

Editorial

ISPRS in Numbers

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One Hundred and Three Ordinary Members

This is actually our Society in (poetic) numbers, which I find more attractive than the digits we have to crunch each reporting period. These are more attractive as we understand they are standing for people. These are the individuals who, together, are changing the shape of our Society and our sciences. Less than a year, after about 2,000 scientists grouped in Amsterdam for the XIX Congress, we may count over 10 ISPRS sponsored scientific meetings, symposia and workshop. Over 10 such meetings are scheduled only to the last quarter of this year. As encouraged by Council, some of these meetings are co-sponsored by our sister societies and other organisations. This is an important trend. Not only increased is the number (again) of individuals, involved in such scientific and professional efforts but also are their dimensions, in terms of disciplines, complexity, challenge and the correlation to high valued issues of our modern society.

Numbers show also about 30 members who are over due in terms of their annual contributions. Furthermore, some of these societies are actually defunct. So, again, It is not only the dry fact that these members accumulated a debt of about SWF 60,000 at the end of the 1996-2000 term. It is a situation were scientists and professionals of these countries are kept away from our Society' activities. It is also the lose of our Society that these individuals are not participating in our scientific and professional activities. Thus, When approaching such defaulting members, as general Assembly referred to, It is their scientific rather than monetary contribution, we are seeking.

Council members are taking after General Assembly resolution and are trying to re-establish the standing of many defaulting members. In some cases we are lucky to reconnect with the 'sleepy' Society. This immediately reflected both in revenues and in recruiting new members to the WG work. In some instances the only known point of

contact is too old and has no bearing on the current situation of that particular Member Society. Nevertheless, it is our mutual duty and privilege to further our efforts, with your help, to re-start the international scientific and professional activities of these members.

As gloomy as the last tales of numbers seem, our Society financial situation is very strong. Within my duty as Treasurer, I had the privilege to present a deficit budget for the Fiscal Year 2001 (1.4.2001-31.3.2002). The sum of SWF 10,000, shown on the red, was exactly the value offered to scientific efforts. One of the workshops, sponsored by Commission VI in Africa, will be the first to earn such support. The modest support will enable the organisers to lower fees and to invite some individuals that are needed to carry such workshops. Used wisely and modestly, even little numbers may act magnanimously. Other TCPs and WG chairs, are also encouraged to organise workshops and symposia at places were the our scientific gospel is mostly needed rather than at their home cities or Countries. This type of co-operation, within our society and scientific community, will further our goals and foster our objectives as expeditiously as before, if not more. In addition we will benefit from the interaction and collaboration of newcomers that will further the basis of our scientific community, at present and will re-insure our continuous activities, in and for the future.

Saying all that, in the spirit of co-operation, please make sure your National/Regional/Associate Member Society has paid its annual contribution. I'll take care of the Sustaining Members.

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