

## ISC GeoUnion Steering Committee meeting

### Virtual Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> July 2022 14h00 to 16h00 CET

On site Meeting: Ecole Normale Supérieure, 45 rue d'Ulm, F-75230 Paris cedex 05

### Minutes

#### Participants:

Michael Meadows (MM)	IGU P, GeoUnions Vice Chair
Yukio Himiyama (YH)	IGU PP
Barbaros Gonencgil,	IGU SG
Pankaj Kumar (PK).	IGU Assistant SG
Nathalie Lemarchand (NL)	IGU local host
Thijs van Kolfshoten (TvK)	INQUA P (remotely)
Laura Sadori (LS)	INQUA V-P
Lena Halounová (LH)	ISPRS P, GeoUnions Chair
Orhan Altan (OA)	ISPRS Honorary Member
Kathryn Whaler (KW)	IUGG P (excused)
Edoardo Constantini (EC)	IUSS PE (remotely)
John Ludden (JL)	IUGS P (remotely)
Hiroshi Kitazato (HK)	IUGS Tr (remotely)
Makoto Ando (MA)	URSI PP (remotely)

#### Guests:

Alik Ismail-Zadeh (AIZ)	IUGG
-------------------------	------

#### 1. Welcome by Chair

LH welcomed on-site and remote participants to the hybrid meeting.

#### 2. Introduction of participants

All participants introduced themselves

#### 3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved

#### 4. Approval of the minutes of the GeoUnions Steering Committee virtual meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## **5. GeoUnions matrix table update**

The table of GeoUnions contact details was updated.

## **6. Important news from the Unions**

MM and NL provided an update on the Extraordinary Geographical Congress which was due to start in Paris the following day. The event, which celebrates the Centennial of the founding of the IGU, has attracted more than 2000 participants,

LS informed participants about the INQUA Congress which will be held in Rome on 13 – 20 July 2023. The Congress venue is Sapienza – Università di Roma. The organisers provide fellowships for young scientists (More at <https://inquareoma2023.org>).

AIZ highlighted IUGG events. IUGG is now between General Assemblies. In a four-year cycle, the first and third years are dedicated to combined conferences, the second year is reserved for scientific conferences of the individual associations; The next General Assembly will take place in Berlin on 11-20 July 2023.

HK invited GeoUnion members to the IUGS 60th anniversary event to be held in Zumaia, Basque Coast, Spain, 25 - 28 October 2022. The event is entitled 'First 100 IUGS Geological Heritage Sites' (more at <https://geoparkea.eus/en/about-geopark/projects/iugs-globalgeosites>).

MA reported by email the following details from URSI: 1. AT-AP RASC was held in hybrid mode in Gran Canaria in May-June 2022. About 800 registrations included around 500 on-site participants. 2. Report on the status of Disaster Risk Management WG with ISC was given by V.P. Manara, together with the URSI plan. 3. URSI will return to its pre-COVID triennial flagship meeting schedule as follows: Sapporo, Aug. 2023 (Physical), AT-RASC in May 2024, AP-RASC in Sydney Aug. 2025. Conflict with meetings of other Union should be minimized. 4. AdHoc WG for URSI-ITU relationship is being organized in time for the Sapporo meeting for response and advice to ITU SG. 5. Patricia Doherty, one of our four Vice presidents and immediate past chair Commission G, has passed away

LH noted that the the XXIV ISPRS Congress took place in Nice, France on 6 – 11 July 2022. The Congress GA heralded a new phase for the Society under the direction of a Council and a new scientific structure which will be finalised in the autumn 2022. The next Congress will take place in Toronto in 2026.

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

AIZ shared highlights of his discussion with Peter Gluckman, ISC President, in his role as Senior Advisor to the Governing Board. The ISC report entitled: *Unprecedented and Unfinished: COVID-19 and Implications for National and Global Policy* (<https://council.science/publications/covid19-unprecedented-and-unfinished/>) is a result of the Council's [COVID-19 Outcome Scenarios](#) Project. The newly established ISC Fellow programme has 60 members with 10 earth scientists. The World Science Forum will take place in Cape Town on 6 – 9 December 2022. OA noted that natural sciences has been losing its power in ISC. Support from UN would be useful. YH stressed the importance of support for across-the-board education in ISC activities.

## **8. GeoUnions 'white paper' (Altan, Gupta)**

There has been no further progress on this issue.

## **9. ISC GeoUnions Standing Committee on Risk and Disaster Management**

OA reported on ISRSE (International Symposium on Remote Sensing of Environment) conference organised by ICORSE (the International Committee On Remote Sensing of Environment) which is an ISPRS standing Committee. It will be held in Antalya on 23 – 28 April.

OA also highlighted activities being undertaken by the Standing Committee on Risk and Disaster Management. AIZ noted the need for this body to cooperate with IRDR.

#### **10. International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD)**

The main goal of IYBSSD for scientists from all the basic disciplines is to mobilise, in order to highlight the importance of their contributions towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. It was agreed to develop a webinar series dedicated to IYBSSD and that GUs will be invited to confirm the participation of their respective unions and, by the end of August, to propose topics and speakers for these webinars. AIZ agreed to approach ISC to endorse and promote the series, for which an appropriate title needs to be found.

#### **11. GeoUnions 'position paper' (Meadows, Whaler, Ludden)**

No progress to report on this item

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

None

#### **13. Next GU Meeting**

The date of the teleconference on the webinars will be decided by Doodle for September.

The meeting adjourned at 16h00.