

ISAC Recommendations on SI and ECBI Projects

Upon the request of Council, the ISPRS Science Advisory Committee (ISAC) carried out an independent evaluation of the ISPRS Scientific Initiatives (SI) and the Education and Capacity Building Initiatives (ECBI). This assessment took a comprehensive review of 20 past SI and ECBI projects and concluded that the programme has been working well and has provided good value to ISPRS and those involved in working groups and Technical Commissions.

ISAC suggested that the programme should continue and provided a number of recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the projects, particularly in promoting the findings and use of the project data to non-ISPRS individuals and organisations. Some recommendations useful for preparing 2022 ECBI proposals are summarized here:

- Emphasizes the key benefits that ISPRS expects.
- Include well-defined targets to help to obtain a successful outcome.
- Involve multiple groups and organisations, for example include more than one ISPRS working group and other international organisations.
- Ensure that the proposed project is suited to local conditions.
- Include workshops where relevant, for workshops with a training element, provide material suitable for a wide range of understanding and expertise.
- Education projects should consider working with teaching organisations.
- Make the project results free and openly available where possible.
- Make the project website available for a specified period, e.g., 5 years.
- Plan to ensure the data collected and/or created by the project is available to both ISPRS community and non-ISPRS organizations.