

ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information – Report 2011

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Introduction

In December 2010 I was approached by the President of ISPRS, Orhan ALTAN, whether to accept the function of editor-in-chief of the newly founded open access journal “ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information”. After brief consultation and consideration I accepted the function. In the beginning of 2011 several colleagues were approached to become members of the editorial board. The process took until late spring and currently the journal has 26 members of the editorial board (a list of the members is attached as Annex 1).

On 4 May 2011 the journal was discussed at the Council meeting in Antalya.

The contract with MDPI was signed on 8 August 2011; an editorial was published on 8 September 2011. This is the official date that the journal is visible on the Web. Mr. Elvis WANG of MDPI was assigned as assistant editor and is the primary contact to MDPI.

Promotion of Journal

The journal has been promoted (will be promoted) at the following events:

Event	Date and Venue	Remarks
International Symposium on Dynamic and Multi-Dimensional GIS, DMGIS 2011	17 – 18 October 2011, Shanghai, China	Promotion only, the proceedings were already arranged otherwise
United Nations International Conference on Space-based Technologies for Disaster Risk Management	22 – 25 November 2011, Beijing, China	Selected papers will be published as special issue in spring 2012
International Symposium on Remote Sensing and GIS Methods for Change Detection and Spatio-Temporal Modeling, CDSM 2011	15 16 December 2011, Hong Kong, China	Promotion only, the proceedings were already arranged otherwise

A flyer should be produced that can be distributed at conferences and relevant events or through the ISPRS web page, e-bulletin, and other means.

Discussion with MDPI

On 21 November 2011 I had a meeting with Mr. Elvis WANG in Beijing. The major results of the meeting are summarized as follows:

First Issue

MDPI plans the first issue of the IJGI to appear in March 2012.

Special Issues

One special issue per two months shall be set up. The topics will be supplied and discussed by and between Wolfgang KAINZ and MDPI. The first special issue should be on the topics of the “United Nations International Conference on Space-based Technologies for Disaster Risk Management” which was held 22 to 25 November 2011 in Beijing. The guest editor will be Dr. Shirish RAVAN of the UN SPIDER office Beijing.

Involvement of ISPRS Council and Working Groups

Wolfgang KAINZ would communicate with Council to publish some “ISPRS Position papers” defining the state-of-the-art or presenting what is important now in ISPRS. Working Groups will be contacted to contribute papers or edit ISPRS IJGI relevant special issues; in particular as results of their symposia and workshops.

Promotion of the Journal

Wolfgang KAINZ will promote the journal at all relevant events he attends; Council is asked to promote the journal, e.g., at keynote speeches and other representative events. In particular the following actions should/will be taken to increase the visibility and attractiveness of the journal:

- Promoting the journal at the 2012 Congress in Melbourne by e.g.,
 - Advertisement in the Congress program book
 - Mentioning in keynote/opening speeches
 - Distribution of journal leaflet in congress bag and exhibition area
 - Etc.
- Preparation of a journal leaflet in cooperation with MDPI (the costs for printing need to be discussed with MDPI; Wolfgang KAINZ will approach MDPI on that issue).
- Christopher PETTIT and Andy SMITH have been contacted by Wolfgang KAINZ concerning the promotion of the ISPRS IJGI in the ISPRS Blog.
- An article about the journal appeared in the ISPRS e-Bulletin, Issue No 6 – 2011. Further articles will be published announcing special issues and further relevant information.

Review Process

Wolfgang KAINZ will receive regular reports (on a weekly basis) from MDPI with submitted papers and proposed reviewers.

Article Processing Charge-free Period

As agreed in the contract with MDPI the first two years no authors’ fees will have to be paid. Since the contract with MDPI was signed on 8 August 2011, there were nearly no submissions in 2011, and MDPI plans the first issue for 2012, it should be discussed to extend the ACP-free period with one year until 31 December 2013.

Plans for 2012

- First issue in March 2012 (special issue of UN SPIDER conference)
- Special issue with position papers (from Council members)
- List of other special issues to be prepared shortly
- Active advertisement for paper submissions through direct mailings etc.
- TCs (and their WGs) will be approached for special issues and individual paper submissions
- Clarification with MDPI concerning extension of APC-free period

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