

ISPRS Student Consortium Statutes

Statute 1 – Name and Mission

The ISPRS Student Consortium (SC) was established in July 2004 during the 20th ISPRS Congress in Istanbul, Turkey. The main purpose of the SC is to link students, young researchers and professionals in different countries, who are interested in the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences, to provide a platform for exchange of information, to organize student-specific events and other actions that integrate students and youth more effectively into ISPRS activities.

Statute 2 – Activities

The main activities consist of, but are not limited to:

- Promotion of ISPRS and the profession to youth and integration of them into ISPRS structure and activities
- Organization of scientific and social activities for youths
- Measures to enable stronger participation of youths in ISPRS events including low registration fees, scholarships etc.
- Acquiring sponsors, and cooperation with the ISPRS Foundation to financially support youths to attend SC and ISPRS events
- Publications
- Establishment of a SC WEB site
- Communication with SC members
- Recruitment of SC members in all regions
- Organisation of activities at ISPRS Congresses
- Educational and training activities, such as summer schools and tutorials, especially in connection with other events
- Coordination and support of regional and national activities
- Coordination and cooperation with relevant international, regional and national organizations

Statute 3 – Cooperation with International Organisations

SC participates in international student meetings, in particular the International Geodetic Students Meetings organized by the International Geodetic Students Organization. It develops relations with student organizations of ISPRS sister societies (e.g. FIG Young Surveyors), and other international and regional organizations (students of AARS, ARGEOS etc.) with which ISPRS has relations and which develop activities relevant to the aims of the SC.

Statute 4 – Membership

The types of Membership in the SC are:

1. Individual members, up to 35 years of age and for students (up to conclusion of their Ph.D.), independently of age
2. Student chapters of ISPRS members
3. Student associations of academic institutions, active in the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences
4. Academic institutions, active in the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences
5. Honorary members

Members of type 2-4 may pay membership fees according to the decision of the SC General Assembly (GA). The SC Board (see Statute 5) may waive the fees of a member, if this is appropriate. Honorary members are proposed by the SC Board for outstanding services to SC and approved by vote of the SC GA. Other members are accepted based on an application and decision by the SC Board. Removal of a member of category 2-4 requires decision by the SC GA.

Statute 5 – Organisation and Administration, Officers, Board

The direction and management of the SC shall be undertaken through the SC General Assembly and the SC Board. A dedicated WG of an ISPRS Technical Commission provides a link between SC and ISPRS, guarantees continuity in the SC activities and provides consultation and advice. Further advice is provided by the related TC President and an ISPRS Council member, who is appointed by Council as SC liaison.

The Officers of the SC shall be the Board members. Nominations of Board Members can be made by the relevant WG and SC members. The period of service of Officers shall be from the GA at which they are elected for a period of at least two years and preferably for a period of 4 years. The SC Board and its member responsibilities consist of:

1. Chair.
 - Representation of the SC to other bodies and organizations
 - Application and revision of the workplan in general and for coordination of the work of the Board members
 - Communication between the SC and relevant WG and TCP, ISPRS Council, and other ISPRS TCs and WGs, if necessary.
2. Co-Chair
 - Support of the Chair and replacement, when necessary.
 - Promotion and marketing
3. Secretary
 - Setting up, together with the Chair, the agenda of meetings, its distribution, and keeping and distribution of minutes of meetings.
 - Establishing and maintaining the member database and communication with

members.

Communication, together with the Chair, with the regional and national coordinators.

4. WEB responsible

WEB page content, in cooperation with the SC Board and the relevant WG, and for design, maintenance and update of the WEB pages.

5. Publications officer.

SC Newsletter and other publications.

Establishment of cooperation with other ISPRS Editors (e.g. with Book Series editor for publication of exceptional Ph.D theses in the Book Series, with ISPRS Journal editor for special journal issues dedicated to SC, etc.).

Additional Board members may be appointed by decision of the SC Board and approval by the ISPRS Council. Such a decision must be ratified by the next SC GA.

The Board may appoint, with the approval of the relevant WG, up to three additional Board members as regional coordinators.

The Board, in consultation with the WG, may appoint other students to help in the SC work (e.g. for Newsletter, WEB page, DB). The Board and the relevant WG determine the location, date and content of events, such as Summer Schools

Regional coordinators

One or preferably two regional coordinators shall be appointed by the Board and WG. They link the SC with countries within each region, make suggestions and provide periodically reports on activities in their region, promote the SC in their region and recruit new members.

National coordinators

One or preferably two national coordinators shall be appointed by the Board and WG. They link the SC and the regional coordinators with their country's relevant institutions, especially academic ones, student chapters, societies etc., make suggestions and provide periodically reports about activities in their country, promote the SC in their country and recruit new members.

Statute 6 – Congress

The SC in cooperation with the related WG shall organize dedicated SC activities, scientific and social, during the ISPRS Congresses, including possibly additional activities before or after the Congress. Such activities should be approved by ISPRS Council and coordinated with the Congress Director who shall provide local organizational support, a gratis SC booth at the exhibition, gratis publication of a Congress newsletter and financial support for a certain number of students/young persons, especially SC Board members .

Statute 7 – General Assembly and Voting

The General Assembly shall be the supreme authority of the SC for all decisions. In particular, it shall determine the general policy of the SC, elect its officers and decide on Statutes, membership types and annual subscription fees, if any. The GA will be convened at least during each ISPRS Congress. Other extraordinary GAs may take place at other events with decision of the SC Board and the relevant WG. The delegates of the GA are individual members and at least one representative from member types 2-4 with voting rights. The GA is open to everyone.

All members have one vote, except the honorary members who have no vote.

Decisions are taken with the absolute majority of the delegates present in the GA.

The SC Board may ask the GA to vote by email in case of urgent matters. In this case, a period of one month after sending the email should be allowed for reply. Non-replies count as positive votes.

Statute 8 - Finances

Financial matters shall be administered by the ISPRS Treasurer who shall determine the appropriate banking arrangements. If necessary, the SC board in agreement with the WG and Council may appoint a treasurer as SC Board member and establish its own bank account.

Statute 9 – Dissolution and Amalgamation

Only the General Assembly may approve a decision on dissolution of the SC or amalgamation with another international body with a majority of 2/3 of the GA delegates. Such a decision should be also approved by the ISPRS Council.

Statute 10 – Amendments to Statutes

Only the SC General Assembly has authority to amend the Statutes. Proposals for amendment should be sent to the SC Board, which should send them to the SC members at least 4 weeks before the GA. No item in the SC Statutes shall conflict with the ISPRS Statutes and Bylaws. The SC Statutes and their amendments shall be approved by the ISPRS Council before coming into effect.

Statute 11 – Other regulations

The official language of SC is English.

The official currency is Euro.

Original Statutes adopted by the ISPRS Student Consortium General Assembly of the XX1st Congress, July 2008, at Beijing, P.R. China.