
Minutes of the Council Meeting 14-17 March 2010, Haifa

Attendees

Council:

President	Orhan Altan (OA)
Secretary General	Chen Jun (CJ)
First Vice President	Ian Dowman (ID)
Second Vice President	Ammatzia Peled (AP)
Congress Director	Cliff Ogleby (CO)
Treasurer	Mike Renslow (MR)

In attendance as special advisor: ISPRS honorary member John Trinder (JT)

In attendance for item 8.5: ISPRS Webmaster Markus English (ME)

In attendance for Item 14.2 and 14.5: ISPRS WG IV/8 Chair Sisi Zlatanova (SiS)

In attendance for Item 14.2 and 14.5: ISPRS WG VIII/1 Chair Piero Boccardo (PB)

In attendance for Item 14.2 and 14.5: Gerhard Kemper

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1. Opening

OA opened the meeting and thanked AP for hosting the meeting. JT, former President and Honorary Member was invited to attend the whole meeting, especially for the centenary, foundation and some other issues.

2. Approval of Agenda

The above agenda was approved.

3. Review of previous Council Meeting in Enschede-Stuttgart

3.1 Approval of minutes

The minutes of previous Council Meeting in Enschede-Stuttgart were tabled and accepted.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda

It was reported that Leica GeoSystems were still considering whether to support regional meetings.

3.3 Review of actions decided in Enschede-Stuttgart CM

Most actions were completed. The remaining actions will be transformed to the action list of this Council meeting.

4. Policy Matters

4.1 Council Responsibilities, Communication

OA repeated his statement in Enschede that “council should work as a team and asked council members to have a quick response to emails”. Especially ISPRS should be more active in areas where its presence is weak.

4.2 Actions from the Last Changes in Statutes and Bylaws

Com. VIII proposed to add a "Human Health & Well Being and the Environment" to the ToR of WG VIII/2. Council agreed and decided to submit it to the next general assembly for formal approval.

4.3 Finance policy and budget

4.4 Statutes and Bylaws

4.5 Awards

ID gave a brief introduction about the Giuseppe Inghilleri Award. At least 12 year's contribution from Italian society was asked and the response is waiting. The announcement of Karl Kraus Medal was tabled. ID noted that Council needed to set up an Awards Nomination Committee, and that he would make a proposal to the next CM..

4.6 Reports from Regional representatives

4.6.1 LARS

ISPRS is sponsoring the LARS conference in Chile in October and has been asked to provide names for a committee to select papers from international authors (that is non Latin American, for a best paper award at LARS). The award will be free registration for 3 people. It was agreed to nominate all eight TCPs as committee members.

4.6.2 SELPER

It was welcomed that SELPER has moved its conference in Mexico in 2010 to the week before the TCIV symposium and it was decided Council should actively present at this meeting.

4.6.3 African Leadership Conference (ALC)

ID introduced the papers provided with the agenda on ALC. Council agreed that ALC was not the best conference to link with an African Regional Conference, but that close links with ALC were desirable. It was decided that OA, ID, Rainer Sandau and Jide Kufoniyi should meet in Vienna to discuss this. A time of 9.15 – 9.45 on 3rd July was proposed for this.

4.6.4 Asian Region

Council considered that a meeting of ISPRS members at the Asian Conference on Remote Sensing is desirable.

4.7 Science Initiatives

Council discussed briefly the scientific initiatives funded last year and was satisfied with their progress. The project to set up an ISPRS blog was considered to be particularly useful and should be publicised as much as possible. It was decided that the final reports and results of these scientific initiatives should be put on the ISPRS website and ISPRS Highlights. An evaluation should also be conducted by inviting relevant TCPs and ISAC to comment.

The next call on scientific initiatives has not been decided. It was suggested to explore the possibility to have a joint funding from other organizations or sustaining members.

A short introduction of the newly launched Global Land Cover Mapping project was given by CJ. This China funded project aims to develop higher resolution land cover data with satellite imagery at 30 meters resolution. Collaboration and support from ISPRS community are expected for both methodological development and ground sampling. It was suggested to develop a suitable collaborative mechanism between ISPRS and this project.

The recent progress on disaster management was discussed. It is necessary to carry out the testing of data sets and software for disaster management.

4.8 Strategic Plan

ID gave a brief introduction of the draft strategic plan which will be approved by the GA during the coming centenary. Council expressed special thanks to the group of experts dedicated to the preparation of the draft strategic plan. It was decided to set up three special task forces for the implementation of the strategic plan. Each task force should have one or two council members, and 3-5 members. The task forces and the Terms of Reference for Task Forces are given.

The establishment of a permanent ISPRS headquarter was discussed. One of the key issues is what the hosting nation would offer and what they would expect from ISPRS. The operation of a permanent headquarters would need an executive director and new organizational structure and operational mechanism should be introduced. It is essential to figure out how such changes would impact and how ISPRS Statutes and by-laws should be modified. OA was asked to prepare a proposal for discussion in the next CM.

5. Review of Technical Commissions Activities

5.1 Reports from TCPs

Reports of eight TC were tabled. Council was disappointed that Com. VI has not a commission website yet, and that WGs 3 and 6 of that commission do not have a home page either.

5.2 Working Group Activities

A summary of the web pages of all WGs was tabled. A summary table of each WG and an evaluation table for TCP was developed by the headquarters for the evaluation of WG activities during the mid-term symposia. TC IV, V and VII provided their test results and comments. It was agreed that such tables will be used for the coming mid-term symposia and a statistic report for each commission be prepared by the headquarters for council. Further utilization of these tables will be discussed in the next JM meeting with TCPs.

5.3 Symposia Preparations, Contracts

The contracts of eight TCs have been completed. An evaluation report should be given for each mid-term symposium with short PPTs. OA will send CJ the PPTs he used in 2006. SG should give a short talk at the end of each mid-term symposium and gives a gift to TCPs.

Each technical commission should organize a board meeting during their symposium. The draft agenda of such a board meeting was given in Appendix 2.

5.4 Symposia Attendance

The attendance of Council members was discussed and the result was listed in Appendix 3. As the congress director, CO himself or his representative will attend all Symposia.

5.5 Working Group Meetings

A list of the approved ISPRS sponsored events since last Council meeting was tabled. It was suggested that the headquarter contact ME to seek the possibility to have an online application of ISPRS sponsored events. Such on line system might help the automatic collection of ISPRS sponsored events.

6. Congress

6.1 Congress Plans, Congress Time Table with Associated Meetings

CO briefed the progress of the preparation of Melbourne congress.

ACTION 10/1261 CO to distribute the congress information through each issue of ISPRS highlights related magazines and conferences.

6.2 Congress Contract

The congress contract was discussed and the registration fees proposed by CO was agreed.

6.3 Director Generals Forum

It was suggested organize a Director Generals Forum and another forum for the public during the Melbourne congress. The Australian mapping agency should be invited to co-organize the Director Generals Forum.

7. ISPRS Membership

7.1 Report on status of Ordinary, Associate, Sustaining and Regional Members

A statistical table was given showing the status of ordinary, associate, sustaining and regional members. Updates of members were also tabled. It would be helpful if the newly joined members and the members with updates could be clearly tabled.

Council agreed with the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Relations with Regional Members and thanked ID for his efforts.

7.2 Status of defaulting Members

ISPRS 2009 Membership Report was given by Mike Renslow & Amelia Budge. It was agreed that members in deep arrears should not be given travel funding for the Vienna GA.

7.3 Recruitment

The applications of ISPRS sustaining members from three organizations (Photarc Surveys Ltd from UK, Beijing GEOWAY Information Technology Incorporation and the Vietnam Association on Geodesy, Cartography and Remote sensing) were approved. The African Regional Center for Space Science and Technology Education in English (ARCSSTE-E) was approved as a regional member. Information about these recruited members should be published in the next ISPRS highlights.

8. ISPRS Publications

8.1 Journal

8.1.1 ISPRS Journal

A meeting between OA, ID and GV on the 14th December about the review of ISPRS publication portfolio was reported. The case for a new journal and Publication of Archives were the main topics of the report.

8.1.2 Open Access Journal

An open access ISPRS journal on Spatial Information Sciences was considered very important for raising the role of ISPRS in the development and application of this discipline. As an open access journal on Spatial Information Sciences has been created recently with international experts on its editorial board, it was suggested to approach and bring this journal to ISPRS. It was emphasized that authors from developing countries must be able to afford to publish.

8.2 ISPRS Bulletin, Highlights

The responsibility of ISPRS Highlights editorials was decided as the following. The contents of the 2nd and the 3rd issue of ISPRS Highlights 2010 were also discussed.

Table 3 ISPRS Highlights Responsibilities for Editorial

Month	Responsible Persons
Feb. 2010	CO

June 2010	MR
Oct. 2010	OA
Feb. 2011	CJ
June 2011	ID
Oct. 2011	AP

8.3 Archives

The Proceedings of ISPRS Events archived by headquarter was tabled. The selling of ISPRS Archives was raised and the decision was to go to the organisers of ISPRS events.

8.4 Book Series

Council noticed that recently there were fewer publications in the ISPRS book series. The inclusion of textbooks in ISPRS was raised. It was considered as important to have a better planning and promotion of the ISPRS book series.

8.5 Home Page

ME gave an impressive review report on conference management systems. Easy Chair was recommend. Council appreciated highly the work of ME and asked him to send the review report to TCPs for use and for getting feedback. It was also agreed to develop a software to convert the XML files generated by Easy Chair to HTML files, which can be used directly for the generation of the CD-ROM .

It was encouraged to collect more historical files and put it on ISPRS website.

ME was asked to install an analyzing tool for illustrating the spatial distribution of ISPRS web browsing from log files. CJ was asked to send ME a layout of annual reports for the development of such a tool.

8.6 Orange Book

There was no change in the Orange Book

8.7 Silver Book

8.8 Blue Book, database

8.9 Brochure, 3-fold Brochure, Poster and Banner

OA noted that the newly published 3-fold Brochure was placed at the website and sent to council and TCPs. He thanked to ID and JY for editing this brochure and GK for layout

8.10 Book Review

8.11 GIM International

Responsibilities for GIM International (until March issue of 2011) were decided and listed in Table 4.

Table 4 GIM Page responsibilities

Month	Deadline	Responsible Persons and Themes
May	22 Feb	CO: ISPRS 2012 Congress
June	22 March	ID: Strategic Plan
July	19 April	AP: 3S cooperation between universities
August	17 May	MR: ASPRS 2010 annual meeting
September	14 June	Com II/VI:
October	12 July	Com I/V
November	16 August	OA: ISPRS centenary...
December	13 September	Com VII and VIII
January 2011	18 October	Stan/Amy ICSU Project
February 2011	8 November	ID ISPRS sponsored projects
March 2011	6 December	Com VIII and III
April 2011	6 January	CO: congress

8.12 Others

9. Financial Affairs

9.1 Report from Treasurer

MR gave a detailed report on his treasurer activities from October 2009 to March 2010, the projected expenses of the year 2010, as well as the four years income/expenses (2008-2012). Council agreed with the projected expenses of the year 2010, as well as the four years income/expenses (2008-2012) and thanked MR for his excellent work as treasurer

10. Foundation

The activities of the Foundation work were discussed.

11. ISPRS Committees

11.1 ISAC

It was agreed to ask ISAC to provide advices to council on scientific initiatives.

11.2 IPAC

The Minutes of the 1st IPAC meeting and a joint conference (with ESPI/IAA/IISL) on current legal issues for satellite Earth observation in Vienna were tabled. The joint conference in Vienna is considered as a good opportunity to intensify the relations, and we thank all parties involved. The participation of ISPRS in IAA Study Group 4.9 (IGMASS) was discussed with Dr. Sergey v. Pushkarskiy in Haifa and an agreement will be formulated and signed at the centenary in Vienna in July.

Council agreed to include policy papers in the program of TCVIII in Kyoto.

11.3 CIPA

CO reported on CIPA activities.

11.4 ICORSE

The 34th ICORSE will be held in Sydney, Australia from 10-14 April 2011. JT was asked to present ISPRS at the next programme committee meeting..

11.5 Standards, ISO, OGC

The draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OGC and ISPRS was agreed..

11.6 Knowledge transfer

The Annual Report 2009 of ISPRS Ad-hoc Committee “Knowledge Transfer” was tabled.

11.7 Student Consortium

The Annual Report 2009 of ISPRS Student Consortium was tabled.

12. Centenary Preparations

The preparation of ISPRS centenary celebration has been done jointly by the national preparatory team of Austria and ISPRS executive board. The minutes of the two parties held in Vienna from March 8 to 9, 2010 was tabled. Council expresses their appreciation of the preparatory work of the centenary celebration.

12.1 Time table of events, responsibilities

The ISPRS Centenary Program was given in the Appendix 4 with word format. The time table of the ISPRS Centenary was given in Appendix 6 with excel format.

Invitation to ISPRS Centenary has been sent to members (ordinary, associate, regional), ISPRS officials, and invited guests. ISPRS officials include Council, TCPs, ISAC CHAIR,

IPAC CHAIR, ICORSE CHAIR, Reg Reprntives, Journal Editor, Finacial committee chair, etc. Invited guests include Gala Dinner Speaker, Former ISPRS Presidents, ISPRS Honorary MEMBERS, ISPRS fellows, representatives from sister societies (JBGIS, GEOUNIONS representatives), UNOOSA representatives, ICSU representatives, BOOKLET Editors, GIS DEVELOPMENT. A list of participants is given in Appendix 7 (not including ISPRS members).

The local organizing committee (LOC) in Vienna urged participants to the Centenary celebration to register. JT was asked to help OA for following up the arrangements for the registration of the participants at the Centenary Celebrations and their reservation of hotel in Vienna. The hotel that ISPRS Council stay for the Centenary Celebrations will be <http://www.pakatsuites.at/hotel/index.html>

The applicants for travel funding were discussed.

12.3 GA

An extraordinary General Assembly will be organized from 11:00 to 13:00 on July4, 2010. The major topics include the introduction of the Foundation of ISPRS, approval of the new Strategic Plan, election of Fellows, announcement of the Karl Kraus Medal, revision of the ToRs of TC VIII, et.al. The folders given to delegates and visitors of GA will include the final program, the Strategic Plan, the details of the new Fellows. A maximum of 60 will be required. The Strategic Plan will be printed by BEV.

12.4 Open Business Meeting

An Open Business Meeting will be organized from 13:00 to 17:00 on July 3, 2010 at the Technical University of Vienna. The major topics will include ccongratulation speeches, introduction of ISPRS Strategic Plan, activities of the ISPRS Regional Representatives, the role of the permanent ISPRS committees (ISAC, IPAC and ICORSE), ISPRS publications, current Structure of ISPRS Commissions, organization of ISPRS Events (Workshops, Symposia, Congress etc), student consortium, as well as other important Items. The responsibility of Council members for the open business meeting was decided and listed in Table 5.

Table 5 Council responsibility for GA program

1	Congratulation speeches	OA	
2	Introduction of ISPRS Strategic Plan,	ID	
3	Activities of the ISPRS Regional Representatives	ID	
4	Role of the permanent ISPRS committees (ISAC, IPAC and ICORSE)	OA	

5	ISPRS publications	AP	
6	Current Structure of ISPRS Commissions	JT	
7	Organization of ISPRS Events (Workshops, Symposia. Congress etc),	CJ	
8	student consortium	AP	
9	other important Items.	CJ	

13. Forthcoming Meetings (OA)

14. Relations with International and other Organizations (OA, ID)

14.1 United Nations

A resolution on Global Geographic Information Management (GGIM) was adopted by the 18th UN Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific. The Second Preparatory Meeting on GGIM will be held in New York, and is tentatively scheduled for 10-11 May 2010. It was agreed that AP would attend this meeting.

14.2 ICSU

ISPRS has been involved in the discussions on the formulation of a joint research proposal to ICSU on "Extreme Natural Hazards and Societal Implication (ENHANS)" with IUGG as the Lead Applicant. This application has been approved by ICSU and awarded 30,000 EUR. Council recommended Piero Boccoardo, Robert Backhaus and Sisi Zlatanova as the co—investigators of this project. They should help OA in the implementation of the project and present ISPRS in different project meetings

14.3 IEEE

14.4 GEO

ID attended GEOVI plenary held in Washington, DC from 17-18th November 2009. His report was tabled. OA had nominated Chuck Hutchinson as ISPRS Representative to a GEO Working Group.

The GEOVII and the next ministerial summit will be held in Beijing at the beginning of November 2010. CJ was asked to attend the meeting on behalf of ISPRS.

14.5 JBGIS, AdHoc Group on Disaster and Risk Management

OA briefed Council on the preparation of the Best Practices booklet by JBGIS. A word document explaining the setup was tabled.

A meeting of JBGIS would be held at the FIG Congress in Sydney. This clashed with a meeting of the Director General's forum. OA would attend the JBGIS meeting and asked CD or JT to attend the DG forum.

14.6 GeoUnions

The next GeoUnions meeting will be held at the Institut de France, Paris on Tuesday, 6 April. OA and ID will attend the meeting.

14.7 IYPE

ID reported on plans to set up a 'The Planet Earth Institute' as a follow on from IYPE. Council decided that this was not sufficiently within the scope of ISPRS for us to participate. We can keep in touch through the GeoUnions.

14.8 EuroSDR

A meeting with EuroSDR representatives has been arranged from 10.00-11.30 on July 3 during the centenary. Council members will attend.

Council discussed the possibility of have a Regional representative for Europe. A decision on this was left to a future date.

14.9 Others

15. Reports from Council (All)

The reports from Council members were tabled.

16. Other Business

17. Next Council Meeting

Table 6 Next Council Meetings

Meeting	Dates	Venue
CM	2 nd and 5 th July 2010	Vienna
CM and JM	16-20 Nov 2010	Orlando, USA
CM	May 1-3, 2011	Turkey, Antalya

CM and JM	Aug 29 –Sep 02, 2011	Melbourne, Australia
CM	Feb., 2012	Beijing, China
CM and JM	April/May 2012	Paris or Madrid

A possible Council Meeting at the Map World Forum in Hyderabad will be decided in Orlando CM

18. Close

OA once again expressed thanks to AP and the University of Haifa for excellent meeting facilities and also the council members conducting the meeting from early morning till late afternoon in order to finish the meeting ASAP.