

ISPRS Council Meeting held in Beijing

The first annual meeting of ISPRS Council was held in China Surveying and Mapping Innovation Base, Beijing, China from February 15 to 17, 2012, and was hosted by National Geomatics Center of China (NGCC). Mr. XU Deming, vice minister of Ministry of Land and Resources, and director general of National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geo-Information (NASG), met with ISPRS council members. A seminar on Geographic Monitoring and Analysis was held in the afternoon of April 16. ISPRS council paid technical visits to NASG, Center for Earth Observation and Digital Earth (CEODE) and NGCC.

During the meeting with ISPRS Council members, Mr. Xu Deming introduced the latest progress in the field of surveying, mapping and geo-information. He expressed that China will continue to support ISPRS. Orhan Altan, ISPRS president thanked NASG for the strong support on ISPRS works and outstanding contributions. He appreciated NASG's role in promoting the development and cooperation of international surveying, mapping and geo-information. ISPRS Council members visited the China Science Museum of Surveying and Mapping after the meeting.



The council meeting discussed a number of issues, including the preparation of the Congress, individual membership, policy and strategic plan, publications, awards etc. Cliff Ogleby, ISPRS Congress Director reported the progress on preparation of Congress, such as exhibitors, sponsors, technical program etc. The numbers of abstracts, allocated oral sessions for each Technical Commissions have been sent to Technical Commission Presidents. 12 plenary speakers and chair

persons of four plenary sessions were finalized and will be announced on Congress webpage. Prof. John Trinder, ISPRS Honorary Member attended the council meeting as a special advisor. ISPRS Secretariat staffs attended the meeting as well.



A special seminar on geographic monitoring and analysis was organized jointly by ISPRS Secretariat, Chinese Society of Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography (CSGPC) and Technology and International Cooperation Dept., NASG. Chen Jun, ISPRS Secretary General chaired the seminar and Mr. Li Pengde, Deputy Director General of NASG gave a welcome speech. Orhan Altan gave a presentation on the use of Geo-Information technologies in disaster management. Ian Dowman, ISPRS First Vice President presented European activities in monitoring using earth observation. Ammatzia Peled, Second Vice President talked about towards autonomous updating of spatial databases. Cliff Ogleby's presentation was focused on the Monitoring Cultural Heritage at Risk. Mike Renslow, ISPRS Treasurer summarized the 20 Years experience of USA National Land Cover Database. John Trinder presented latest research on Airborne lidar resource inventory in NSW softwood plantations. Moreover, Prof. Deren Li presented the first result from newly launched Chinese Mapping Satellite ZY3. More than 200 participants from ISPRS Working Groups, ISPRS Sustaining Members, institutes, universities, companies of Beijing attended the seminar.