

ISPRS MEMBERSHIP AND STATE OF AFFAIRS

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The current membership of ISPRS is:

Ordinary Members: 99

Sustaining Members: 40

Regional Members: 7

Associate Members: 8

Two new Ordinary Members joined the Society in 1997, these are Botswana and Eritrea. It is encouraging to see the increased African interest in ISPRS and further efforts will be made to attract new Ordinary Members. Unfortunately Mexico discontinued its membership, but it is hoped that a new Mexican society will be formed in the near future resulting in a re-establishment of Mexican membership. The membership of Slovenia has changed to the Section of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, the Association of Slovenia Surveyors. China-Taipei upgraded their category from 3 to 4.

There are 40 Sustaining Members including five new members, ERIM, the Paul Getty Trust, Survey and Development Ltd, CORE and LH Systems. The Indian National Remote Sensing Agency has changed its category from A to D and Carl Zeiss has changed its category of membership from A to C

No new Regional Members have joined the Society.

The category of Associate Members, which was established during the Vienna Congress, has now 8 members including the new members Suparco and the Agustin Codazzi Geographic Institute of Colombia.

ISPRS welcomes the new members and looks forward to a long-lasting and fruitful association with them.

Invoices for the payment of the 1997 subscriptions were sent out in February/March 1997, followed up by reminders in July. By the date of this report 44 Ordinary Members (44%), 29 Sustaining Members (74%), 6 Regional Members (85%) and 2 Associate Members (25%) have paid their dues. These percentages do not translate directly into percentages of the annual subscription amounts due to the different categories with their different subscription rates. The percentages of sums paid in relation to the amounts due for each of the four groups including arrears are: 61% for Ordinary Members, 78% for Sustaining Members, 85% for Regional members and 76% for Associate Members.

The total amount of dues outstanding is SFr 51,359. This sum includes an amount SFr 24,766 of arrears for previous years. The 1997 budget anticipated an amount of SFr 10,000 for unpaid subscriptions. Unfortunately the figures given above show that this was an overoptimistic assumption.

The following table gives a further breakdown of the state of subscription payments:

State of affairs Dec-97	Subscriptions due for 1997	Arrears from previous years	Subscriptions paid in 1997 including arrears	Remaining total dues including arrears	Number of paid Memberships
Ordinary Members	70,000	19,332	54,540	34,792	44 or 44%
Sustaining Members	39,200	10,809	38,808	11,201	29 or 74%
Regional Members	700	432	966	166	6 or 85%
Associate Members	1,700	0	1,300	400	2 or 24%
Totals	111,600	30,573	65,041	46,559	81 or 53%

The Society's investments have earned SFr 15,957 in 1997.

Expenditures of the Society during 1997 covered Council activities, subscription to international societies and the introduction of Highlights, the Society's newsletter.

Despite the shortfall in income from subscriptions, the Society remains in a very sound financial position. The Society's accounts were presented to Financial Commission for auditing.

The treasurer represented ISPRS at the CIPA International Symposium in October in Göteborg, Sweden and at two advisory Committee meetings of the 'Program on Environment Information Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa' in March in Antananarivo, Madagascar and in June in Gaborone, Botswana.

NEW SUSTAINING MEMBERS

ISPRS is pleased to welcome the following new Sustaining Members

LH Systems, LLC

LH Systems, LLC, is a joint venture company of Leica Geosystems AG (Heerbrugg, Switzerland) and GDE Systems, Inc. (San Diego, California, USA). It was founded on 1 June 1997 to take over the Leica photogrammetry and aerial camera systems business on a world-wide basis and the commercial photogrammetry systems business of the Helava Associates, Inc., subsidiary of GDE Systems. Product lines include the Leica brand aerial camera systems (RC30, PAV30), flight management system (ASCOT), photo interpretation equipment (APT2, ST4, TSP1) and analytical plotters (SD2000/3000), and the Helava photogrammetric scanner (DSW300) and digital photogrammetric software suite (SOCET SET®). LH Systems operates with a distribution network consisting of direct outlets, Leica selling units and appointed

representatives. LH Systems is designed to compete effectively in the systems business, stressing flexibility, fast response, technically and commercially imaginative solutions, and the recognition that in today's rapidly changing photogrammetric world, every customer is different from every other.

ERIM Conferences

ERIM Conferences contributes significantly to high technology information transfer in civilian remote sensing by administering several series of technical conferences including:

- International Conferences on Geologic Remote Sensing
- International Conferences on Remote Sensing for Marine and Coastal Environments
- International Airborne Remote Sensing Conference and Exhibition
- International Conference on Geospatial Information in Agriculture and Forestry

All conferences are international with respect to programs, program committees, and often location. Proceedings are published and made available to the public. These conferences help to advance the parent organisation's mission of promoting a safe, clean and stable world environment.

Core Software Technology

CORE Software Technology (CST) is the developer of the world's only commercial on-line geospatial (image, cartographic, & demographic) indexing and distribution system, known as ImageNet(SM). CST develops and distributes client-server and application software and primarily uses its software products as a delivery vehicle for ImageNet services. Through the global implementation of ImageNet CST has become a leader in the distribution of geospatial information products worldwide and allows other commercial software to access its services.

CST is building a global, on-line database and distribution infrastructure consisting of commercial and public data providers. ImageNet addresses the information access requirements of a public policy movement to maximize the benefits of existing scientific and geographic information and analysis tools in Earth Observation/Global Change and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

CST products range from sophisticated image processing software to archive management and distribution software. ImageNet is currently CST's highest selling package and is focused on facilitating access to information, and ultimately the ability to provide shared access to various geospatial databases in both the public and commercial domains. ImageNet has approximately five million data records on line and has strategic partnerships with EOSAT, SPOT, Eurimage, and Sovinform Sputnik to facilitate the population of the archive and its international distribution.

Survey and Development Services Ltd (SDS)

During the mid 1970s the company entered the aerial survey market with the purchase of an aerial camera and by forming an association with Photarc Surveys Ltd of Leeds,

a specialist Photogrammetric company. This working partnership continues to operate successfully today. In 1991, Survey & Development Services Ltd purchased a Zeiss P3 analytical photogrammetric system to be operated by Photarc.

One example of this commitment is the company's research and development effort, in conjunction with a group of companies throughout Europe, to bring to the market a revolutionary new field survey system based on Real Time Kinematic GPS linked to rugged field computers with powerful data collection software. Another is the company's purchase of the PHODIS digital photogrammetric system, the first in the UK, which puts SDS at the forefront of mapping technology and opens up exciting possibilities for developing the use of digital orthophotomaps. In order to expand into the digital photogrammetric market three VirtuoZo softcopy systems were purchased towards the end of 1996.

The Directors of Survey & Development Services Ltd have now formed a Joint Venture company with VirtuoZo Systems Pty Ltd, which will market VirtuoZo software throughout Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Getty Conservation Institute

Getty Conservation Institute is involved in all aspects of conservation of architectural and archaeological monuments by digital survey, including photogrammetry, GIS and remote sensing. They seek collaboration with professional organisations and individuals involved in these activities.