

Decisions of the General Assembly – ISPRS XXth Congress

Ratification of Council Actions

The General Assembly:

- Ratified the actions of Council to register ISPRS as a Not for Profit Corporation in Maryland USA
- Rescinded the postal vote to change bylaws so that ISPRS could register in Switzerland
- Ratified the appointment of the ISPRS Lawyer
- Ratified the establishment of the ISPRS Foundation

Awards and MoUs

The General Assembly ratified the following:

- Acceptance of the Wang Zhizhuo Award from China
- Revision of Terms of Reference for Awards
- Acceptance of Gifts for Young Authors and CATCon
- Signing Memoranda of Understanding with: SPIE, IEEE-GRSS, UN Office of Outer Space Affairs

Ratification of Contracts

The General Assembly ratified the following contracts:

- GITC for distributing the Archives
- ISPRS Marketing Manager
- GITC for publishing Highlights
- Elsevier for publishing the ISPRS Journal
- Swets and Zeitlinger to publish the ISPRS Book Series
- ISPRS Webmaster
- Congress Director and Magister Tours for the Congress
- Seven Members for hosting Technical Commission Symposia.

Membership

The General Assembly

- Admitted a new Regional Member from Kenya – Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD)
- Deceased the category of India from 8 to 6
- Raised the category of Turkey and Israel
- Expelled 14 Ordinary Members for non payment of subscriptions
- Approved expulsion of 6 Ordinary members in 2 years time if subscriptions not paid
- Expelled 3 Associate Members for non payment of subscriptions
- Approved expulsion of 1 Associate Member in 2 years time if subscriptions not paid
- Approved expulsion of 1 Regional Member for non payment of subscriptions

Elections

The General Assembly elected the Members to Host the Technical Commissions 2004 - 2008:

- **Commission I** **France** with Alain Baudoin as Commission President

- **Commission II** **Austria** with Dr. Wolfgang Kainz as Commission President
- **Commission III** **Germany** with Prof. Dr Wolfgang Förstner as Commission President
- **Commission IV** **India** with Mr. Shailesh Nayak as Commission President
- **Commission V** **Germany** with Prof Dr. Hans-Gerd Maas as Commission President
- **Commission VI** **Japan** with Dr. Kohei Cho as Commission President
- **Commission VII** **Netherlands** with Prof. John van Genderen as Commission President
- **Commission VIII** **Israel** with Dr. Ammatzia Peled as Commission President

Elections

The General Assembly:

- elected China to host the 2008 Congress.
- elected, ratified or appointed Council for 2004 - 2008:
 - President Ian Dowman, United Kingdom
 - Secretary General Orhan Altan, Turkey
 - Congress Director Chen Jun, China
 - Treasurer Stanley Morain, USA
 - 1st Vice President John Trinder, Australia
 - 2nd Vice President Emmanuel Baltsavias

Elections

The General Assembly:

- elected the Financial Commission for 2004-2008
 - Petros Patias (Chair) Greece
 - Costas Armenakis Canada
 - Lena Halounová Czech Republic

Statutes, Bylaws and Resolutions

The General Assembly:

- Approved changes to the Statutes and Bylaws
- Authorised Council to consider expanding the number of Honorary Members
- Approved the Resolutions for 2004 – 2008
- Agreed not to change the unit of subscription
- Approved the establishment of a new category (E) of Sustaining Member