

ISPRS Book Series: A Policy Change After Decade

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Dear Members of the ISPRS,

As you may know, the ISPRS Book Series has undergone a development of 10 years since the publication of first ISPRS Book published in 2004. During this period, quality papers presented at from various ISPRS Working Group Workshops are published in a form of “edited book” and published in this series. As a result, this book series has served as a good communication means for the ISPRS Community.

However, at the 22nd Congress held in 2012 at Melbourne, AUSTRALIA, the ISPRS Council has introduced a new publication series – ISPRS Annals, which will publish the double-blind peer reviewed full papers presented at ISPRS events. This, in effect, has made the ISPRS book series redundant in its former role.

After two years discussions and debate, a consensus has been reached that there is still a role for ISPRS book series to play in the future, but in a way different from the previous one. The ISPRS book editor feels that there is a demand for authored books as textbooks and has proposed the direction of authored books for the series. This proposal has been approved by Council. The books published in this series will be nominated for Karl Kraus Award in the future.

With the publication of authored books ISPRS strives to serve the needs of the ISPRS Community. To encourage members to publish authored books in this series, Council decided that all royalties for the books will go to the authors. ISPRS and the series editor receive no financial advantage from the publication.

All in all, members are encouraged and welcome to publish authored books in this series. If you have any suggestions, please contact Zhilin Li, the series editor, at lszlli@polyu.edu.hk.