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What is the ISPRS Foundation

The ISPRS Foundation is an independently registered entity that has been established SOLELY for **providing financial assistance** to advance the benevolent purposes of ISPRS, an international, non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) composed of 176 societies and organizations from more than 120 countries. The Foundation is designed to foster linked relationships with other foundations and trusts established in the ISPRS Member countries and regions to enable international sharing and administration for the common good of the sciences and disciplines represented by the ISPRS.



Primary Goals

The ISPRS Foundation is intended to improve the ability of ISPRS to satisfy its aims and objectives, by administering a broadly-based international program of fund raising to provide grants to qualified individuals and organizations, who are pursuing and/or applying knowledge for advancing the sciences and technologies associated with the disciplines embodied by ISPRS. The Foundation will raise, invest and grant funds on an unrestricted and restricted basis for this purpose. It will contribute significantly to the efforts of ISPRS in international cooperation and technology transfer.

Specific charitable goals of The Foundation will include but not be limited to the following:

1. Awards - to provide international recognition for young authors, research, publications, training/education, and significant achievements in 'the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences' (P&RS&SIS).
2. Travel Grants - to enable young authors, distinguished speakers, and officially designated national Delegates, especially from developing countries, to participate in ISPRS sponsored events and in forums promoting international cooperation, advancements and benefits of the P&RS&SIS.
3. Research Initiatives - to provide support for

advancing the capabilities and applications of the ISPRS sciences, technologies and disciplines to the benefit of the international community or a multi-national region.

4. Scholarships and Fellowships - to support professional development in the P&RS&SIS sciences and technologies.
5. Internships and Exchange Programs - to foster on-the-job training and education of end users, private companies, governments and institutions of higher education.
6. Distance Learning - to promote and facilitate development and open dissemination of distance learning modules in the ISPRS sciences, technologies and disciplines, especially to developing countries.
7. Awareness Education - to stimulate youth (K-12) and grass roots interest and participation in the P&RS&SIS sciences and technologies in order to increase public awareness and use of applications, and to help meet the growing worldwide need for trained and educated practitioners.
8. Tools and Literature - to solicit, assemble, translate if needed, underwrite subscriptions, and distribute textbooks, technical publications, and basic tools and equipment needed to upgrade the capabilities of those developing country institutions and libraries that include the ISPRS disciplines.
9. Sponsorship of International Workshops - to provide funding to support or co-support the education, training and technical program aspects of international scientific workshops sponsored by the ISPRS with the United Nations and other international organizations.
10. Standards - to support international projects devoted to the development and dissemination of standards relevant to the ISPRS disciplines, sciences and technologies.
11. Preservation of Archives - to provide support to ensure the preservation of the official scientific, technical and administrative records of the ISPRS.
12. Grants - to do any and all lawful acts which may be necessary, useful, suitable or proper for the furtherance or accomplishment of the foregoing purposes.

How does it work

The ISPRS Foundation, Inc. is managed by a 'Board of Trustees' which responds to ISPRS grant needs that are identified by the ISPRS Council. ISPRS Council will annually assess needs, solicit proposals for grants from The Foundation and then collaborate with the Board to approve worthy candidates. Multinational committees (no more than two committee members may be of the same nationality) will support the Trustees in evaluating the requests.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for fund raising, investment, management and approval of grants from Foundation funds. Trustees do not receive any salary or other compensation for their services.

Who can contribute

Contributions are invited from individuals, businesses and organizations around the world who want to support Foundation goals and programs.