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Dear ISPRS member,

first of all, a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year 2013!

This letter comes to you from the new ISPRS Council elected last year in Melbourne, Australia. After a few months of getting organized, the society is now fully operational again, and I thought this to be a very good opportunity to let you know the latest developments.

In December, we had a very productive first meeting of Council and Technical Commission Presidents at the Southwest Jiaotong University in Chengdu, China, perfectly organised by a very hospitable local host. In the meeting we have taken all necessary steps towards setting up the eight Technical Commissions under the leadership of the new Presidents:

Commission I:	Charles Toth (USA)
Commission II:	Songlian Li (Canada)
Commission III:	Konrad Schindler (Switzerland)
Commission IV:	Jiang Jie (China)
Commission V:	Fabio Remondino (Italy)
Commission VI:	Jianya Gong (China)
Commission VII:	Filiz Sunar (Turkey)
Commission VIII:	Vinay K. Dadhwal (India)

Details about the new working groups and their plans for the next four years will be available on [isprs.org](http://isprs.org) very soon.

Among other things, the Melbourne Congress saw the first volume of the ISPRS Annals. While ISPRS will continue to publish the well-known Archives, which are based on a normal review process, the new Annals are full paper, double-blind, peer reviewed proceedings. ISPRS will continue to improve its publications. For example, we are currently working with the new publisher Copernicus to have the proceedings indexed in the Web of Science.

Another point worth mentioning is that our *ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing* now ranks third on a world-wide scale of scientific remote sensing journals - a clear success of our outgoing editor-in-chief, George Vosselman. George has done a tremendous

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job and leaves office after about 10 years of service to ISPRS. He is replaced by Dr. Derek Lichti from the University of Calgary - welcome Derek and all the best in your new job!

You are encouraged to submit your latest results to the ISPRS Journal - and of course also to the *ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information*, a new open access journal managed by editor-in-chief, Wolfgang Kainz, from the University of Vienna.

Another new item in Melbourne was the introduction of individual membership for ISPRS. The new Council was tasked to develop details of this issue, which we are currently in the process of doing. We will report to you later on this development.

Here are a few other opportunities for you to participate in ISPRS activity and share your news with the world-wide community of photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information specialists:

- get involved in the work of one of the ISPRS working groups by making contact with the working group officers.
- have your scientific and/or technical meeting listed in the ISPRS Calendar (an e-mail to me is sufficient).
- send me your reports and other information from your organisation for inclusion in our electronic newsletter, the eBulletin.
- we are planning to create an industry page in the eBulletin for our sustaining members - send me an e-mail about the new products you want to see advertised on that page.
- ISPRS has a monthly page in GIM, and we were also recently offered editorial space in the magazine, *GeoInformatics* - all free of charge for non-commercial events and information. Let me know if you would like to write an editorial page in the GIM, the *Geoinformation Magazine*, on behalf of ISPRS.

You may also want to check out our new brochure at [isprs.org/publications/brochure.aspx](http://isprs.org/publications/brochure.aspx) or the new profile paper at <http://www.isprs.org/publications/profile.aspx>. You can download both as pdf files.

Finally, please check your address details that we have published on the web and let me know of any changes (see <http://www.isprs.org/members/Default.aspx> and go to your member category). Along the same lines, please let us know the names and addresses of the liaison officers for the individual TCs.

Anything else we can do for you - don't hesitate to ask!

I am looking forward to an interesting, and hopefully very successful four years of service to you as your Secretary General. I will try my best to help you with whatever issues may arise.

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I enclose a photo of the new ISPRS team, taken during the meeting in China last December.



Yours sincerely,



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