

# Minutes, Council Meeting

10, 11 and 14 June 2019

Enschede, The Netherlands

## In Attendance:

President	Christian Heipke (CH)
Secretary General	Lena Halounová (LH)
Congress Director	Nicolas Paparoditis (NP)
First Vice President	Chen Jun (CJ)
Second Vice President	Charles Toth (CT)
Treasurer	Songnian Li (SL)
Guests	Ian Dowman, ISAC Chair, GSW Programme Committee Chair (ID) John Trinder, TIF Operations Officer (JT) – for item 5.1 George Vosselman, GSW Director 2019 (GV) – for item 9 Inez Burger, 2020 ISPRS Congress PCO (IB) Song Lan, Elsevier (SL) – for item 9 Lucia Franco, Elsevier (LF) – for item 9

## Minutes:

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## Minutes

### 1. Opening Remarks

CH opened the meeting at 14:00 on June 10, 2019 and thanked the attendees for their presence.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

Following amendments to the proposed agenda, it was approved.

### 3. Approval of the CM Minutes from Toronto, 27-29 March 2019

The minutes from Toronto were approved.

### 4. Review of Action Lists

The Council action list was updated.

## 5. Science and Policy Matters

### 5.1. Council Restructuring

The comments received from ISPRS stakeholders, following distribution of the revised Cnl restructuring proposal, were discussed in the presence of John Trinder (HnM) and Ian Dowman (HnM, ISAC).

The proposed changes agreed upon are: future Council position names to be: President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Congress Director; the maximum amount of terms to serve on Council is to be three with a possible exception; all Council member positions are submitted for the election at the GA – with the exception of Past President if the President agrees to continue in the Past President position in the following Council.

Corresponding changes are necessary in the Statutes and Bylaws. It has been decided to hold a postal ballot amongst OdMs. This will provide clarity for the Nice Congress.

A final explanatory document and changes for the Statutes and Bylaws, which will be sent with the ballot to OdMs, are to be drafted and send to JT and ID for comment.

ID noted that the proposed changes still do not allow people without financial support to become Cnl members.

**Action 19/1304:** CH to prepare final explanatory document and draft changes for the Statutes and Bylaws, and send to JT and ID for comment, asap.

**Action 19/1305:** LH to implement ballot amongst OdMs on Cnl Restructuring once documents are prepared, asap.

### 5.2. Keynote Speaker Programme

The discussion from the previous Cnl meeting was continued. ID expressed ISAC's favour for the Keynote Speaker Programme and mentioned that the procedures should be as simple as possible. The implementation was discussed, and the following was decided: OdM should suggest names of Keynote Speakers, along with their request for support; if desired by an OdM, Cnl will assist OdMs to find a suitable name. The decisions on Keynote Speaker suitability will be met at Cnl's discretion. The speaker will be asked to use the ISPRS logo on his/her slides. A page on the ISPRS web site is to be initiated to list names and titles of past keynotes. It was also decided to offer the programme to AsMs and RgMs.

**Action 19/1306:** LH is to update the Keynote Speaker Programme document to include the decisions made at Enschede, by July 8, 2019.

**Action 19/1307:** LH to disseminate the Keynote Speaker Programme information to OdMs, AsMs and RgMs, by July 15, 2019.

### 5.3. IPAC

The list of present and proposed members of IPAC submitted by Gunter Schreier was discussed. GS asked Council to recommend new members in the fields of new EO Missions and systems, possibly also someone with background in EO & AI.

Council decided to revise the role of IPAC. CH is to convene a meeting with GS, LH and Laurent Polidori for that purpose, whereby the content of the Fora track for the Nice Congress will also be addressed, in the near future.

**Action 19/1308:** CH to convene a meeting with GS, LH and Laurent Polidori on the future of IPAC and the fora track in Nice, preferably during the PIA conference in Munich, by September 30, 2019.

### 5.4. ISAC

#### 5.4.1. ISAC – ISAC Report, Evaluation of TC Restructuring

ID reported for ISAC on the restructuring of TCs. ISAC views the restructuring positively, as Commission meetings have become larger in the number of participants, more attractive and more visible. However, they see no great impact of the introduction of Vice-TCPs. They also suggest the role of TC V be revised as they see insufficient focus on education and outreach. The new structure has not significantly helped communication or involvement with less well financed countries.

The role of the ISAC Chair as Chair of the GSW International Science Committee needs to be clearly defined and conveyed to future GSW organisers.

ID advised Cnl that he will not continue as ISAC Chair after the Nice Congress. CH expressed his thanks to ID for his efficient work in ISAC.

### 5.5. Scientific Programme Proposal - GleSDGs

CJ presented a proposal for an ISPRS flagship project using ISPRS expertise on *Geospatial Information enabled SDGs*. He suggests ISPRS lead, request partnership with other international NGOs, and partly also fund this project, also through Scientific Initiative (SI) and Education & Outreach Initiative (E&ORI).

Cnl welcomed the idea. CH mentioned that while some initial funding might be available for a kick-off in 2019, further funding should be decided upon step by step and should preferably go through the SI and/or the E&ORI. Cnl decided to add a maximum of 5.000 € to the budget for 2019 and to postpone decisions for further funding until a later stage.

CJ suggested building a task force to realise the project, which he would like to launch with a first workshop in Changsha, China, in November 2019 immediately after the CM in Guilin, and include in the next Congress, continuing in the GSW series.

**Action 19/1309:** CJ to inform Council members about details of the task force and the workshop to be organized in Changsha, China, by August 31, 2019.

**Action 19/1310:** CJ is to draft an Educational and Outreach Initiative for 2020 for potential further funding of the project, by October 15, 2019.

### 5.6. LAGIRS 2020, Cooperation with GRSS

CH reported that the preparations for the meeting which will take place in Santiago de Chile in March 2020 are proceeding well, including the publications.

Cnl decided to financially support a summer school provided the local organisers will set one up. Cnl also decided to make available a reasonable amount for travel grants. The exact amount will depend on the ISPRS and TIF budgets.

### 5.7. TIF

#### 5.7.1. Travel Grants

SL presented a draft document on events eligible to receive ISPRS Travel Grants, including a time line. Based on the discussion which followed, he is to revise and forward the draft to Council for approval.

Travel grants for the PIA conference to be held in Munich in September 2019 will be made available.

**Action 19/1311:** SL to distribute the revised document on ISPRS events eligible for travel grants and timeline to Cnl, by July 30, 2019.

#### 5.7.2. Future TIF Chair

SW requested a response from Cnl on his continued appointment as TIF Chair following the end of his term. LH is to check the TIF statutes and reply to him accordingly.

**Action 19/1312:** LH to reply to SW on his continued appointment as Chair of TIF, by July 15, 2019.

## **5.8. International Science Council - ISC**

### **5.8.1. CODATA (ISC) - ISPRS Participation**

It was decided not to pursue membership within this Council period.

### **5.8.2. World Data System – ISC**

It was decided not to pursue membership within this Council period.

### **5.8.3. Approval of New ISC Members**

LH is to inform ISC that Council has approved the applications for membership in ISC for both SCOPE – Scientific Committee of Problems of the Environment and The Science Academy – Bilim Akademisi, Turkey.

**Action 19/1313:** LH to forward letters of support for SCOPE and The Science Academy (Turkey) to ICS, by July 20, 2019.

## **5.9. UN GGIM - Future Trends**

The UN GGIM response forms will be completed by SL and sent to UN GGIM.

**Action 19/1314:** SL to send the answer by the UN GGIM deadline, July 12, 2019.

## **6. XXIV ISPRS Congress**

NP asked for approval to communicate to ISPRS interested persons for Congress via the ISPRS distribution list. Cnl approved that request, NP is to contact ME to discuss for implementation.

### **6.1. General Status of Preparations: 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement etc.**

The proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement was discussed and suggestions for amendments were noted, including keynote speakers, sponsorship, fora, and cooperation with sister societies.

The decision on the use of electronic voting for the GA was postponed and is to be decided by Cnl shortly before the Nice Congress.

**Action 19/1315:** NP to publicize the 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement, asap.

### **6.2. Schedule Prior to the Congress**

The Pre-Congress Action List (previously called the Schedule Prior to Congress) is to be consolidated in the Green Book, including the Awards Procedure.

**Action 19/1316:** CH to prepare the Awards tasks and the Pre-Congress Action List for Council to be documented in the Green Book, by July 31, 2019.

### **6.3. Awards**

All award sponsors have been contacted. CJ is to set up the juries for the awards.

**Action 19/1317:** CJ to set up the juries for the awards at Congress, by September 30, 2019.

### **6.4. Proposal for Special Sessions and Theme Sessions**

A call for organizing sessions, to be organised e.g. in co-operation with Sister Societies (Special Sessions), is to be prepared by the 2020 Congress Local Organizing Committee as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement.

**Action 19/1318:** LH to reply to Arzu Coltekin regarding SpS proposal for Congress, by July 15, 2019

**Action 19/1319:** NP to prepare a call for SpS as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement, asap.

## 7. Student Consortium

### 7.1. Membership

The Student Consortium would like to replicate the IdM data base managed by Markus English (ME) to manage SC members. CT is to contact ME in this regard.

**Action 19/1320: CT to confer with ME on the replication of the IdM data base for SC member management, by September 15, 2019.**

### 7.2. Summer Schools

The SS organised at the Wroclaw University from August 26 – 30, 2019 was discussed.

### 7.3. Statutes

The revised Student Consortium Statutes have been approved by TC V, SC and Council and can now be put on the SC web site.

CT proposed two new SC awards which will be publicized at the SC web site. It was agreed that the Student Consortium present the ISPRS Student Consortium Excellence Award, a monetary award of USD 1000, at Congress for the Best Student Paper, which is to be financed by ISPRS. Council will award one ISPRS Student Consortium Service Award consisting of a certificate.

**Action 19/1321: CT to contact SC to publicize the new SC Statutes after language checking, by August 31, 2019.**

**Action 19/1322: CT to contact SC to place information about new SC Awards at the SC web site after language checking, by August 31, 2019.**

## 8. ISPRS 2020-2024

### 8.1. Council Positions

Council members voiced interest in Council positions for the 2020-2024 period.

The inclusion of a SC representative at Council or JMs as a permanent observer was also discussed.

### 8.2. Interest in Hosting TCs

Information on hosts for the next ISPRS period was discussed.

### 8.3. Interest in Bidding for Congress 2024

Candidates for the 2024 Congress were discussed. One official candidacy was received by Council in spring 2019 from the Canadian Remote Sensing Society, to hold the Congress 2024 in Toronto.

## 9. Contract with the IJPRS Publisher

Cnl discussed the future cooperation with Elsevier, and in particular, aspects of open access with the publisher. Elsevier representatives SL and LF explained their option, incl. advantages and disadvantages with respect to the consequences for the inclusion in the web of science and the impact factor. Elsevier is to hold a survey among authors from the last 5 years for their opinion about open access options for the journal. Further discussion on the renewal of the contract with Elsevier is to take place in Guilin.

Elsevier representatives SL and LF also announced that Elsevier has decided to soon launch a new open access journal in the field of remote sensing science, where “science” means to address mainly the natural sciences.

IJP&RS E-i-C, Derek Lichti has indicated that he will step down from this position in the near future. CT is to prepare a call for new EiCs, to be published in the November edition of the eBulletin and repeated in early 2020.

Action 19/1323: CT to contact Elsevier to launch a survey to obtain authors' opinions on open access optins for the journal, by July 31, 2019.

Action 19/1324: CT to prepare a call for new EiCs, to be published in the November edition of the eBulletin and repeated in 2020, by 30 October 2019.

## 10. Social Media Procedure Document

The document describing the procedure of publicizing was prepared by CT and revised by LH.

Action 19/1325: CT to distribute the updated version of the Social Media Procedure document to Council for approval, by August 31, 2019.

Action 19/1326: Cnl to send comments on the Social Media Procedure document, by September 15, 2019.

Action 19/1327: CT to finalize the Social Media Procedure document and distribute to all persons involved in the process and to ME for the ISPRS web site, by September 30, 2019.

## 11. Financial Issues

### 11.1. Comments from Financial Commission concerning Investment Opportunities

Postponed until the next CM in Guilin in November 2019.

### 11.2. Membership

#### 11.2.1. Treasury Report – General Overview

The treasurer provided mid-year financial updates.

#### 11.2.2. Cancellations/New Members

Council reviewed the membership status and discussed the actions needed to follow up with members in arrears. Three StMs and one RgM have cancelled their membership in 2019. The Brazilian OdM also cancelled and asked to be replaced by another Brazilian organisation. A formal application has not yet been received.

Action 19/1328: CH to contact a RgM regarding to their membership cancellation, in due time.

Action 19/1329: LH to ask JT to follow up on an Australian StM regarding arrears, asap.

Action 19/1330: CH to contact a Portuguese StM, regarding arrears, asap.

#### 11.2.3. Proposal for Dealing with Members in Arrears in the Future

SL proposed changes on how to deal with members with arrears. It is suggested that OdMs with arrears of more than 3 years shall receive an *Observer* status subject to the approval of the GA and are to have no voting rights. AsMs, RgMs and StMs will become *inactive* after three years of non-payment. Cancellation will be implemented in the case of continuous default of payment at the following GA. These changes should be included in the Bylaws.

Action 19/1331: CT to prepare the changes to the Bylaws to be put to the GA in Nice for approval, by October 31, 2019.

### 11.3. Communication to Members from Treasurer

SL is to ask ME to set up an e-mail address for the treasury which will be accessed by both SL and Dan and used for communication with members.

Action 19/1332: SL to ask ME to set up an e-mail address for treasury, asap.

## **12. Council Attendance at Meetings**

### **12.1. Council Attendance at International Meetings**

The attendance list was revised.

### **12.2. Next CM and JM**

The next CM will take place in Guilin during the International Conference on Geomatics, 15 -17 November, 2019.

The next JM is planned to take place in Santiago de Chile during LAGIRS, 23 - 27 March, 2020.

## **13. Projects**

### **13.1. ISC GeoUnions**

The project will continue in 2019.

## **14. Any Other Business**

### **14.1. Meeting with Sister Societies FIG, IAG and ICA**

CH reported on the meeting with leaders of the Sister Societies FIG, IAG and ICA, held in Hannover on May 24, 2019, where possibilities for closer cooperation were discussed. An improved exchange of information between the societies, and a common representation at, and organisation of, scientific and professional meetings and events for outreach and further education were agreed upon, especially in areas where overlapping interests exist.

## **15. Closing**

CH closed the meeting at 17:30 on 13 June 2019.