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International Society for
Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

What is The ISPRS Foundation (TIF)?

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What is TIF?

- Nature and purpose
- Structure
- Categories of grants
- Activities
- What can you do to help?
- Donations
- Resources
Nature and purpose of TIF

• Independently registered entity that provides financial assistance and in-kind support
• Public charity to administer a broadly-based international program
• Solely for benevolent purposes for ISPRS
• Solicits donations and provides grants
• Established 2004 during Istanbul Congress
• Provided $262,045 to ~200 recipients 2012-19
Happy recipients

Congress, Prague, July 2016

Recipients of TIF travel grants

Summer School

Recipients of White Elephant travel grants
Nature and purpose of TIF ... 2

• Funds provided for a range of worthwhile activities
  – To qualified individuals and organizations who are pursuing and/or applying knowledge
  – For advancing the sciences and technologies associated with the disciplines embodied by ISPRS
  – Especially to support those in developing countries and regions
Nature and purpose of TIF ... 3

• Capacity building and outreach
• ISPRS philanthropy to geospatial sciences
• Equitable process to provide grants and opportunities
• Self-supporting based on donations
• Minimal administrative costs (<2%)
• Promote wide public awareness
• Perpetual source of benevolence
• Consistent with ISPRS mission
• Reporting to ISPRS members, donors, tax authorities
Categories of grants

- Awards
- Awareness
- Distance learning (e-learning)
- Fellowships
- International workshops
- Internships and exchange programs
- Preservation and archiving
- Research initiatives
- Scholarships
- Standards
- Tools and literature
- Travel grants
“Committees are composed of one to three trustees and others from ISPRS membership, no two of which can be of the same nationality.”
Board of Trustees

• Eleven Trustees – respected leaders from all facets of the ISPRS community
• Grant approval – based on ISPRS defined needs
• Responsibility for the funds: wise investment, management, and disbursement
• Normally serve for two three-year terms
• We sometimes have vacancies – interested?
Board of Trustees ... 2

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Audit Committee

• Reviews TIF income and expenses of the preceding year
• Recommends improvements in the rules and procedures governing the receipt, anonymity and investment of gifts and donations
• Recommends improvements in the rules and procedures governing the disbursement of grants
Executive Committee

- Takes care of TIF’s day-to-day business
Fund-Raising Committee

• Works with the Board to generate grants and donations, from organizations and individuals; actively markets TIF
Grants Evaluation Committee

• Recommends to the Board on priorities for grants in any 12-month period
• Considers applications and recommend grants to successful applicants to the Board
• Advises the Board on matters relating to grants
Annual grant process

ISPRS Council → Decides annual contribution → Grants Evaluation Committee

Applicant submits form → Application form on website

Inform applicant → Budget
Awards

• Travel grants for congresses, symposia, other ISPRS events
• Support of summer schools
• Congress awards
• AGSI North Africa Award
• ISPRS WEC Kennert Torlegård Travel Grant
Happy recipients

Commission III, Beijing, May 2018
Happy recipients

Commission II,
Riva del Gardia, June 2018
Happy recipients

Commission IV, Delft, October 2018
Happy recipients

Commission I, Karlsruhe, October 2018
Happy recipients

Commission V,
Dehradun,
November 2018
TIF summary 2012-21

![TIF Summary 2012 - 2021](chart.png)
How does TIF communicate?

• Press releases on ISPRS website
• Input to ISPRS eBulletin
• Reports written by award recipients
• Periodic reports
• Networking
  – Individual to individual
  – ISPRS Council
  – ISPRS committees, e.g. ISAC, IIAC
What can you do to help?

- From time to time we need a trustee
- Fund-Raising Committee needs more members - to cover the globe better
- Donations are essential
- Get involved with fund-raising activities
- Use this PowerPoint!
Donations

• Two types – restricted and unrestricted
  – Restricted donations are designated for application to a specific grant category
  – Unrestricted donations may be applied to any grant category
Resources

• On the ISPRS home page, www.isprs.org, click on

http://www.isprs.org/foundation/, which is the TIF

home page

• What is TIF?

http://www.isprs.org/foundation/foundation/default.aspx

• How TIF works

http://www.isprs.org/foundation/foundation/work.aspx

• Bylaws


• Brochure

Thank you

• Please contact me for further discussion
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