

## ICSU GeoUnions meeting

ICSU is a non-governmental organization ([www.iscu.org](http://www.iscu.org)) with a global membership of national scientific bodies (121 Members, representing 141 countries) and International Scientific Unions (30 Members). ICSU's mission is to strengthen international science for the benefit of society. Planning and coordinating research, science for policy and strengthening the universality of science are the three key areas of the Council's activities. ICSU is frequently called upon to speak on behalf of the global scientific community and to act as an advisor in matters ranging from the environment to conduct in science. The 30th General Assembly of ICSU endorsed several new scientific initiatives, such as Earth System Sustainability Initiative, and Health and Wellbeing in the Changing Urban Environment.

ISPRS is one of the eight unions of the Geo-Unions cluster in ICSU, namely they are;

IAU International Astronomical Union

IGU International Geographical Union

ISPRS International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

INQUA International Union for Quaternary Research

IUSS International Union of Soil Sciences

IUGS International Union of Geological Sciences

IUGG International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics

URSI Unions Radio Science International

ISPRS plays an active role in ICUS activities, such as the health and well-being studies, and disaster management-related programs and with a wealth of relevant experience and expertise in interdisciplinary research and cooperation. The GeoUnions have met on the invitation of Orhan ALTAN, recently elected member of ICSU Executive Board on the 28-29<sup>th</sup> of April in Istanbul. They have discussed several issues as; Updates from the Unions, Joint Geo-Union actions (VALID and ENHAS Projects, International Year of Deltas) and GeoUnions roles in different ICSU Projects.

The group will meet in Paris next year during the UNNONS Meeting days



The participants of the meeting at an excursion in Istanbul