

**Minutes of the Council Meeting
22 and 26 August 2011, Melbourne**

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)

PCO representative -ICMS Sarah Markey-Hamm

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MINUTES

1. Opening

OA welcomed Council to the meeting and thanked CO for excellent arrangements and looked forward to a successful and productive meeting. CO described the schedule for the week.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Review of Council Meetings and all ongoing Actions

3.1 Antalya CM Minutes

The minutes were approved

25 actions have been completed, 16 remain open or ongoing as shown in Appendix A.

There will be another tele-meeting in the last week of November.

3.2 Tele-meeting Minutes

1 action was completed and 3 actions are ongoing or open.

3.3 Ongoing Actions

4. Review of Commission Activities

4.1 Feedback on advice to TCPs

A review of the status of TC web sites revealed that some are not available.

4.2 Commissions ToRs

Guidelines for resolutions were provided for information.

4.3 Bids for Commissions for 2008-12

Council's views and actions on possible TCPs for the next period.

5. Preparations for the Congress

5.1 Report of Congress Director

OA thanked CO and the PCO for all the arrangements for the JM/CM and Mark Shortis (MS) for the presentation to TCPs.

It was agreed that the Plenary Speakers have been finalized and OA and CJ should send letters of invitation to them.

5.2 Submission of papers and abstracts, panel session speakers

Council and TCPs gave some feedback to MS and CO that affects the abstract submission process. MS will send a new document of the procedures to Council and TCPs. Only 1 paper will be accepted per registered author.

5.3 Preparations of the general program of the congress including accommodation and social program

Commitments of the Council were reviewed as listed in Appendix B. This document will be revised every CM.

It was agreed that OA would recommend a maximum of 5 free registrations. Requirements for the pre-Congress meeting and Summer School were clarified, but arrangements are yet to be made. Possible venues for Summer School were discussed. Procedure for registration of delegates to the GA and signage required were also discussed.

Opening ceremony – CO should plan for positioning of award winners to reduce time for them to come forward.

Whether a Joint Board meeting will be held in Melbourne will be determined in Korea during UN GGIM meeting.

The preparation of a press release and holding a press conference is yet to be decided.

There were discussions on the Congress Daily and who should be contracted who is yet to be decided.

Tasks for Council leading up to the Congress were reviewed.

EuroSDR and EARSel are possible meetings yet to be decided

6. Policy and Strategic Plan Discussions - ID

6.1 Actions from the Strategic Plan

ID said that he has had no responses from Sustaining Members. MR has prepared a summary of actions for the Marketing Task Force, which he intends to use for further discussions. A document will be available for the Beijing CM. AP will have more material in future on widening participation. ID stated that he is considering options for workshops and whether to take courses to Africa or should participants from Africa go to workshops elsewhere. No report is available yet. Task Force chairs should report on developments during telecom in November.

Permanent Headquarters. OA discussed the options with Wang Qin from NASG (formerly SBSM) in China. The NASG have an interest in hosting HQ, but were also interested in defining how HQ would operate. OA said he is not able to consider such a change for this Council period and recommends it is considered by next Council.

6.2 Council and TCP Composition for the next Term

6.3 Individual Membership

Council discussed the document describing options for benefits for individual membership, and several were deleted. It was agreed that peer-reviewed papers published in the *ISPRS Annals for Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences* could be provided to Individual Members. If the numbers of Individual Membership does not improve after 2 years then the Annals would be made publically available. The Archives will remain freely available. New Statutes and Bylaws will be developed by AP.

6.4 Statutes and Bylaws

No items discussed.

7. ISPRS Membership

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

CJ reported on the status of membership. There are 88 Ordinary Members, 10 Associate Members, 14 regional Members and 81 Sustaining Members.

Table 1 Current Status of Active/Non-Active Members

Type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	A	B	C	D	E
AsM	8	1	1										
OdM	29/1	22/1	12/1	8	3	5	1	5					
RgM	14												
StM									6	9	15	31/2	18
Total													

7.2 Report and actions on defaulting members

MR reported on the members in arrears and it was generally agreed that the position has improved over the past year.

7.3 Recruitment

A ballot has been distributed to Ordinary Members for the admission South African Geomatics Institute as an Ordinary Member.

University of Botswana has requested to become a member, but since there is already a member from Botswana (Dept. of Surveys & Mapping - Government of Botswana). The Hydrographic Service in Lima, Peru also wishes to become a member. But there is also a

member from Peru (Direccion General de Aerofotografia). CJ has suggested that they become a Sustaining Member.

8. ISPRS Publications

8.1 Journal

Council decided to appoint Derek Lichti as the new Editor-in-Chief of the Journal.

8.2 e-Bulletin

JT to prepare report on the visit to Congress Centre with photos from CO by 1 September.

OA will prepare a report on the GEO Plenary Workshop in Istanbul by 3 December.

Table 2 Responsibility for E-bulletin Foreword

Month	Deadline	Responsible Persons and Themes
No.7	October 1	CO: Congress Highlight
No.8	November 15	AP
No.9	Dec. 15	MR

8.3 GIM Page

Authors of articles in the GIM Page were allocated.

Table 3 GIM Page responsibilities

Month	Deadline	Responsible Persons and Themes
October	3 August	CO: congress??
November	1 September	JT: Preparation of Congress- visit to congress center, CO provide CJ with congress materials
December	3 October	CO: CIPA Prague, summer school(MMd)
January 2012	1 November	ID: GGIM and NMO
Feb 2012	3 December	OA: Geo plenary
March 2012	7 Jan	CO: Congress
April 2012	6 Feb	AP: Publication

8.4 Book series

The Book Series needs to be revitalized, one book is in process and another 2 are coming. A new chair is needed.

8.5 Archives

The first conference to involve Copernicus is being organized by conference by Sisi Zlatanova.

8.6 Home Page; Webmaster

Details of Awards should be placed elsewhere on the web page not in 'documents'.

8.7 Database and Blue Book

Nil to report

8.8 Annual reports

8.9 Silver Book

Nil

8.10 Orange Book

The new version should be placed on web page immediately for the information of prospective applications for TCPs

8.11 Green Book

Nil

8.12 Annals

So far the Annals are only a concept.

9. Financial Affairs

9.1 Treasurers Report

MR went through his report.

The database is being kept up-to-date with the assistance of the HQ.

9.2 Revision of Subscriptions

MR will rework the document to reduce emphasis on travel, and compare it with the inflation rate in CHF for discussion at Beijing. Also, the recommendation needs to be presented to Financial Commission for their input.

9.3 Science Initiatives and Travel Grants

Science Initiatives – current Initiatives have been completed and no new ones will be supported next year. .

10. Awards

ID referred to document listing the timetable for Awards. The next task is to determine Juries. Nominations of most awards close 1 February 2102. Actions at the Congress should be included in the Awards table.

CIG has not yet decided on monetary award for Gamble.

11. Foundation

12. ISPRS Committees

12.1 ISAC

No report.

12.2 IPAC

No report.

Revised WG ToRs were sent to Committees and responses have been received.

RS wants to rename sessions at Congress with IISL (International Institute of Space Law) – policy issues of space borne earth observation.

12.3 CIPA

No report.

The Symposium will be held in Prague in 3 weeks. OA will speak at the Opening Ceremony. Next big event is ICOMOS General Assembly in Paris December 2011. CO will send details.

12.4 ICORSE

A brief report was given by JT and CJ at the JM and a report is included in the agenda papers. TC VII and VIII are encouraged to participate in ISRSE in China in 2013. As well, there is an opportunity to have a special session presented by the space agencies in the Melbourne Congress with the assistance of Lawrence Friedl from NASA. ISPRS should take the opportunity to use this session as a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first ISRSE in 1962.

12.5 Ad hoc Committee on Standards

No report. Wolfgang Kresse doing a good job and a meeting will be held with him at PhoWo.

13. Report of Different Meetings

Several meeting reports were included in the papers.

14. Relations with International and other Organizations

14.1 United Nations:

COPUOS

ISPRS has good cooperation with Mazlan Othman at OOSA. There was a good response from the meeting in Geneva. OA will report on VALID meeting at JB.

GGIM - Global Geospatial Information Management

Report is included in the agenda papers. MoU was developed between ECOSOC and ISPRS. ID will represent GIS Development (now Geospatial media and Communications) in Korea in October. AP will represent ISPRS.

14.2 ICSU and the GeoUnions

Three ISPRS representatives will be in Rome for ICSU GA where OA has been nominated for election to the Executive Board of ICSU. ISPRS is participating in the project with GeoUnions on Disaster Management, represented by Piero Boccardo, Sisi Zlatanova and Robert Backhouse. ISPRS is working well with Alik Ismail-Zadeh, SG of IUGG

14.3 GEO

CJ participated in last Plenary in Beijing. OA and ID will participate in the next one in Istanbul, where ISPRS will have a booth. GEO is undergoing re-organization of its tasks. OA believes that plenaries every year is too frequent.

14.4 JBGIS

The JB met in Paris in July. Decisions were made on the United Nations paper on GGIM which was discussed in detail. OA reported to JB on VALID and will provide a paper by mid-September. JB will meet informally at GGIM meeting in Korea. OA has reported that he is elected as the chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee for Risk and Disaster Management of the Board for the next 2 years.

14.5 ICA

During the JM meeting on Thursday 25 August, OA introduced Bill Cartwright, immediate past President of ICA and introduced a discussion on the activities of ICA, with the view to encouraging closer cooperation between ISPRS and ICA. Bill Cartwright said that he brought greetings from new President Georg Gartner and Secretary General/Treasurer Laszlo Zentai. He also introduced the new commissions of ICA. The 2011 ICA Congress and GA were held in July in Paris. The next conference will be held in Dresden in 2013 and the Congress and GA will be held in Brazil in 2015.

The Paris Congress was proposed by French Society and underwritten by IGN. There were also reduced registrations for participants from Africans. The Congress was combined with the conference of the French Society. A condition of the underwriting by IGN was that translations into French were compulsory

The venue very conveniently located in the city, but the negative was that it is large and expensive and only half of the venue was used for the Congress. Security services were needed. The Congress paid for rooms per day up till 8pm, so sessions were programmed to take advantage of these times. Abstracts or peer review papers were submitted, but peer review papers, about 30% of the total, had to be submitted 1 year in advance. Some papers in peer review publications that were provided to participants on arrival. Poster sessions and speed presentations given by PhD students.

OA hoped for further cooperation with ICA in the future and there are joint ISPRS/ICA sessions at the Congress next year.

14.6 GIS Media and Communications (formerly GIS Development)

ID reported that the Geospatial World Forum will be held in Amsterdam in April 2012, the week after JM in Paris. ISPRS has been asked to collaborate with ITC on a session with the space agencies. ID will be the moderator. The draft program shows that the sessions are divided into space agencies, industry and other groups. OA will make a speech at opening. Council can use it as a means of a follow-up meeting to encourage space agencies to participate in the Melbourne Congress. The emphasis is not on the major space agencies, but on the many smaller organizations. ID will explore opportunities for cooperation with GIS Development for the Congress.

14.7 GSDI

The CM was visited by Abbas Rajabifard President GSDI. OA stated that ISPRS have finalized an MoU with GSDI and both OA and Abbas signed the MoU during the meeting. Abbas wishes to develop procedures for real outputs from the collaboration between ISPRS and GSDI. Council discussed the possibility of joint sessions between TCIV and GSDI during the Congress. A meeting of UN-PCGIAP will be held on 14-16 February in KL, hosted by Malaysian Government when a declaration will be made, and Abbas is hoping that ISPRS will participate. A planning meeting for PCGIAP will be held in Melbourne on 5-7 October 2011. Abbas will supply details to OA.

Abbas is willing to participate and assist with the organization of aspects of the Congress.

Other meetings

OGC is developing projects on crowd sourcing for disaster management. There is an opportunity with SSSI – Victoria to be involved on this topic at the Congress.

15. Reports from Council (All)

Reports from council members were tabled and briefly discussed.

16. Other Business

Council attendances at meetings. See separate document in Appendix C.

17. Next Council Meeting

Table 4 Next Council Meetings

	Date	Venue	Notes
CM	15-16-17 February 2012	Beijing, China	Arrive 14 February, Depart 18 February
CM	16-17 and 20 April 2012	Paris, France	Arrive 15 April

	2½ days		Sarah and MS will go the Paris.
JM	18 and 19 April 2012		Depart 20 (afternoon) or 21 April

OA stated that it had been a very good meeting, thanks for CO and Sarah. Thanks also to LOC, MS, Chris Bellman and Simon Jones. They are very enthusiastic and the future looks good for an excellent Congress.

Meeting closed at 1.55pm.