

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND REMOTE
SENSING
and
EuroSDR

NOTING that the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) is an international non-governmental organization that enhances international cooperation between the worldwide organizations with interests in the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences. ISPRS achieves its aims by advancing knowledge in the areas of interest of ISPRS by encouraging and facilitating research and development, scientific networking and inter-disciplinary activities, facilitating education and training with particular emphasis in less developed countries, and enhancing public recognition of the contributions of the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences for the benefit of humankind and the sustainability of the environment.

NOTING that EuroSDR is the European spatial data research platform for National Mapping and Cadastre Agencies (NMCA's), embracing Academic Institutes, the Private Sector, Industry and User Groups, on issues strongly related to the implementation of technology developments with respect to optimising the provision (collection, processing, storage, maintenance, visualisation, dissemination and use) of reference information (data serving as a spatial framework for organisations involved in monitoring, management and development) in a Geo-information Infrastructure (GI) context, and that EUROSDR manages collaborative research projects and organises international workshops and courses, in collaboration with related (inter)national organisations and/or (scientific) societies/associations, addressing the key issues mentioned in a timely and focused manner; thus

CONCLUDING that the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and EuroSDR share a common interest in addressing issues relating to the development of technology, standards and applications for a range of geospatial data handling purposes, notably in production, visualisation, analysis and dissemination;

this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is presented to provide a framework for a continuing liaison between the two organisations. This will be achieved by maintaining and increasing the opportunities of scientific, technical and professional as well as academic and educational exchange between their members, through a continuing programme of co-operation leading to mutual sharing of knowledge and expertise to the advantage of both organisations.

Both organisations HEREBY AGREE to endeavour to intensify their co-operation for mutual benefit. The following steps will be taken, among others:

1. The relevant academic, scientific or operationally established groupings such as (technical) commissions, committees or working groups that each organisation has established will liaise closely with each other and invite representation from each other where it is agreed that it would be appropriate.
2. Each organisation will inform the other of its programme of proposed scientific, academic or professional activities such as conferences, seminars and workshops to enable joint participation should it be of mutual benefit, and publicise and inform its members of these events as appropriate.
3. Both organisations will identify opportunities to organise specialised seminars or workshops under joint sponsorship, and may also seek to promote joint publications.
4. The Strategic Plan of ISPRS and the EuroSDR Research Plan will be scrutinised to determine specific areas of common interest. Collaborative research in areas such as Sensors, Primary Data Acquisition, Georeferencing, Image Analysis, Information Extraction, Production Systems, Production Processes, Data Specifications, and Web Services are addressed by a number of ISPRS Technical Commissions and Working Groups, and EuroSDR Commissions, and collaboration will be sought especially within these areas.
5. This Memorandum will not of itself give rise to any financial implications for ISPRS or for EuroSDR;
6. This Memorandum may be modified or amended by written agreement between ISPRS and EuroSDR;
7. This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by the authorized representatives of ISPRS and EuroSDR and may be terminated by either ISPRS or EuroSDR by written notification to the other party six months in advance of the date of termination.

IN WITNESS WHITHIN, the parties hereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the 11.day of September 2013.

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President
ISPRS



Thorben Brigsted HANSEN
President
EuroSDR