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

Summer School

Recipients of TIF travel grants

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?
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

• New committee

• Works with the Board to generate grants and donations, for organizations and individuals; actively markets TIF

• Purpose is raising funds
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

Budget

Grants Evaluation Committee

Applicant submits form

Application form on website

Inform applicant
Awards

- Travel grants for congresses, symposia, other ISPRS events
- Support of summer schools
- Congress awards
- AGSI North Africa Award 2020
- IGI Africa Ambassador Award
- ISPRS WEC Kennert Torlegård Travel Grant

Out of Africa ... come remarkable students

IGI Africa Ambassador Award 2018

IGI - Integrated Geospatial Innovations, Kreuztal, Germany is an innovative vendor of photogrammetric hardware, software and workflows. IGI is very pleased to continue to offer its IGI Ambassador Award via The ISPRS Foundation (TIF) to young scientists in photogrammetry and laser scanning from regionally under-represented African countries in the geospatial sciences and technology fields. The award allows for visits to IGI's offices in Kreuztal and active participation at ISPRS Workshops, Conferences and Symposia.

The recipients will prepare comprehensive reports about all visits funded by this award for publication on IGI and ISPRS/TIF websites and newsletters. They will become an IGI ambassador for all IGI products and workflows.

Further details are at [link to press release]. Deadline for applications to TIF Operations Officer John Trinder (j.trinder@unsw.edu.au) is 1 February 2018.
Happy recipient

TIF IGI Africa Ambassador recipient Muna Ali at IGI mbH, Kreuztal, Germany, March 2016
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 V, Dehradun, November 2018
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
  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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