

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES - 8 March 2021



After the tenth session of UN-GGIM and before the end of 2020, the two main activities of the Network were the revision of the contributions for the Open Access Book on COVID –19: Geospatial Information and Community Resilience (Abbas Rajabifard Ed) and the Elections of the new Governance of the Network. The book will be published in May 2021.

About the Elections, the new officers and board members for Jan 2021- Dec 2022 are as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

CHAIR: Maria Antonia Brovelli, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
DEPUTY CHAIR: Songnian Li, Ryerson University, Canada
SECRETARY: Ivana Ivánová, Curtin University, Australia

ADVISORY BOARD:

Cheryl Desha, Griffith University, Australia
Georg Gartner, Vienna University of Technology, Austria
Menno-Jan Kraak, University of Twente / ITC, The Netherlands
Jonathan Li , University of Waterloo, Canada
Michael Starek, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, USA
Huayi Wu, Wuhan University, China
Abbas Rajabifard, University of Melbourne, Australia (Immediate Past President)

The new Governance started immediately the following activities:

11 January 2021; 15 February 2021 Executive Board Meeting
27 January 2021; 24 February 2021 Advisory Board Meeting

Main activities of the Executive Board: updating and restyling of the website, definition of new practical procedure for the voting of new members, creation of collaborative spaces to store shared documents (for the Executive and Advisory Boards), creation of a new email address: unggim.academicnetwork@gmail.com, starting the revision of ToR.

Main activities of the Advisory Board: discussion on the update and restyling of the website and discussion on the ToR.

Main decisions:

- 1) Inclusion of a new type of member in the network: the Associate Member.

“Other organisations different from Universities, Academic Institutions and Research Centers can become Associate Members. The application procedure and acceptance are the same as for the Ordinary Members. The difference between Members and Associate Members is that the latter ones do not vote, and they are not eligible for the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board.”

- 2) Inclusion for the 2-year term of the Immediate Past Chair in the Advisory Board without participating as a candidate in the voting.

New Members: Lund University, Sweden (Ordinary)