened if there is a requirement. An extraordinary session must be held if requested by at least 40 per cent of the Delegates.
- 17.6 The RIP - Assembly elects a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman for a term of four years. They should be Delegates. They can be re-elected once.
- 17.7 The RIP - Assembly decides on appointments of
  - (1) Manager
  - (2) Publisher
  - (3) Printer

- (4) Chief Editor
  - (5) Advertising Manager - Editor
  - (6) Auditors
- 17.8 The RIP - Assembly approves the budget of RIP.
- 17.9 The RIP - Assembly adopts Bye - Laws (§ 5).

§ 18

- 18.1 A Manager is elected by the RIP - Assembly for a term of four years. Re-election is possible. The Manager can not be himself a member of the RIP - Assembly. Manager
- 18.2 The Manager is the legal representative of RIP.
- 18.3 The Manager is responsible for all financial actions of RIP.
- 18.4 The Manager prepares the annual budget. He mails the budget for the following year to all Delegates (§ 2.4) before the first day of July in the current year.
- 18.5 The Manager prepares and convenes sessions of the RIP - Assembly.
- 18.6 The Chairman of the RIP - Assembly acts as Interim Manager whenever there is, after decision of the RIP - Assembly, a need, or whenever the Manager should be disabled. If action as an Interim Manager is required for more than a year, the Chairman of the RIP - Assembly can not be any longer Chairman or a member of the RIP - Assembly.

§ 19

- 19.1 The RIP - Assembly appoints Auditors for a term of four years. Re-appointment is possible. Auditors
- 19.2 Financial actions of RIP must be audited every year.
- 19.3 The financial year is equal to the calendar year.
- 19.4 The Auditors submit, before the first day of April in each year, their report to the Chairman of the RIP - Assembly.

§ 20

- 20.1 The RIP - Assembly decides on the Publisher. Publisher
- 20.2 The Publisher is appointed for a term of four years. Re-appointment is possible.

20.3 Publisher of RIP can be the RIP - Assembly, or an Association of National Societies of Photogrammetry / Remote Sensing of the geographical region, or any other suitable solution. However, this will preferably not be a single National Society.

#### § 21

- 21.1 The RIP - Assembly decides on the printer. Printer
- 21.2 The Printer is appointed for a term of four years. Re-appointment is possible.
- 21.3 RIP shall be printed by that institution or company presenting the most favourable bid.
- 21.4 The printing of RIP shall be of high quality.

#### § 22

- 22.1 An Editorial Board is responsible for the high quality and high technical standard of RIP. Editorial Board
- 22.2 The Editorial Board is composed of :
- (1) Chief Editor
  - (2) Scientific - Technical Editor
  - (3) Reports Editor
  - (4) Book Reviews Editor
  - (5) National News Editor
  - (6) International News Editor
  - (7) Society Editors
  - (8) Language Editor(s)
  - (9) Manager
- 22.3 One person can cover more than one office. However, the editors (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) should be different persons.
- 22.4 No member of the Editorial Board can be, at the same time, member of the RIP - Assembly.
- 22.5 The Editorial Board takes decisions with regular majority.
- 22.6 Any person has one vote.
- 22.7 Chairman of the Editorial Board is the Chief Editor. The officer in charge of the post of Chairman corresponds to the sequence in § 22.2.
- 22.8 The Chairman convenes regular sessions of the Editorial Board at least every four years. A report on these sessions must be published in RIP.

- 22.9 Extraordinary sessions of the Editorial Board can be based on correspondence. Reports on these sessions shall be kept on file and shall be made available to anybody so requesting.
- 22.10 The Chairman submits annual reports on the activities of the Editorial Board to the RIP - Assembly. One month prior to submission of this report, any member of the Editorial Board is expected to deliver, to the Chairman, a report on his activities.

### § 23

- 23.1 The Editorial Board appoints an Article Review Committee (ARC) for a term of four years. Re-election is possible. Article  
Review  
Committee
- 23.2 The ARC shall be composed of at least two specialists for each field as covered by each of the Technical Commissions of ISP. The members of ARC can be of any country. The Chief Editor can not become a member of ARC.
- 23.3 The ARC recommends to the Chief Editor whether an article should be accepted, or revised, or rejected for publication in full length, or whether a synopsis (§ 13) should be published.
- 23.4 The ARC communicates with the Chief Editor and not with authors.
- 23.5 The ARC is expected to forward recommendations to the Chief Editor within three months, unless stated differently in the Bye - Laws.

### § 24

- 24.1 A Chief Editor is appointed by the RIP - Assembly for a term of four years. Re-election is possible twice. Chief  
Editor
- 24.2 The officer in charge of the post of Chief Editor corresponds to the sequence in § 22.2.
- 24.3 The Chief Editor carries overall responsibility for putting the periodical together (§ 11).
- 24.4 All articles for the scientific - technical section of RIP, and possibly others, must be approved by the Article - Review - Committee (ARC). The duties of the Chief Editor are :
- (1) Forwarding articles to at least two members of ARC.
  - (2) If the recommendations of both reviewers agree, the Chief Editor proceeds accordingly.
  - (3) If the recommendations of the reviewers are contradictory,

then the Chief Editor decides on procedure himself, or in co-operation with the relevant Section Editor.

(4) If the recommendations of the ARC are not received in due time (§ 23.5), then the Chief Editor decides on procedure in agreement with the relevant Section Editor.

(5) Communication of the result of the review to the author and to the corresponding Society Editor.

24.5 The Chief Editor delivers anything to be printed in RIP to the printer. Different regulations are possible if specified in the Bye - Laws.

24.6 The Chief Editor checks the page proofs (§ 6.3).

#### § 25

25.1 Any Society participating in RIP (§ 2.1) appoints a Society Editor and a Deputy Society Editor. No Society Editor can be a member of the RIP - Assembly. Society Editor

25.2 The Society Editor collects or prepares material from his Society. He stimulates authors for delivery of good articles.

25.3 The Society Editor decides on the use of the quota of his Society for the section 'National News'.

#### § 26

26.1 The Editorial Board appoints a Language Editor, and a Deputy Language Editor, for any language according to § 7.2. Language Editor

26.2 The Language Editor assists in linguistic matters in order to maintain the standards and high quality required for RIP.

26.3 The Language Editor should inspect at least those contributions for all sections prepared in a language which is not the mother tongue of the author.

#### § 27

27.1 The Editorial Board appoints the following Section Editors and Deputy Section Editors for a term of four years : Section Editors

(1) Scientific - Technical Editor

(2) Reports Editor

(3) Book Reviews Editor

(4) National News Editor

(5) International News Editor

Re-appointment is possible twice.

- 27.2 Section Editors take care that their field is covered appropriately. They stimulate authors.
- 27.3 Section Editors prepare manuscripts having been submitted to their section for publication.
- 27.4 The detailed terms of reference of Section Editors shall be specified in the Bye - Laws.

§ 28

- 28.1 The RIP - Assembly appoints an Advertising Manager - Editor and a Deputy for a term of four years. Re-election is possible twice. Advertising Manager - Editor
- 28.2 The Advertising Manager - Editor is responsible for obtaining as many advertisements as possible which are appropriate for RIP. The Editorial Board decides, in case of doubt, on appropriateness.
- 28.3 Advertisements can be placed on the first and on the last pages of RIP.

§ 29

- 29.1 All officers of RIP can be reimbursed for their expenses, excluding travel costs. Expenses
- 29.2 The Chief Editor receives an honorarium of ten Swiss Franks for each page of RIP, excluding ad-pages, published per year. Honorarium of Officers
- 29.3 The Advertising Manager - Editor receives an honorarium of 100 (hundred) Swiss Franks for any new ad - page.
- 29.4 All other officers serve on an honorary basis.
- 29.5 Any issue of RIP shall contain the names of all officers carrying responsibility for RIP, except the Article Review Committee.
- 29.6 Different regulations are possible if specified in the Bye-Laws.

V. GENERAL REGULATIONS

§ 30

- 30.1 Headquarter of RIP is the address of the Manager. Headquarter

§ 31

- 31.1 Amendments of this Statute require a two-thirds majority of the RIP - Assembly. Amendments
- 31.2 Amendments of the Bye - Laws require a regular majority of the RIP - Assembly.
- 31.3 Amendments of both Statute and Bye - Laws must be published in RIP.

§ 32

- 32.1 Withdrawal of participation (§ 2) can become effective at the end of the year after a four years' term (§ 18.4, § 20.2, § 21.2). Withdrawal  
of  
Participatio
- 32.2 Withdrawal of participation must be announced to the Manager at least one year in advance.

§ 33

- 33.1 Dissolution of RIP necessitates a two-thirds majority of the RIP - Assembly. Dissolution
- 33.2 Capital existing at that moment shall be donated to the United Nations Children Fund.