

## ISC GeoUnion Steering Committee meeting

### Virtual Meeting

14 December 2020, 15:00 – 17:00 CET

#### Present:

Teresa Lago	IAU SG
Ewine F. van Dishoeck	IAU P
Tim Trainor	ICA P
Michael Meadows	IGU P
RB Singh	IGU, SG, Tr
Thijs van Kolschoten	INQUA P
Orhan Altan	ISPRS P (2008-2012), HM
Lena Halounová	ISPRS SG, GeoUnion Vice Chair
Kathryn Whaler	IUGG P
Harsh K. Gupta	IUGG PP (2015-2019)
John Ludden	IUGS, P
Makoto Ando	URSI P
Paul Cannon	URSI PP

#### Guest

Alik Ismail-Zadeh                      ISC Governing Board, IUGG Secretary General (2006-2019)

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### 1. Welcome of Vice Chair

Lena Halounová (LH) welcomed all participants.

#### 2. Introduction of participants

All participants introduced themselves.

#### 3. Approval of the Agenda

The proposed Agenda was approved

#### 4. Appointment of the new Chair and election of a Vice-Chair

LH informed all members that Allan Ashworth resigned from his position of the GeoUnions (GUs) Chair. The Vice-Chair takes over the position of Chair and therefore LH was approved as a new Chair for the following two years. She proposed Michael Meadows, IGU President, to the Vice-Chair position. He was unanimously approved as new GU Vice-Chair.

#### 5. Approval of the Minutes of the GUs Steering Committee meeting in Paris at ISC, July 30, 2019.

The Minutes were approved with two changes. The 2019 Minutes are sent together with this draft of Minutes.

#### 6. GUs Matrix table update

The Matrix table was updated by IUGS and URSI details and will be available together with this draft of Minutes.

#### 7. Important news and changes of GUs members – new representatives

There are new presidents of GeoUnions: Michael Meadows - IGU (2020 – 2024), John Ludden – IUGS (2020 – 2024).

#### **8. GUs Steering Committee members**

LH will send an updated list of the Steering Committee together with this draft of the Minutes.

#### **9. Reaction to the COVID-19 situation in individual Unions**

This item was not discussed due to the time constraints. However, several unions postponed their General Assembly – ISPRS to July 2021 up to now, IGU to August 2021. Many events have been postponed or held virtually.

Message from URSI related to the COVID-19 impact and changes in the future event schedule:

URSI has changed the year/date of the 3 Flagship meetings as follows.

- *General Assembly and Scientific Symposium (GASS2020-->GASS2021)*  
28 August - 4 Sept. 2021 Rome (POSTPONED by 1 year)
- *Atlantic Radio Science Conference (AT-RASC2021-->AT-RASC2022)*  
30 May-4 June 2022 Gran Canaria (POSTPONED by 1 year)
- *Asia-Pacific Radio Science Conference (AP-RASC2022)*  
20-25 August 2022 Sydney (Stay)

After 2023, three flagship meetings will be held annually as the conventional triennial cycle, so as to minimize the long term conflicts with other Unions.

- GASS2023, Sapporo
- AT-RASC2024
- AP-RASC2025

#### **10. News from the ISC Governing Board**

Alik Ismail-Zadeh informed on news from ISC. His presentation is attached.

#### **11. ISC GeoUnions Ad hoc Committee on Risk and Disaster Management**

Orhan Altan presented the Ad hoc Committee. The intention to create the Committee was announced at the GUs meeting in 2019. He made a presentation on the developments and it is attached to the minutes.

It is suggested that this committee should be a long standing one; and therefore, the name should be changed from ISC GeoUnions Ad hoc Committee on Risk and Disaster Management to “ISC GeoUnions Standing Committee on Risk and Disaster Management”

Another suggestion is that, since disasters have social impacts and including additional members from the Social Sciences into the committee should be considered. A good transfer point could be to use IGU as a contact point (and as Prof R.B Singh is a Sec. Gen. of this society he could serve; but including Mike Meadows (Pres. of IGU) and Prof. Harsh Gupta (who was very successful in the past) would be a good move towards this direction.

A suggestion is that the policy Briefs are a good move to awake the attention to the disasters; however, the attention of the policy makers should also be considered. Therefore, UN Committees like UN GGIM, UN DRR and UN SPIDER should be contacted.

Kathryn Whaler and John Ludden stressed that a cooperation with social scientists will be useful and promised to prepare a short document on this issue.

#### **12. Any other business**

a. Next GU Meeting

The next meeting will be decided later.

Lena Halounová, Prague, 7 January 2021.