

New possibilities for publishing ISPRS proceedings

In order to better serve the ISPRS community and to further increase the quality of the ISPRS proceedings, *The International Archives of the Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences* and the *ISPRS Annals of the Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences*, Council has recently signed a new contract, covering the period of Jan. 2015 to Dec. 2018 with its proceedings publisher, Copernicus GmbH of Göttingen, Germany.

As of 1st January 2015, ISPRS event organisers have a new service package to assist in publishing proceedings. Using Copernicus' "Service Package D", organisers will be able to carry out all aspects of paper submission and review for both the *Archives* (review based on abstracts) and the *Annals* (peer review based on full-papers). Organisers will be required to provide Copernicus with camera-ready manuscripts in pdf format, together with the respective metadata, four to six weeks prior to the scheduled meeting, depending on the size of the event. Note, it is the responsibility of the ISPRS event organiser to ensure that all papers adhere to the ISPRS Guidelines for Authors.

Copernicus will then publish the papers online and open access in the required style on the ISPRS webpages ahead of the meeting. Copernicus will also be responsible for long-term storage and availability of the papers. In addition, Council will undertake all necessary steps to ensure that the proceedings are included in the major science citation indices.

Use of Service Package D is mandatory for all ISPRS events producing *Archives* and/or *Annals* in order to ensure a consistent publication of the proceedings, a necessary pre-requisite for the proceedings to be included in the science citation indices. There is a flat rate of €12.00 + taxes per published paper for this service.

Organisers of ISPRS events should be contacted directly by Copernicus immediately after approval of the meeting by the ISPRS Secretary General. In addition to the mandatory Service Package D, organisers can also opt to have Copernicus assist them in event organisation through optional Service Packages A (abstract and programme paper management) and/or B (registration management). In contrast to the previous framework contract the use of Service Package A is not mandatory anymore. More information on the new contract is available from ISPRS Headquarters, isprs-sg@ipi.uni-hannover.de and Copernicus, info@copernicus.org.

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