

ISPRS an Awardee at the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics Centenary

Many of the societies ISPRS works with have a long history. One of them, the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG), celebrated its centenary in Paris on July 28, 2019.

IUGG, ISPRS, the International Cartographic Association (ICA), the International Astronomical Union (IAU), the International Union for Quaternary Research (INQUA), the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), the International Geographical Union (IGU), the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS), and the International Union of Radio Science (URSI) are GeoUnion members of the International Science Council. Representatives of all unions, together with many other representatives of the scientific world, were invited to the celebration of IUGG.

IUGG, a union of 8 unions (<http://www.iugg.org>), has a history closely connected with Prince Albert I of Monaco.

Prince Albert I of Monaco (1848–1922), who devoted time and resources to oceanography, granted his patronage to the establishment of the International Marine Association in 1900 which ended meetings after 1904. He always had a strong interest in international cooperation and sought to establish a new international organization after the end of the war (IAPSO, 2015). The opportunity for that arose when the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) was established in Brussels, Belgium, on July 28, 1919 during the Constitutive Assembly of the International Research Council (predecessor of the International Council of Scientific Unions which was created in 1931). At the meeting in Brussels, a Section of Physical Oceanography was formed, with Prince Albert I of Monaco as its first President.

Thanks to his great grandfather's involvement, H.S.H. Prince Albert II was invited to welcome participants to the centenary, together with other important speakers.

IUGG awarded several societies in recognition of long and efficient co-operation with the Union. ISPRS was one of the awardees and the Secretary General, Lena Halounová received a plaque, on behalf of ISPRS.

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