

# **Minutes of ISPRS General Assembly Held during the XXth Congress in Istanbul**

## **Session 1 - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2004**

### **1. Opening address by President.**

President Trinder welcomed delegates and looked forward to a successful General Assembly.

### **2. Introduction of Invited Persons**

The President introduced the guests invited to the General Assembly: Milan Konecny, ICA President, Alexandros Maratos, IHO President, Holger Magel, FIG President, Fraser Taylor, ISCGM Chairman and Peter Jolly, IMTA President

He also welcomed Honorary Members and other former members of Council.

### **3. Certification of Delegate credentials**

Prior to the first vote the Secretary General conducted a roll call and certified Delegate credentials. 41 members were present.

### **4. Explanation and Confirmation of Voting Rights**

Secretary General Dowman explained certification proceedings and voting entitlements.

### **5. Approval of agenda**

The Agenda was approved on a show of hands.

### **6. Admission of New Members**

Secretary General Dowman reported that no new Ordinary Members had joined the organization since the Amsterdam Congress in 2000. Three new **Regional Members** had joined:

India - Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific (CSSTEAP)

Tunisia - Centre Régional de Télédétection des États de l'Afrique du Nord (CRTEAN)

Nigeria - Regional Centre for Training in Aerospace Surveys (RECTAS).

One organisation has been admitted as an **Associate Member:**

Morocco – Centre Royal de Télédétection Spatiale (CRTS)

### **7. Changes in Category**

Secretary General Dowman reported that there had been 2 increases in category:

Turkey from 2 to 4

Israel from 2 to 3.

India requested a decrease from category 8 to 6.

President Trinder invited the Indian delegate to comment. The Indian Delegate cited the current economic situation as the reason for the requested decrease. Increases and decrease was approved by acclamation.

### **8. Registration of ISPRS**

President Trinder referred to the paper in the workbook and explained the history of the registration of ISPRS in considerable detail, and particularly that the ISPRS Foundation had been set up on the basis of registration in Maryland USA.

President Trinder called on the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President to explain the formation of the ISPRS Foundation.

President Trinder then called on the Austrian Delegate, Professor Kraus, to present his case for renewal of the ISPRS registration in Vienna. The Austrian case had been circulated in advance and was included the workbooks at item 11b.

Following the presentations the delegates were invited to comment.

The delegate for Switzerland noted that Switzerland and Germany support the proposal. He stated that the Registration of the Society and the Foundation was not linked and suggested that the Society could be registered in Austria and the Foundation be established in Switzerland. He stated that Switzerland had a “large density of Foundations”. The only requirement was that one member of the Board must be Swiss. He said that there was no chicken & egg situation and that he did not see a need to appoint a lawyer in either Switzerland or Austria. He also suggested that free legal advice may be available either through ETH or Leica.

The delegate for Sweden asked Austria for an explanation of the proposed Arbitration Commission. The delegate for Austria replied that disputes should be resolved within the Society. With the current Registration, they would be resolved under Maryland Law.

The delegate for United Kingdom supported registration in USA after the failure of the attempt to register in Switzerland. The Council was elected to take decisions between Congresses and had made a necessary decision. He re-iterated that any changes now would cost the Members money and effort of the Council. He mentioned the example of India citing financial stringency as a reason the decrease category of membership. Any change would hold up the proper work of the Society. He acknowledged some unease at registration in the US but saw it as a practical and straight forward method. Austria was asking to take apart the current situation and had unilaterally proceeded with provisional registration. He urged Members to support the Council.

Further discussion ensued and was concluded by the delegate for the Netherlands who noted the reasons for Registration and commented that the Council procedures were not elegant but sufficient and there was no agreement to register in Austria. Considering the Foundation, the Society should stick with the current situation.

After a break for Lunch the following motion was proposed by Council and seconded by Australia:

“The GA ratifies the action of the Council to register ISPRS in Maryland, agrees to continue registration in Maryland and rejects the proposals from Austria to change the Statutes and Bylaws to allow registration in Vienna.”

Secretary General Dowman reported 104 votes for the motion and 44 against. The motion was carried.

A second motion was proposed by Council and seconded by USA:

“The GA rescinds the motion passed by postal ballot circulated on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2001, by deleting the words in bold and reinstating the words in italics:

*BYLAW X General Assembly*

2. In the interval between Congresses the President may convene the General Assembly to an extraordinary meeting to discuss a single Resolution that has the support of at least two Ordinary Members. The Resolution in question shall be made available in writing to all Ordinary Members, Associate Members and Regional Members at least three calendar months in advance of the meeting. Whenever called upon in writing by not less than ~~one-fifth~~ *three-quarters* of the Members, the President shall convene an extraordinary meeting.

BYLAW XII *Headquarters*

~~(a) Legal Headquarters of the Society is in Wabern bei Bern, Switzerland~~

~~(b)~~ Provided that the Statutes and Bylaws of the Society do not run counter to the laws pertaining to associations in the country where the Secretary General is domiciled, the residence of the Secretary General shall be the **administrative** headquarters of the Society, except when the Council decides for a more convenient alternative.”

The motion was carried on a show of hands.

President Trinder thanked Members for their support. He hoped that the issue could now be put aside and that the work of the Society could continue in a friendly and collegial atmosphere.

## 9. Ratifications

9.1 President Trinder spoke to the need for a **lawyer** and that the charges have been low. Already, valuable advice had been given.

The delegate for Switzerland asked what was the expected expenditure on lawyer in future?

President Trinder replied that no legal expenses are expected before the next Congress. The current rate is US\$ 175/hour.

The Treasurer noted that SWF 5000 had been spent on legal advice on the registration and contracts developed since registration.

The **appointment of the lawyer** was carried on a show of hands. (2 against)

9.2 President Trinder spoke to the **establishment of the Foundation**. A Motion to ratify establishment of Foundation carried.

## 9.3 Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fritz explained changes to **Terms of Reference** of several awards, required to remove ambiguities and create consistency. The changes were carried by acclamation.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fritz thanked the Chinese Society for generously providing funds for the new **Wang Zhizuo Award**. Award ratification of this was carried by acclamation.

**Donations** from Leica Geosystems and Professor Murai were ratified.

9.4 **Memoranda of Understanding** had been signed with:

SPIE

IEEE-GRSS

UN Office of Outer Space Affairs

These were ratified.

9.5 Secretary General Dowman explained that **guidelines** were included in the “Silver Book” and “Orange Book” and that these had been revised to bring them into line with current practice. New model contracts for the Congress and Technical Commissions had been prepared. These were approved.

9.6 Secretary General Dowman listed the **contracts** signed by Council since the last Congress.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Person/Company</b>	<b>Date</b>
Distribution of IAPRS and Spatial Information Sciences and selected other ISPRS publications of the Ordinary Members	GITC b.v., Lemmer, The Netherlands	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2001
ISPRS Marketing Manger	Cary and Associates, Longmont, Colorado, United States	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2002
ISPRS Highlights publisher including Editor-in-Chief	GITC b.v., Lemmer, The Netherlands	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2000
Journal Publishing Agreement	Elsevier b.v. Amsterdam, The Netherlands	7 <sup>th</sup> April 2004
ISPRS Book Series Publisher	Swets & Zeitlinger, Lisse, The Netherlands	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2003
ISPRS Webmaster	Fabio Remondino	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2000
ISPRS Congress 2004	Congress Director & Magister Tours Inc.	
Commission I Symposium	American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing	April 2001
Commission II Symposium	Chinese Society of Geodesy, Photogrammetry & Cartography	February 2002
Commission III Symposium	Austrian Society for Surveying and Geo- information in cooperation with the Institution for Computer Graphics & Vision of Graz Technical University and Janneum Research	June 2001
Commission IV Symposium	Canadian Institute of Geomatics, Minister of Natural Resources	
Commission V Symposium	Hellenic Society	October 2001
Commission VI Symposium	Brazilian Society of Cartography, Geodesy,	

	Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing	
Commission VII Symposium	Indian Society of Remote Sensing	June/July 2001

He acknowledged the work carried out by Dr Baltsavias in the re-negotiation of the contract with Elsevier. He also acknowledged the work of Fabio Remondino as webmaster.

President Trinder noted that some of the contracts were commercial-in-confidence and as such would not be published but they could be made available to delegates if required.

The contracts signed by Council were ratified.

#### **10. Member proposals for Technical Commissions 2004-2008.**

The nominees for Technical Commission President made their presentations

Technical Commission I  
France. Alain Baudoin as President

Technical Commission II  
Austria. Professor Kainz as President.

The delegate for Canada asked whether cooperation with other organizations such as ICA had been considered for co-location of the symposium. Professor Kainz replied that a meeting has already been planned with ICA but other organizations will be approached.

Technical Commission III  
Germany. Professor Förstner as President.

Technical Commission IV  
India. Shailesh Nayak as President.

Technical Commission V  
Germany. Professor Maas as President.

President Trinder thanked Germany for their nomination as there was initially a lack of candidates.

Technical Commission VI  
Japan. Professor Kohei Cho as President.

Technical Commission VII  
The Netherlands. Professor Van Generen as President.

Technical Commission VIII  
Israel. Ammatzia Peled as President.

President Trinder thanked the Ordinary Members for the candidates' presentations.

**11. Proposed amendments to the Statutes and Bylaws**

The Second Vice President presented the proposed changes to the Statutes and Bylaws.

## Session 2 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2004

### 12. Election of hosts of Technical Commissions.

The following elections were carried on a show of hands.

Technical Commission I	France.	President: Alain Baudoin
Technical Commission II	Austria.	President: Professor Wolfgang Kainz .
Technical Commission III	Germany.	President: Professor Wolfgang Förstner.
Technical Commission IV	India.	President: Shailesh Nayak
Technical Commission V	Germany.	President: Professor Hans-Gerd Maas.
Technical Commission VI	Japan.	President: Professor Kohei Cho.
Technical Commission VII	The Netherlands.	President: Professor John van Generen.
Technical Commission VIII	Israel.	President: Professor Ammatzia Peled.

The President welcomed the incoming Technical Commission Presidents. He noted the gender imbalance and urged all Ordinary Members to search for suitably qualified female candidates. He expressed disappointment that Dr Tania Maria Sausen, the current Technical Commission VI President, was not allowed by the Government of Brazil to attend the Congress.

### 13. Presentation of Certificates to Helava Prize Runners up.

President Trinder and Dr Baltsavias presented awards to:

M. Molenaar  
M Kerschen  
T Cheng

### 14. Members Proposals for 2008 Congress

President Trinder stated that the Council had been invited to both proposed venues. The whole Council had been to Beijing and the President and Secretary General had visited Melbourne.

The Proposal from Australia was presented by Professor John Fryer, Mark Shortis and Chris Bellman.

The Proposal from China was presented by Professor Chen Jun.

The delegate for Sweden asked for the proposed dates for the Congress and the schedule for the Olympics. Professor Chen Jun replied that the Congress will be 1 month before the Olympics. The Date for the Olympics has not yet been fixed.

The delegate for Switzerland asked for the proposed cost of registration? China replied that the cost of registration will be approximately US\$450.

The President congratulated both Members on their excellent presentations. He also commented that he was not biased towards either Member.

### 15. Reports of Council

15.1 President Trinder presented his report.

15.2 Secretary General Dowman presented his report.

15.3 Treasurer Peled presented his report.

The President thanked the Treasurer for the enormous amount of time he has spent on the finances of the Society.

The delegate for the United Kingdom asked whether the reports will be made public. President Trinder replied that they will be in the Archives and on the web.

President Trinder commented that the financial position of the Society was strong. He would like to see more spending on scientific activities. It is an investment in the future to further develop the science of the ISPRS. The proposed budget would be in deficit for the next 4 years to support this aim.

## **16. Nominations for Council and Financial Commission.**

The nominations for Council were:

President: Professor Ian Dowman (UK)

Secretary General: Professor Orhan Altan (Turkey)

Second Vice President: Dr Manos Baltsavias (Switzerland) and Dr Stanley Morain (USA)

Treasurer: Dr Stanley Morain (USA) and Professor Hiro Chikatsu (Japan)

The delegate from Japan announced that Japan wished to withdraw their candidate for Treasurer. He noted that ISPRS is an international society and if China is awarded the Congress, there will be 2 Asian countries represented on Council. Similarly, if Australia is awarded the Congress, the situation is similar as Australia is 50% Asian and Turkey is 50% Asian, there would therefore be 100% Asian representation.

The delegate for USA withdrew their candidate for Second Vice President and expressed gratitude to Japan.

President Trinder appreciated cooperation of Members. He will announce his intention regarding the First Vice Presidency at the third session of the General Assembly on Monday 19 July.

Nominations for Financial Commission were:

Professor Petros Patias (Greece)

Costas Armenakis (Canada)

President Trinder noted that further nominations were required as the Financial Commission must comprise 3 members including the Chairman.

The delegate from Greece announced that Greece wished to upgrade the nomination of Professor Patias to Chairman.

The delegate for Sweden, a previous member of the Commission, stated that Members of the Financial Commission were in a good position to see the inside workings of the Society.



## **17. Discussion of amendments to Statutes and Bylaws.**

Following the presentation of the proposed changes by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president at the first session of the General Assembly, the President opened the floor for discussion.

The delegate for Sweden noted that under Bylaw 6.b, India has lowered its category, not because of less members but inability to pay. He requested further discussion on this. He also questioned the wisdom of changing Bylaw 13.3, so that applications for Technical Commissions should be lodged 4 months before General Assembly as this precluded the current situation with Technical Commission V.

The President stated that Council tries to advise Ordinary Members on appropriate levels of payment. India was a level 1 Member for many years, then moved directly to level 8. Council supported move back to level 6 based on ability to pay.

The President also stated that the Bylaw changes were prepared last year. It allows Council to advise on applications. Perhaps wording should be changed from "shall" to "should".

The delegate from UK stated that the change to Bylaw 13.3 on Technical Commission proposals is a laudable aim in principle, but in practice, flexibility should be maintained.

The delegate for Australia suggested that the fee levels for membership were a problem and that Council review the fee structure.

The delegate from UK urged Council to ask Technical Commission Presidents to consider joint symposia and meetings. The President replied that this was for Council and the Technical Commission Presidents to consider in the coming week.

## **Session 3 - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 13:30-16:30**

### **1. Opening remarks**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly commenced with words of welcome from ISPRS President Trinder.

### **3. Certification of delegate credentials and confirmation of voting rights**

Secretary General Dowman carried out a role call, to certify delegate credentials and confirm voting rights in the forthcoming election of an ISPRS member to host the 2008 Congress. 48 members were present.

### **18. Election of member to host the ISPRS congress in 2008**

Votes for the 2008 congress host were cast.

The result of the ballot:

China (Beijing) 135 votes

Australia 25 votes

China will therefore host the ISPRS Congress in 2008.

### **19. Ratification of Congress Director**

Professor Chen Juan was ratified by show of hands as the Congress Director from 2004-2008.

### **20. Election of President**

Ian Dowman was elected ISPRS President 2004-2008, by a show of hands.

### **21. Election of Secretary General**

Orhan Altan was elected Secretary General 2004-2008, by a show of hands.

### **22. Appointment of First Vice President**

John Trinder announced that he would take up the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 2004-2008.

### **23. Election of Second Vice President**

Manos Baltasvias was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President 2004-2008, by a show of hands.

### **24. Election of Treasurer**

Stanley Morain was elected Treasurer 2004-2008, by a show of hands.

### **25. Election of Chair and Members of the Financial Commission (FC)**

Nominations for Chair and Members of the Financial Commission.

Chair: Patros Patias nominated by Greece.

Members:

Lena Halounova nominated by Czech Republic)

Costas Armenakis nominated by Canada

Marie-Jose Lefevre-Fonollosa nominated by France.

Responding to a request from the Swedish delegation, each nominee presented a brief statement before the vote took place.

Patros Patias was elected Chair of the Financial Commission.

Result of election of members of Financial Commission

Lena Halounova (Czech Republic) 136 votes

Costas Armenakis (Canada) 114 votes.  
Marie-Jose Lefevre-Fonollosa (France) 84 votes.

Lena Halounova (Czech Republic) and Costas Armenakis (Canada) were elected as members of the Financial Commission.

## **26. Decision on Amendments of Statutes and Bylaws**

26.1 Changes to Statute 1 and 15 and Bylaw 7 and 10 were duly passed by a show of hands.  
The motion to change wording in Bylaw XIII.3 from “shall” to “should” was also passed.

26.2 President Trinder made a proposal for a discussion to change the Bylaws relating to Honorary Members. Currently, the number of living Honorary Members is limited to seven. Japan proposed increasing the number of ISPRS Honorary Members. The Netherlands endorsed this proposal, recommending that qualified non-Council members be considered. Germany concurred with The Netherlands that the number should be raised to a maximum of ten, with the USA adding that any increase should be phased in. The General Assembly agreed that the next Council would act on these recommendations, with a postal vote to be held before the next Congress.

## **27. Expulsion of Members in default of payment of subscription fees**

The ISPRS Council presented three lists of Members in default of payment, recommending that Members on List 1 be expelled immediately; those on list 2 be expelled in two years if they have not reduced their debt; and those on list 3 be considered for expulsion at the next General Assembly if their debt has not be reduced. In response to Switzerland’s query if Members on List 1 are experiencing financial difficulties, Secretary General Dowman responded that may be the case, but that in most cases it had not been possible to contact the Member. In response to the comment from The Netherlands that personal contact should be made with nations prior to expulsion, Ian Dowman noted that where possible contacts have been made. However, in some cases, the named Member no longer exists. President Trinder noted that ISPRS will work with the ITC (International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation) to identify new national contacts to replace these Members. Japan proposed the immediate expulsion of List 1 Members. Delegates voted in favour of the recommended expulsion lists. The following members were therefore expelled:

**Ordinary Members:** Albania, Belarus, Bolivia, Congo DRC, Congo PRC, Eritrea, Madagascar, Nigeria, Portugal, Sudan, Tunisia, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe;

**Associate Members<sup>1</sup>:** Iran, Tehran- Geographic Information Center, Iran - KN Toosi University of Technology, Colombia - Agustin Codazzi Geographic Institute Research Center;

**Regional Member:** CILSS/AGRHYMET Regional Centre.

Secretary General Dowman reported that the Nigeria Society had been renamed the Nigerian Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, and that an application for a new membership was expected.

## **28. Report on Inter-organizational relations**

Secretary General Dowman reported on the current status of Inter-organizational relations, which currently include: (1) United Nations Organizations (ECOSOC, COD, OOSA and FAO); and (2) International Umbrella Organizations (ICSU, CEOS, ISO, OGU, OICC, COSPAR, GSDI, SPIE, IEEE-GRS, the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies and CRTEAN). The ISPRS will continue to expand international relations around the World.

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<sup>1</sup> Iranian Remote Sensing Center was initially expelled but subsequently paid its subscription in full. See Item 6 (4<sup>th</sup> Session).

### **33. Reports on Communications**

33.1 Manos Baltsavias, ISPRS Journal Editor in Chief, reported on the ISPRS Journal. Although the number of papers submitted is stable, quality of submissions is variable; there is an increasing occurrence of 'cheating' where papers are submitted to multiple journals. A new contract had been signed with Elsevier and a new editor would take over in January 2005. Three associate Editors would also be appointed to assist the editor in particular subject areas. New software has been implemented to track the review process. Problems have been encountered with rapid turnover of staff at Elsevier (Publishers). President Trinder presented Manos Baltsavias with an award, acknowledging his services to ISPRS.

33.2 Fabio Ramondino, the ISPRS webmaster, reported on the ISPRS webpage, noting that a number of enhancements have been made and that monthly hits in 2004 reached a record 190,000. President Trinder commented that in the future website information will be posted in other languages (initially Spanish and Chinese, with others to follow). The Swedish delegate requested the introduction of brief explanations to help users navigate the site. France recommended that relevant papers communicated outside ISPRS be listed on the website. President Trinder presented Fabio Ramondino with an award, acknowledging his services to ISPRS.

### **34. Reports from ISPRS committees**

34.4 Petros Patias, CIPA (International Committee for Architectural Photogrammetry) President, presented an outline of CIPA activities since 2001, including information about members, together with joint ISPRS and ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) workshops. President Trinder presented Petros Patias with an award, acknowledging his services to ISPRS and CIPA.

## Session 4 - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 13:30-16:30

### 1. Opening remarks and presentation of certificates

The 4<sup>th</sup> General Assembly commenced with words of welcome from President Trinder, who acknowledged the presence of Mr Ayad Altai from Abu Dhabi (UAE) as a guest. The new Chair and Members of the Financial Commission were also introduced. Certificates were presented to the five judges for the Helava Award. ISPRS Treasurer Ammatzia Peled accepted an award on behalf of his wife Rachel, in acknowledgement of her services in development of the ISPRS database. Tuan Chih Chen of Taiwan was acknowledged for maintaining the Calendar of Events in ISPRS Highlights.

### 6. Admission of new Members

Secretary General Dowman reported that new applications have been received from: (1) GEOSON (Geoinformation Society of Nigeria) to become Nigeria's new Ordinary Member; and (2) the Kenyan Regional Center for Mapping and Resources for Development (RCMRD).

Further to its expulsion under Item 27 of the ISPRS 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, the Iranian Remote Sensing Center has settled outstanding charges and changed its name to the Iran Space Center.

The Assembly voted to rescind expulsion of the Iranian Space Agency, and offered advanced approval for the admission of GEOSON and RCMRD.

President Trinder presented membership certificates to RCMRD, RECTAS and to Mescioglu Engineering, a new Sustaining Member from Turkey.

### 29. Congress Director's Report

Orhan Altan, Congress Director, provided statistics from the 2004 Congress. A total of 1914 abstracts were submitted (171 withdrawn and 25 papers not received). 1718 papers were included in the Technical Program. The Congress has included 3 plenary sessions, 74 technical sessions, 39 poster sessions and 85 exhibits. There have been 6 keynote addresses, 567 oral and 1151 poster presentations. The total number of Congress registrations is 2448, with 2500 DVD and 300 hardcopies of the proceedings distributed. Final totals are expected to reach 9 keynote speeches, 567 oral and 1151 poster presentations.

### 30. Approval of resolutions for 2004-2008

First Vice President Fritz acknowledged the assistance of the Resolution committee and in particular Clive Fraser, Gerard Begni and Hans-Peter Bähr, in preparing the resolutions. This is the first occasion where resolutions have been prepared in advance of the General Assembly. Following their approval, the final resolutions will be posted on the ISPRS website in English, French and German. First Vice President Fritz proceeded to present three general and sixty-three scientific and technical resolutions to the General Assembly. All resolutions were passed, subject to minor changes in content and wording.

### 31. Report of Financial Commission

Financial Commission Chair Rütter, presented the report of the Financial Commission. He acknowledged the assistance of Financial Commission Members Iffat Huque (Bangladesh) and Marcio Barbosa (Brazil). He stated that the accounts had been audited regularly by the Financial Commission and that they were found to be in good order. The financial position of the Society is very sound. He suggested that ISPRS consider engaging a qualified Auditor

and that funds be allocated enabling Financial Commission members to participate in conferences and meetings. The Council agreed that the role of the Financial Commission should be reviewed and, if necessary, ISPRS Bylaws modified to accommodate these recommendations. President Trinder presented Heinz R  ther with a certificate acknowledging his services to ISPRS.

### **Item 32 Decision on Unit of Subscription**

32.1 The General Assembly approved the motion to maintain the **unit of subscription** at SwFr100.

32.2. The Council proposed a **new category for Sustaining Members** for Universities, to be known as Category E. A rate of SwFr250 was proposed and approved by a show of hands.

### **33. Reports on communications**

33.2 Mr Johan Boesjes from GITC, publisher of Highlights, reported on the content and distribution of ISPRS Highlights. The print run is 2000 copies per issue, comprising approximately 48 pages covering ISPRS Council meeting minutes, workshop reports and announcements, Congress news the events calendar and other relevant news. Goals for 2004-2008 include increasing contributions from Council and Technical Commission Presidents (TCP), and revision of the distribution policy. The Council will propose a schedule for TCP contributions.

33.4 Maxim Shoshany, Editor in Chief, reported on the ISPRS Book Series, which has celebrated its first anniversary. The goal is to publish peer-refereed proceedings from ISPRS meetings. President Trinder presented Maxim Shoshany with a certificate, acknowledging his services to ISPRS.

### **34. Reports from ISPRS Committees**

34.2 Armin Gruen, Chair of **the International Science Advisory Committee (ISAC)**, reported on activities since the 2000 Congress. ISAC has 12 Members and spans remote sensing, photogrammetry and GIS.

President Trinder presented Armin Gruen with a certificate for his work as Chair of ISAC.

### **35. Other Business**

The President announced that a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Foundation had met and that the composition of the Board is as follows:

John Trinder (Chair)	Chair (Council)	University of NSW, School of Surveying and GIS (ret.)
Ian Dowman	Member (Council)	University College London, Dept of Geomatic Engineering
Lawrence Fritz	Operations Officer	Lockheed Martin Corporation (ret.)
Ammatzia Peled	Financial Officer	University of Haifa, Dept. of Geography,
Shunji Murai	Member	University of Tokyo (ret.)
Peter Woodsford	Member	Laser-Scan Ltd
Hans Hess	Member	Leica Geosystems
Martien Molenaar	Member	Int'l Institute for Aerospace & Earth Sciences
Terry Keating	Member	Z/I Imaging, an Intergraph Company
Adigun Abiodun	Member	The Presidency of Nigeria
Akihiro Yamaura	Member	Mitsubishi Corporation, Spatial IT Business Unit,

A target of raising \$500,000 was identified, to support ISPRS activities over the next four years.

**36. Close of General Assembly**

President Trinder closed the final session of the 2004 General Assembly with thanks to attending delegates. The Australian delegation called for a show of appreciation to the outgoing President for his services to ISPRS.