

Notes from informal Council meetings, Denver 13th Nov.

Meeting with LF, JT, ID, Tim Stryker and Brent Smith NOAA

Commercial remote sensing Committee

This committee holds meetings to discuss issues such as national security, competitiveness and licensing. The meetings are open to anybody. There are also periodic meetings with CEOs.

A Symposium, international in scope and focussing on US market, will be held on May 13-15th in Washington DC. The organisers are interested in collaborations with international partners and there is an ISPRS role in presentation on international aspects

CEOS – IIF

Brent has discussed IIF with some of the commercial operators. CEOS Review team has discussed activities in this area. Now in 5 year plan. CEOS is prepared to involve commercial sector in its activities “as appropriate”. But commercial operators will not be members of plenary. Industry forum could stand alone with links to CEOS. ISPRS could become involved to resolve differences between commercial, hybrid and govt organisations and help set up industry forum (facilitate). [But industry is volatile and conflicts with diff groups, US govt, CEOS etc.] Spatial Technology Industry Association could become involved.

Need an opportunity to get industry together and there will be a Symposium in Washington in May? [Don't try and replicate CEOS.] Also IGOS could be a vehicle.

Opportunities: for ISPRS to take up: Education [ISPRS to provide ed programmes], Disaster Charter

Need a strategy on how to approach and develop.

Marketing Manager (JT, LF, ID, TC)

Discussion with TF led to agreement on revised contract, subject to further discussion with full Council. Agreed that first task would be press releases. JT/LF will refine contract for signature.

Sustaining member

An application has been received from National Hydraulic Research Institute of Malaysia, (NAHRIM). They are a research institute which makes use of GIS and remote sensing data to a wide range of water issues over the whole spectrum of hydraulic engineering activities. Those present recommend they be accepted as sustaining member.

Redefinition of Commissions

Discussion reached agreement on basic principles and agreed to prepare a single proposal for discussion at Hyderabad.

Meetings

Approved meeting of WGI/3 and II/5

Approved meeting in Saudi Arabia, contact COPUOS and OICC, ensure full information to local countries.