

ISC GeoUnion Steering Committee Meeting

July 30, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

International Science Council, 5 Rue Auguste Vacquerie, 75116 Paris, France

Present:

Teresa Lago	IAU ASG
Alik Ismail-Zadeh	ISC Governing Board, IUGG Secretary General (2006-2019)
Orhan Altan	ISPRS P (2008-2012), HM
Lena Halounová	ISPRS SG, GeoUnion Vice Chair
Kathryn Whaler I	UGG P
Harsh K. Gupta	IUGG PP (2015-2019)
Qiuming Chen	IUGS P
Takashi Kosaki	IUSS P
Makoto Ando	URSI P
Paul Cannon	URSI PP

ISC Guest:

Charles Erkelens ISC Operations Director for item 7 second part

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1. Welcome by the Vice Chair

Lena Halounová welcomed all participants.

2. Introduction of participants

All participants introduced themselves.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved with one added item concerning the ISC Budget Audit voting.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the GeoUnions Steering Committee meeting in Istanbul, November 9 – 10, 2019.

The Minutes were approved.

5. GeoUnion Matrix table update

GeoUnion Matrix (an overview about GeoUnion Members) will be updated by representatives of Unions. Lena will distribute the Matrix together with the Minutes Draft from Paris (July 29).

6. Important news and changes of GeoUnion members – new representatives, future society congresses, etc.

ICA congress was held in Tokyo in July 2019 (new Executive Committee). IUGG GA was held in Montréal in July and new Bureau and Executive Committee was elected. INQUA Congress was held in July 2019 where new Executive Committee was elected.

Lena will contact newly elected members to update their new representatives in GeoUnions for the GeoUnions website and further communication.

The 100th Anniversary of IUGG was celebrated in UNESCO on July 29, 2019. The celebration hosted members from many sister unions and organisations. H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco, the great grandson of HSH Prince Albert I, gave a speech together with representatives from UNESCO, WMO, ISC, UNDRR, and Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty Organisation. IUGG awarded among others many representatives by plaques as appreciation of their support and cooperation with IUGG.

7. News from the ISC Governing Board

Alik informed the participants that a new call for projects in selected domains for ISC members will be launched in September. Projects with new topics – not included in the call - can be also proposed. The finances will form only seed money (20 – 30 k EUR/per year). ISC representatives had meetings with potential funders for the future project funding to find additional funds for ISC projects.

ISC Budget Audits approval was discussed and Charles Erkelens ISC Operations Director was invited to the meeting. He explained all Budget items, and systems of funding by various international organisation according to questions of the participants. He confirmed that the next year budget will be processed in more descriptive details.

8. Continuation in the common GU scientific initiative in one or more from the following items:

Participants agreed to continue the preparation of the common project to get seed money for the project preparation. All unions are welcome to use an excel table (_list of SDGs, _Comments to the _list of SDGs) prepared by Lena to highlight activities of individual Unions within the SDGs and/or other activities. These activities can become topics/subtopics of the project to be proposed by GeoUnions. Lena attaches both files with these Minutes. Union representatives are welcome to share information about their Unions for the following part of the project preparation after the call for projects will have been launched. The topics which had been proposed already in Istanbul are listed below:

Earth and Space Education and Outreach.

Geoscience & Space science and developing nations

Early career scientists in geo & space sciences

Women in geo & space science

Data-driven earth and space science

Further actions on this item will continue after the launch of project topics by ISC in September.

Orhan Altan (OA) gave a summary on developments regarding the Gi4DM conference series and other activities of the ISPRS/URSI Working Group III/IVa: Disaster Assessment, Monitoring and Management. The last GI4DM was organised in 2018 and the next one will be organised in September 2019. The Springer book on the results of the 2018 conference was published in 2018 and a special issue will be published in the ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information in 2019.

OA gave a summary on developments and achievements of Disaster Management and Risk ad-hoc committees of JBGIS (renamed later to UN GGIM Geospatial Societies) and ICSU GeoUnions groups. He made a suggestion to establish an ad-hoc Working Group (WG) of ISC GeoUnions on disaster risk in order not to limit these activities to ISPRS and URSI. All participants welcomed the idea. OA agreed to chair this the ad-hoc WG and to prepare its ToRs. One of the tasks of the WG will be to coordinate the organisation Gi4DM Conference

series, but activities of the WG should not be limited only to this activity. The participants of the Paris meeting advised OA to contact several institutions to have a broader participation.

9. Next GeoUnion Meeting

Next GeoUnion Meeting will be decided later.

Lena Halounová,

Prague August 15, 2019.