

ISPRS GA III: Wednesday 29 August, 14.00pm - 17.30pm

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Item	Minutes
24.	<p>The agenda item left from last GA II has been combined with Item 33.</p> <p>The President acknowledged Amelia Budge for her assistance to the Treasurer with an award.</p> <p>There are 90 OdMs in ISPRS: 40 members were present at the GA and were entitled to vote.</p> <p><i>Roll Call:</i> All countries present except: Mexico (155 maximum votes).</p> <p>The GA then proceeded to vote for the host of the next ISPRS Congress.</p>
25.	<p><i>Report from the Regional Representatives:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="272 875 1434 1480">1. Summary Report: Africa Dr Hussein Farah Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) Nairobi<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="312 952 1434 1025">• Regional Members introduced in 2008 for objectives and aims of ISPRS to reach Africa.<li data-bbox="312 1032 1434 1137">• In 2009: workshops held to explore Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance using Earth Observation from 23rd – 25th October as well as two additional seminars.<li data-bbox="312 1144 1434 1249">• In 2010: signed MoU between ISPRS and African Association of Remote Sensing , and between EIS Africa, and participated in ISPRS Centenary Celebration<li data-bbox="312 1256 1434 1330">• In 2011: Workshop on global geospatial data resources for planning and Lake Victoria Basin Regional Planning Workshop<li data-bbox="312 1337 1434 1375">• In 2012: Workshop on Free Open Source Geospatial Software<li data-bbox="312 1382 1434 1480">• Future activities planned: Workshop in Morocco Nov 2012, Membership Drive, One Week Summer School at RCMRD in June 2013 and ISPRS Technical Commissions and Working Group events.<li data-bbox="272 1518 1434 2047">2. Summary Report: Southeast Asia: Dr. Nguyen Dinh Duong, Institute of Geography, Vietnam<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="312 1594 1434 1632">• 12 countries in SEA, only 7 countries are members of ISPRS<li data-bbox="312 1639 1434 1677">• Dr. Nguyen Dinh Duong has been actively involved since 2009<li data-bbox="312 1684 1434 1789">• SEA Regional representative works closely with ISPRS WG VI/5 and successfully organised the 5th Summer School in Hanoi in 2010, Taiwan in 2011 and ACRS2012 in Thailand.<li data-bbox="312 1796 1434 1901">• SEA Regional representative has convinced the Vietnam Association of Geodesy, Cartography, Remote Sensing and VGCR to become new Sustaining ISPRS Member<li data-bbox="312 1908 1434 2047">• Next activities include to re-establish communication with existing ISPRS members in the region; to coordinate various joint activities between AARS and ISPRS; to promotes ISPRS in the region through organisation ISPRS special session during Asian conference on remote sensing.

26	<p><i>Ratification of the Congress Director:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The result of the vote for the next ISPRS Congress turned out as follows: Czech Republic: 104 votes (67%), France: 43 votes (28%). Following this vote, the 2016 Congress will be held in Prague, Czech Republic. The President therefore requested ratification of Lena Halounova as the new Congress Director, which was carried by acclamation
27	<p><i>Election of the President</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chen Jun was elected as the new ISPRS President by acclamation.
28	<p><i>Election of the Secretary General (vote)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President explained the rules for the voting process. The new SG must receive 51% of the votes. A clear majority of 68% of votes were received for Christian Heipke from Germany.
29	<p><i>Election/Appointment of First Vice President</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Vice President Ian Dowman took the chair and asked the GA to approve Orhan Altan (Turkey) as the next First Vice President. This was approved by acclamation.
30	<p><i>Election/Appointment of Second Vice President</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marguerite Madden (USA) was elected as Second Vice President by acclamation.
31	<p><i>Election of Treasurer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jon Mills (UK) was elected as Treasurer by acclamation.
32	<p><i>Election of Chair and Members of the Financial Commission and the Fellows Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations for France (Marie-José Lefèvre-Fonollosa), Turkey and USA were made for the Finance Committee. Those from Turkey and USA were all ruled inadmissible because people from these countries already held position on Council or as TCPs. President informed that the Council is still waiting for the nominations of the Fellows Committee
33	<p><i>Decision on Amendments to Statutes and Bylaws</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All changes proposed by the Second Vice President were accepted except for Individual membership. Individual membership The ASPRS proposed Option A & B as alternative formulas for Individual Membership <p>Option A – More complicated. Places the responsibility with the SG to determine annually whether each ODM or AM wishes to restrict Individual Membership.</p>

	<p>Option B – An application for individual membership from countries without an Ordinary or Associate Member present shall be addressed in writing to the SG and shall include a full statement of the applicant’s role in the fields of photogrammetry and or remote sensing and/or spatial information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Austria, Slovak Republic, Switzerland, Italy, Germany state that the GA needs to see better documentation before making a decision. • President asked for a response from the GA – did the GA want to introduce Individual Membership? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After a ballot vote, 62% of the casted votes were in favour to introduce the Individual Membership. • The President also asked if Individual Membership should be restricted or not restricted, The GA voted for unrestricted Individual Membership. • The General Assembly agreed that the next Council revisits this issue and possibly votes later by postal vote. <p>Bylaw IX: Congress changes proposed by Switzerland</p> <p>7(a) Fees for students should be set at a level which will enable a good attendance by students and should be around 50% of the regular registration fee.</p> <p>7(b) The Congress should include appropriate activities proposed by the Student Consortium. These could include a Youth Forum during the Congress and a ‘Summer School’ before or after the Congress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The delegate from Canada proposed that the 50% deduction should be of the early registration fee, not the regular registration fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The President withdrew this from the agenda and requested further consideration of this item before GA IV.
34	<p><i>Expulsion of Members in Default of Payment of Subscription Fees</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no expulsion
35	<p><i>Report on Inter-Organisational Relations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chen Jun reported. Highlighting collaborations with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The United Nations (Office of Outer Space Affairs (OOSA), Global Geographic Information Management (GGIM)). - International Umbrella Organisations such as ISO, International Council for Science (ICSU), Group on Earth Observation (GEO), - Other International Societies (Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JBGIS) comprising of FIG, ICA, IHO, AIG, ISPRS) • ISPRS will continue to develop and conduct collaboration with other key organisations such as IGO
36	<p><i>Report on Communications</i></p>
36.1	<p><i>e-Bulletin</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every year the Council will publish 6-8 issues of the Official Bulletin of the society . • Chen Jun asked the GA to provide news items for the Bulletin • Currently only 50% response for request for e-Bulletin. • The President asked the Ordinary Members to distribute and support this initiative
36.2	<p><i>Website</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Markus English reported: • The ISPRS website moved from ETH Zurich to the University of Stuttgart four years ago. • They host 961 aspx files, 3000 html files and more than 17000 PDFs and more than 50,000 papers. • Most visited areas: Publications, Calendar, Job Opportunities • Most visited pages: Archives papers, Documents about events • Visitors from all over the world with concentration in Europe, USA, Japan, Australia, East Asia • Archives are one of the most important products of ISPRS. Therefore more time has been spent provide better access to the archives. • In 2011, agreement signed to capture and host proceedings by Copernicus for a better accessibility of the archives. • Other activities include a detailed documentation of the Centenary celebrations; ISPRS e-Bulletin replaced the former ISPRS highlights; On-line awards nomination system; since 2009 the locations of the events is included in the ISPRS calendar <p>The President acknowledged Markus’s valuable contributions.</p>
36.3	<p><i>Book Series</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Aplin (UK) reported: • Since Beijing, three volumes have been published (Vol. 8, 9 &10) and from a qualitative point of view, they were a tremendous success. • Paul is concerned that in quantitative terms, three volumes in 4 years in not enough. • Sales figures are modest but fairly strong considering the context. • As a community, particularly the senior academics, there needs to be more communication to promote the Book Series. • Volume 11 is in press, and there is only one other volume planned. • The Book Series needs to go back to its original intent, which is to report on the technical conferences that take place. • There are incentives and opportunities available for the ISPRS community to engage with the Book Series. • Paul Aplin stood down as the editor and the Council has appointed a new editor, Prof. Zhilin Li, from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
37	<p><i>Reports from ISPRS Committees</i></p>
37.1	<p><i>IPAC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rainer Sandau reported: • IPAC provides information and advice to the Council according to ToRs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International collaborations have been achieved with (International Academy of Astronautics (IAA), European Space Policy Institutes (ESPI), and Russian Academy of Astronautics named Tsiolkowski (RAATS)) • 1 book, 1 book chapter, 6 conference papers published
37.2	<p><i>ISAC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armin Gruen reported: • Established 8 years ago, Armin has chaired the committee for 8 years. • The 14 members have been very active. • The Chairman would like to express his sincere thanks to all those members who have contributed to the Committee's work over the past period. • The flow of information between Council and ISAC needs improvement. • Armin Gruen will step down as Chairman and the Council has appointed Ian Dowman as the new Chairman
37.3	<p><i>ICORSE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report.
37.4	<p><i>CIPA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disappearing heritage due to conflicts. • Challenges include: identification of heritage places, aging build environment, consistency and reliability of information, fragmented standards and guidelines, longevity of information, and conflict • Members are from ISPRS/CIPA/ICOMOS • Around 10 publications. • Future activities include the EuroMed conference in 2012, and the 24th CIPA symposium in Strasbourg, France 2013. • Propose that the ISPRS engage CIPA further for UNESCO related resolutions.
37.5	<p><i>Ad Hoc Committee on Standards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report.
37.6	<p><i>Student Consortium</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission: to promote the Society to the next generation. • First Youth Forum in 2004, Istanbul. • Has been an integral part of ISPRS. • Aim to achieve national and regional networks. • Representatives all around the world. 800 members from 87 countries. Stronger representation in Europe and Asia. • Developed website, quarterly newsletters. • Outlook – continuous promotion of the Consortium. • It is suggested to make the Student Consortium a permanent part of the ISPRS, defined by the Bylaws. <p>The President assures the future support of the Student Consortium.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 6pm.</p>