ISO/TC 211 - Geodetic Reference Frame and Coordinate System Standards

An Overview

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Content

• ISO Technical Committee (TC) 211 – Geographic Information and Geomatics

• UN Resolution on GGRF and support by TC211

• Geodetic standards relevant to ICG/WG-D
  – 19161 - ITRS (new)
  – 19111 – Coordinate Reference System – underway is revision joint with OGC
  – 19127 - Geodetic Register (revised 2016)

• ISO Geodetic Registry

OGC – Open Geospatial Consortium
ISO/TC 211
Geographic information/Geomatics

- ISO Technical Committee (TC) 211, Geographic information/Geomatics, is one among over 200 ISO technical committees working on development and maintenance of a variety of standards.
- TC 211 is developing a suite of standards for geographic and geospatial information that forms a basis to support the understanding and usage of geographic information.
- Contribute to a unified approach to addressing global ecological and humanitarian problems
- Ease the establishment of geospatial infrastructures on local, regional and global level
- Contribute to sustainable development
ISO/TC 211 provides …

… a structure for representing geographic information in a consistent, standardized manner. It includes the **geodetic framework** for identifying where information was collected, and as required for modeling, representing, encoding and disseminating the information.

… a **significant focus is on metadata** (i.e. data about data) - facilitate the assessment of current and future data.
UN Resolution – A global geodetic reference frame (GGRF) for sustainable development

(1 of 2)

“Recognizing the importance of international cooperation, as no one country can do this alone, to realize the global geodetic reference frame and services to underpin Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) technology and provide the framework for all geospatial activity, as a key enabler of spatial data interoperability, disaster mitigation and sustainable development”
UN Resolution – A global geodetic reference frame (GGRF) for sustainable development (2 of 2)

“Urges Member States to implement open sharing of geodetic data, standards and conventions, on a voluntary basis, to contribute to the global reference frame and regional densifications through relevant national mechanisms and intergovernmental cooperation, and in coordination with the International Association of Geodesy (IAG)”
ISO/TC 211 support for GGRF

Geodetic standards
- 19111 – Spatial referencing by coordinates
- 19127 – Geodetic register

New standard
19161-1 – Geodetic references – Part 1: The International Terrestrial Reference System (ITRS)

- Proposed standard preceded by published technical report (TR)
  - TR 19161 – Geodetic references
  - Preparation of TR led by France’s national standards body
  - Initiative is outcome of Resolution adopted by IAG at 2007 IUGG Assembly
  - TR recommended development of standards related to ITRS, vertical references, geodetic terms & definitions, etc.

- 19161-1
  - Project team led by France’s national standards body
    - Claude Boucher, Leader, and
    - Thierry Gattacceca, Technical Editor - France
Scope of 19161-1

Standard provides the basic information and the requirements related to the:

- International Terrestrial Reference System (ITRS), specifically its definition, realizations and access.

It will:

- endorse definition(s) and terminology adopted by the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG), the International association of Geodesy (IAG) and the International Astronomical Union (IAU)

- describe various realizations (such as ITRF, WGS-84, ETRS89, etc.)

- provide required methods of realizing the ITRS.

- describe various ways of getting positions expressed in a realization of the ITRS
**19111 – Spatial referencing by coordinates**

- Data model of how coordinates, reference frames and transformations are represented

- ISO Geodetic Registry must conform to this standard

- **Principal objectives for current revision work:**
  - New version represents modern dynamic reference frames & geoid-based vertical datums
  - Represent reference frames defined as transformations from other reference frames (e.g., from ITRF)
  - Use modern terminology (e.g., that are used in the IERS Conventions)
  - Harmonize with standard for entering information into the ISO Geodetic Registry
19127 – Geodetic register

- Defines the management and operation of the ISO Geodetic Registry and identifies the required data elements

- In final stages - draft international standard (DIS) was adopted earlier this year
  - Project team lead: Patrick Vorster, South Africa

- Standard is in compliance with 19161 and 19111
The ISO Geodetic Registry

- **A database (register)**
  - Sponsored by IAG
  - Defining global and regional geodetic reference frames
  - Transformations between geodetic reference frames
  - Conforms to ISO standards (19111, 19161, 19127, etc.)

- **Geodetic Registry Control Body (CB)**
  - Chair, Mike Craymer, Canada; Larry Hothem, Vice-Chair
  - CB members, representing 14+ countries, meet monthly by video conference
  - CB approves the content of the register
  - Validates information using authoritative sources

- **Current goal - public release in 2017**
Thank you
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### Who are we? ...member list

Active members (P-members), 37 countries

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- CEOS/WGISS, Committee on Earth Observation Satellites
- DGIWG, Defence Geospatial Information Working Group
- Energistics
- ESA, European Space Agency
- EuroSDR, European Spatial Data Research
- FIG, International Federation of Surveyors
- GSDI, Global Spatial Data Infrastructure
- IAG, International Association of Geodesy
- ICA, International Cartographic Association
- ICAO, International Civil Aviation Organization
- IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society
- IHB, International Hydrographic Bureau
- IOGP, International Association of Oil and Gas Producers
- ISCGM, International Steering Committee for Global Mapping
- ISPRS, International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
- JRC, European Commission Joint Research Centre,
- OASIS, Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards
- OGC, Open Geospatial Consortium, Inc.
- OMG, Object Management Group
External liaisons 2 of 2

- PAIGH, Panamerican Institute of Geography and History
- SCAR, Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research
- Small Business standards
- UN Economic Commission for Africa
- UN Economic Commission for Europe, Statistical Division
- UN SD United Nations Statistics Division, as Secretariat for the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)
- UN-GGIM Americas, Regional Committee of the UN Global Geospatial Information Management Americas
- UN-GGIM-AP, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific
- UNGEGN, United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
- UNGIWG, United Nations Geographic Information Working Group
- UN FAO, Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- UPU, Universal Postal Union
- WMO, World Meteorological Organization
- World Bank
- CEN/TC 287, Geographic Information
- CEN/TC 278, Intelligent transport systems
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