

# Minutes, Council Meeting

11 - 12 February 2023

Denver, USA

Venue: Holiday Inn Express Denver Downtown

## In Attendance:

President	Lena Halounová (LH)
Vice President	Nicolas Paparoditis (NP)
Secretary General	Jang Jie (JJ - remotely)
Past President	Christian Heipke (CH)
Treasurer	Stewart Walker (SW)
Congress Director	Derek Lichti (DL)

Guests:	George Vosselman (GV) EiC OPHOTO (remotely 8:00 am 10 February)
	Naser El-Sheimy (NES) GSW 2023 Director (remotely 11:00 am 11 Feb.)
	Senthil Kumar (SK) FinC Chair (remotely 8:30 am 12 February)

## Minutes:

ISPRS Headquarters	Annette Radtke (AR)
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# Minutes

## 1. Status of Open PHOTO

GV informed Cnl of his communication with Elsevier and Kostas Bischiniotis (KB) regarding the number of published papers, the need to obtain an Impact Factor and the future of the journal.

Action 23/1076: NP to write a PR message to be distributed to the ISPRS community, by 28 February 2023

Action 23/1077: NP to organize a meeting with Elsevier: KB, and EiCs: GV, QW and CM on paper transfer between PHOTO and OPHOTO and Ackermann Award, by 28 February 2023

## 2. Opening Remarks

LH opened the meeting at 08:05 am Denver time and greeted the participants.

## 3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

## 4. Approval of the Minutes of previous CMs

The minutes from the

Prague CM, 17-18 September 2022

Telecon CM, 4 November 2022

Telecon CM, 13 January 2023

were approved.

## 5. Action List

The Council and the TCP action lists were revised.

Action 23/1078: AR to write a document on use of exchange Dropbox and send to JJ for approval, by 28 February 2023

## 6. Membership

### 6.1 Status of Membership Payment

SW reported on the status of arrears. He questioned how we could attract more OdMs and how to make ISPRS more attractive to gain more StMs.

Action 23/1079: SW to discuss with Hartmut Rosengarten (IIAC) how to gain more StMs and about introducing an Industry Keynote Series and inform Cnl, by 31 March 2023

Action 23/1080: JJ to continue communications with Chinese companies for their expectations on how to make ISPRS more attractive for StMs and report to Cnl, by 28 February 2023

Action 23/1081: JJ to contact Markus English and discuss examples on how to technically improve visibility of StMs on ISPRS website, by 30 April 2023

Action 23/1082: NP to enquire if IGN will become a StM, by 31 March 2023

Action 23/1083: Cnl members to add contact persons in col. E in 6.1\_LH\_Treasurer report as at 31-12-22 in CM folder and contact those selected via personal channels regarding arrears, by 30 April 2023

Action 23/1084: LH to write letter to Reg Reps on following up members in arrears, by 15 March 2023

Action 23/1085: AR to prepare member lists for Reg Reps and distribute with letter on arrears from LH, by 31 March 2023

## 6.2 Status of Vote for Associate Membership of Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence

The ballot closes on 23 February. At the moment 21 replies have been received.

Action 23/1086: AR to send JJ Letter of Approval of new AsM for her approval, by 28 February 2023

## 7. Financial Affairs

### 7.1 2022 Congress Audit

NP explained the results of the audit. See appendix.

### 7.2 ISPRS 2022 Financial Report and 2023 Budget

SW explained the trend with the Society's investments and the 2023 Budget. He has yet to submit final documents to the Financial Committee.

Action 23/1087: SW to revise 2023 budget as discussed at Denver CM and submit to FinC, in cc to Cnl, by 28 February 2023

### 7.3 Banking and Use of CHF

Check payments will no longer be accepted for membership fees. SW suggests continuing using the three currencies: CHF, EUR, USD.

Most hand-over details from the previous Treasurer to SW have been finalised.

Action 23/1088: SW to further investigate possibilities of changing banks, in 2023

Action 23/1089: SW to further investigate investments, by 31 May 2023

Action 23/1090: SW to identify how to receive payments from US government bodies, by 30 June 2023

### 7.4 Funding of Annette's Travel Expenses

ISPRS will cover Annette's travel expenses for the present term 2022-26.

## 8. Technical Commissions

There are still WGs whose websites are not completed. Council has not received any information about the TCV Symposium. It is necessary to rectify both issues.

Action 23/1091: AR to inform LH which WGs have not finalised websites, by 28 February 2023

Action 23/1092: LH to write to TCPs asking to follow up on those WGs whose websites are not finalised, by 15 March 2023

Action 23/1093: LH to contact Com. V for details about Symposium in March 2024, by 15 March 2023

## 9. Social Media

DL explained his strategy for social media management. The topic was discussed in detail. Facebook, LinkedIn and WeChat will be used.

Action 23/1094: Cnl members to suggest ideas to address improved ISPRS Social Media presence, by 31 March 2023

Action 23/1095: Cnl to complete NP's Google doc SWOT, in particular with regard to Social Media, by 31 March 2023

## **10. GSW 2023**

### **10.1 Progress of GSW 2023**

NES informed Cnl of the status of preparation. See appendix.

### **10.2 Application of 18th International 3D GeoInfo Conference - 12-14 Sept. 2023**

Cnl decided against approving the application due to the close date of the event after GSW.

Action 23/1096: JJ to inform organiser of 3D GeoInfo about the Cnl's decision, asap

## **11. Congress 2026**

DL informed Cnl on the status of organisation. See appendix.

## **12. ISPRS Publications**

### **12.1 Discount for Authors for the Open Access Journals**

Although the offer of providing partial support for authors with accepted papers in ISPRS open access journals has been publicised some time ago, nobody has yet asked for a waiver for APCs.

Action 23/1097: JJ to reply to request for APC discount from TCPs that authors should request support directly from Cnl, by 28 February 2023

### **12.2 MDPI's Request to raise APC**

A new amendment was signed which came into effect from the beginning of this year.

### **12.3 Distribution List for PHOTO**

Editors, Council and StMs have the right to receive a printed copy of PHOTO. NP is working on updating the list.

Action 23/1098: NP to collect all members and their e-mail addresses and send them to Konstantinos Bischiniotis from Elsevier, by 30 March 2023

### **12.4 Plan for e-Bulletin and GIM**

The responsibility lists were updated for 2023.

### **12.5 Book Series**

ISPRS was asked if it is possible to publish a book in Spanish in the ISPRS Book Series with CRC Press. Cnl decided that this is possible providing that ISPRS is not held responsible for any financial implications.

Action 23/1099: LH to inform Thomas Luhmann regarding Spanish publication by CRC Press, by 28 February 2023

### 13. Ownership of Dropbox Account for ISPRS

Dropbox account ownership will be transferred to the ISPRS Secretariat. LH's credit card will be used for the payment. The payment will be reimbursed by the Treasurer. Each Council Member will use her/his own credit card to pay her/his license which will be reimbursed by the Treasurer.

**Action 23/1100:** CH to transfer the Dropbox ownership to LH's credit card, with the SG email address, by 31 March 2023

### 14. ISPRS Virtual Keynote Speaker Series - Scientific and Industry

#### 14.1 ISPRS Virtual Keynote Speaker - Scientific Series

It was decided not to continue with the series due to reduced interest in online webinars since the corona pandemic.

#### 14.2 ISPRS Virtual Keynote Speaker - Industry Series

**Action 23/1101:** DL to discuss Virtual KS – Industry Series with Congress team and report to Cnl, by 30 April 2023

### 15. Scientific Initiatives

#### 15.1 New SI Proposals

SK presented slides explaining an initial TIF proposal to strengthen academia-industry partnerships by introducing an industry-orientated and financed Scientific Initiative in which industry partners/sponsors are involved in decision making related to suggestions and evaluation of topics/projects.

Cnl thanked SK for the proposal and discussed how to move forward with the initiative. SK will further discuss with TIF members and come back to Cnl in due time.

**Action 23/1102:** SW to discuss with HR and IIAC possible ways of implementing the ideas of SK and TIF on new SI proposals, by 31 March 2023

#### 15.2 Results of 2023 Scientific Initiatives (SI)

Seven from 15 proposals were funded with a total of SF59,000. Six summaries from the 2023 Initiative have been received from awarded PIs to date.

### 16. Coming Meetings

#### 16.1 Contract of GSW2025

A new contract for GSW2025 has to be prepared. The contract should allow the smooth organisation of the event with help of ISPRS Council and ISAC.

**Action 23/1103:** LH, SW to make amendments to GSW contract as discussed at Denver CM and forward to Cnl, by 28 February 2023

#### 16.2 Contract of Mid-term Symposia

**Action 23/1104:** LH, SW to finish a final version of the Symposia Contract LH sent in October and LH to begin contacting TCPs for signatures, by 28 February 2023

#### 16.3 Meetings to be attended by Council Members

Cnl discussed the necessity to attend meetings in 2023. The list was revised and further meetings suggested by Cnl members were added to the list.

#### 16.4 LAGIRS Conference in Brazil

Council proposed to change dates of the next LAGIRS Conference from the beginning of 2024 to the autumn of 2025. It will allow a better schedule for the TCIII Symposium (planned to be held in Belém in November 2024) and the ISPRS/GRSS LAGIRS Conference, originally proposed also for 2024 in Rio de Janeiro.

**Action 23/1105:** LH to reply to Raul Feitosa and Laurent Polidori regarding Symposium and LAGIRS 2024, by 28 February 2023

#### 16.5 Next Council Meeting

ISAC (CT), IPAC (Gunter Schreier, GS), IIAC (Hartmut Rosengarten, HR) and the Arab and African Regional Representatives will be invited to attend the CM at GSW in Cairo.

**Action 23/1106:** SG to invite Chairs from ISAC, IPAC and IIAC to attend CM in Cairo, by 28 February 2023

**Action 23/1107:** SG to invite Arab and African Reg. Reps to attend CM in Cairo, by 28 February 2023

#### 17. Declaration from ISPRS - Recalling Conference of the Parties (COP) Goals

Council discussed the request from Gunter Schreier (GS) and Laurent Polidori (LP) that ISPRS submit a declaration to COP goals for 2024. Further information and the definition of goals are required before approving.

**Action 23/1108:** LH to reply GS and LP regarding a declaration to COP goals for 2024, by 5 March 2023

#### 18. Liaison with Other International Organizations

Lena created a first version of a spreadsheet to enable Council to evaluate goals and methods of ISPRS cooperation with other organisations.

**Action 23/1109:** Cnl members to comment and propose improvements of LH's list (CM Denver Docs: 18 International Organization List of President), by 31 March 2023

**Action 23/1110:** LH to distribute to Cnl members updated template (CM Denver Docs: 18 International Organization List of President) to be completed by each Cnl member, by 31 August 2023

#### 19. Student Consortium

Postponed

#### 20. Digital Tools for the Management of our Society

Postponed

#### 21. PNEO Assessment Group

NP informed Cnl about the status of the AIRBUS PNEO group to assess the performance of Pléiades Neo.

**Action 23/1111:** NP to ensure the PNEO Assessment doc is rephrased for publication on homepage and eBulletin, by 20 February 2023

**Action 23/1112:** JJ to forward information on PNEO to TCPs, by 28 February 2023

## **22. Statutes & Bylaws**

Postponed

## **23. Any Other Business**

### **23.1 Vision Paper Update**

The first Vision Paper published before the XXIII Congress and two Special Issues (for photogrammetry and remote sensing, and for special sciences) were successful. Therefore, Council decided to continue to publish an overview of the development in TCs from 2022, to be published before 2026. TCPs should therefore play the main role in this task. This issue will be discussed in Cairo during the next JM.

**Action 23/1113:** In regard to a possible new publication/s, Cnl to discuss prospects for papers coming from the TCs with TCPs in Cairo, by 7 September 2023

### **23.2 Printing of ISPRS Brochures**

Council agreed that printed ISPRS Brochures are still valuable. Various language versions were proposed. Individual Council Members will arrange their translation to Chinese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

**Action 23/1114:** AR to have English brochures printed in Hannover for distribution to ISPRS events and ISPRS co-sponsored events, by 31 March 2023

**Action 23/1115:** JJ to translate ISPRS brochure into Chinese and have it printed in China, by 30 April 2023

**Action 23/1116:** CH to have brochure translated into Spanish, Portuguese, Russian and Arabic, by 31 May 2023

**Action 23/1117:** AR to have other language brochures printed, by 30 June 2023

**Action 23/1118:** AR to send brochures to all National members, in due time

## **24. Closing**

LH closed the meeting at 17:30 and thanked participants for the good work, particularly JJ who participated remotely.