

Fifth Meeting of ISCGM



The Fifth ISCGM Meeting was held on November 20, 1998 at Griffins Lounge, Hyatt Hotel, Canberra, Australia. Prof. John E. Estes, UCSB, USA was elected as Chairperson of the committee again, and Dato' Majid was appointed as Vice Chairperson, Mr. N. Nagai as Secretary General, Dr. H. Murakami as Assistant Secretary General. Replacements of Mr. Francois Faucher by Dr. Robert O'Neil of Canada Centre for Remote Sensing, and Prof. David Rhind by Dr. Geoffrey Robinson of Ordnance Survey were announced. Mr. Drew Clarke, Chairman of SCAR-GGI, and Mr. Claude Luzet, Executive Director of MEGRIN were approved to be a new member. Dr. Tositomo Kanakubo was resigned from the advisor and Prof. Michael Wood, President of ICA was appointed as a new advisor.

The committee discussed specifications of the Global Map, invitation letters from UN to national mapping organizations in the world, and reviewed action program for the implementation of Global Mapping. As a result, the committee adopted the resolution.

Resolution of the Fifth Meeting of International Steering Committee for Global Mapping

The Fifth Meeting of the International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (here-in-after referred to as "the Committee") convened on November 20, 1998. Based on the draft Specifications and Action Program having been developed at the previous meetings, the Committee furthered the discussion on the development of the Global Map by the year 2000 and resolved that:

1. To develop and maintain the Global Map is one of the significant activities, complying with Agenda 21, for protecting the global environment, attaining the sustainable development, and securing the base of human existence, and is an important responsibility of countries in the 21st century.

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2. Development of the Global Map should be a core activity of national mapping organizations. NMOs should work with other agencies, institutions, and organizations, as appropriate, in the construction of the Global Map.
3. The Committee urges the governments of respective countries to provide financial and institutional support to national mapping organizations sufficient for the development of the Global Map.
4. Appreciating the support of the United Nations in calling countries around the world to participate in the Global Mapping Project, the Committee will make every effort to encourage countries to participate in this project.
5. The committee recognizes and appreciates the efforts of participants in the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Activity. We applaud their moves to facilitate the development of a robust geospatial data framework for the globe. Continued close cooperation, communication and collaboration with those efforts will be valuable in ensuring access to and efficient use of the Global Map.
6. The Committee endorses efforts to improve coordination with the developing GSDI and its working group activities. Therefore we recommend that the heads of each ISCGM working group or their delegates become a member of the appropriate corresponding GSDI working group.
7. The Committee adopts version 3 of the draft Global Map Specifications, developed by the Working Group 2, as Global Map Specifications version 1.0. The Working Group should maintain these specifications in accordance with technological and scientific advances in related fields such as ISO/TC211.
8. The Committee appreciates the presentation by the CEOS representative at this meeting. The Committee will specifically work with CEOS to encourage space agencies to cooperate with the Global Mapping Project and to provide remotely sensed data at nominal charge to national mapping organizations participating in this project.
9. The Committee will hold its next meeting in Cambridge, United Kingdom, hosted by Ordnance Survey on 24 July 1999.
10. The Committee extends sincere thanks to the Australian Surveying and Land Information Group, for very successfully hosting and managing the Fifth Meeting of the ISCGM in Canberra, Australia.

