



Report to 23rd ISPRS General Assembly The ISPRS Foundation (TIF)

Dieter Fritsch – Chair of Board of Trustees



TIF Background



- The ISPRS Foundation (TIF) was established in July 2004
- A non-profit entity incorporated in US State of Maryland in August 2003
- Ratified by the ISPRS General Assembly
- Tasked with improving ISPRS's ability to satisfy its philanthropic aims and objectives
- It administers a broadly-based international program of fund raising to provide grants to qualified individuals
- Pursuing and/or applying knowledge for advancing the sciences and technologies of ISPRS.



Awards Covered by TIF



- Awareness education
- Distance learning
- Exchange programs
- Fellowships
- Grants
- International workshops
- Internships
- Preservation & archiving
- Research initiatives
- Scholarships
- Standards projects
- Tools and literature
- Travel grants.



TIF Mode of Operation 1



- The ISPRS Foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees
- Responds to requests for funding from ISPRS Council
- The Board of Trustees is responsible for:
 - Fund raising
 - Investment
 - Management
 - Approval for grants
- Day-to-day operations are managed by an Executive Committee
 - Chair
 - Operations Officer
 - Finance Officer



TIF Mode of Operation 2



- Decisions made by electronic voting
- Board meets biennially in even numbered years
- Other meetings held electronically (using Skype)
- ExCom has regular electronic meetings every 2 month



TIF Board of Trustees



- The Board of Trustees comprises 11 persons, first appointed by ISPRS Council, successions by BoT votes.
- Only two members are from existing Council of ISPRS.
- Trustees are leaders in photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences.
- International representation



TIF Current Board of Trustees



Executive Committee (ExCom):

Dieter Fritsch, Stuttgart University, Germany – Academia, **Chair**

John C. Trinder, University of New South Wales, Australia – Academia, **Operations Officer**

Marguerite Madden, University of Georgia, Athens GA, USA – Academia, **Finance Officer**

Further Members:

Chen Jun, National Geomatics Centre, China – ISPRS COUNCIL

Jon Mills, Newcastle University, UK - ISPRS COUNCIL

Lawrie Jordan, ESRI Redlands, US – Geospatial Industry

Deren Li, LIESMARS Wuhan University, China - Academia

Juergen Dold, President, Hexagon Geosystems, Heerbrugg, CH – Geospatial Industry

Mario Hernandez – Consultant UNESCO, Mies, Switzerland – Public Services

Lewis Graham – President/CTO GeoCue Group, Huntsville, US – Geospatial Industry

Mazlan Othman, Director UN Office of Outer Space Affairs (UN_OOSA), Vienna, Austria – Public Services



TIF Committees



The Foundation is assisted by 4 committees:

- Marketing and Promotions Committee
- Grants Evaluation Committee
- Large Grants Procurement Committee
- Audit Committee



TIF Finances 1



- The Bylaws according to regulations for exemption from US Federal and other taxation
- Bylaws provide for controlling the outflow of annual grant funds by **Annual Amount**
- The Annual Amount provides a funding range for annual grants
- Limiting annual operating costs less than 2%
- Details of NFMV, Grants Distributed, Operating Cost and Earnings are in the report



TIF Finances 2



- Operations of TIF are dependent on donations from individuals and companies
- The Dutch Society's contribution to the TIF funds Identified as 'Trust Fund Amsterdam 2000' have been expended (2012)
- The ISPRS Foundation Investment Policy' was first approved on 31 August 2006 and then reviewed regularly by the Board
 - Investment risk is low
 - Limited to conservative types of investments, such as Certificates of Deposit
 - TIF banking is conducted in US\$, EUR, and CHF
 - Officially recognized by US Federal and State authorities as a 'publicly supported organization' exempt from all taxation



TIF Grants 2013-2016



- 2013 (**Total USD 20,649.79**) Travel Grants for Hannover Workshop, Antalya Joint TC Workshop Travel, Student Consortium Summer School, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2014 (**Total USD 33,443.22**) Travel Grants to ISPRS Mid-Term Symposia
- 2015 (**Total USD 12,952.24**) Student Consortium Summer Schools Myanmar, Dehradun, Philippines, and Moscow, Travel Grants for Geospatial Week
- 2016 (**Total USD ~32,000**) 53 Young Scientists/PhD Students received a grant to participate in the ISPRS Congress Prague

In total: USD 99,045.25





TIF Fund Raising 1



- After launch, fund raising has been undertaken by mail and personal contacts by Board members at minimum cost
- Some companies in particular have been very generous with their regular donations (Example: Hexagon Geosystems, CHF 5,000 p.a.)
- Best practice: TIF IGI Africa Ambassador Award, for 3 years 2,500 p.a.
- New initiatives: Since 2016 The White Elephant Restricted "Kennert Torlegard" Travel Award, USD~4,000
- TIF Fund Raising Dinner, will be held on Sunday, 17 July 2016 – **please register!!! EUR 50 p.p. are donated to TIF**
- TIF Board is seeking advice from the General Assembly on appropriate fund raising options for this very worthwhile cause



TIF Fund Raising 2



- The Large Grants Committee of the Foundation prepared a 3 step process based on the funding programs as follows:
 - Identify potential donors
 - Monitor potential donors, meet them, describe the objectives of the Foundation
 - Decide on an optimum time to make a request for a grant.





Summary



- The ISPRS Foundation is well underway
- Since 2011 Annual Reports are published
- More than 100 grants have been made during the period 2013-2016, this is USD 1000 per grantee – **an excellent key indicator!**
- All Members of ISPRS are encouraged to seek donors for The ISPRS Foundation.
- This will ensure its continued success

Maybe you will donate – send an email to: foundation@isprs.org

- Last report of D. Fritsch, steps down after 10 years BoT Chair, special thanks to Council, the TIF BoT Members and Maguerite Madden and John Trinder for an excellent collaboration!



Thank You for Your Attention



We need



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donation!

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