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"Ensuring the Rapid Response to Change, Ensuring the Surveyor of Tomorrow"

Greeting from the President



"Ensuring the Rapid Response to Change, Ensuring the Surveyor of Tomorrow" FIG motto for 2015–2018

THE FIRST YEAR of the term 2015–2018 has already come to an end. It has been an eventful year with many exciting initiatives and activities. Through my travels in 2015 it has been confirmed to me that FIG is a powerful brand and entity thanks to all the volunteers who represent FIG all around the world.

There are many faithful FIG representatives, the national delegates or others who have an interest in the international agenda for surveyors, who are working to make the world a better place from a surveyors' perspective. Surveyors are crucial for the development of society; land is precious, proper and affordable housing is of high importance and developing capacity to respond to disasters is also crucial in the urbanization era. Measurement of the land, of the sea, and in space is the basis for improving conditions for people all over the world.

FIG appreciates the close cooperation with the World Bank and several UN organizations, and is pleased that surveyors can contribute to their work. UN-Habitat/Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) has an important agenda for FIG especially on activities on the valuation of land and land tools development in general. FIG representatives actively work on milestones helping to achieve the 2030 sustainable development goals.

The 2015 Working Week, held in Sofia, Bulgaria had the overall theme "From the Wisdom of the Ages to the Challenges of the Modern World". In Sofia "old met new" in inspiring plenary sessions, with 900 participants and 320 presentations in the technical programme. The last time the Working Week was held in Sofia was in 1983 – at the very same venue, and several participants, including myself, remembered participating in that Working Week.

Throughout the year I have had the joy to be in contact with many of our members which I have enjoyed. I visited Siberia where all our six Russian FIG members were present at the same time in their annual meeting in Irkutsk. This was a very special occasion. I also met with the JBGIS members in New York, with our Turkish delegates on several occasions. I was also very happy to meet all three Israeli FIG members in Israel and many AUS members in Egypt. Following our WW in Sofia, I had the chance to meet so many other member associations in the occasion of meetings like the DVW, the Danish, Maltese, Italian, Dutch, Korean, Kosovo, Lebanese, French, that it is impossible to mention them all, but I would like to thank every member who has taken active part of FIG in one way or another. Without all these active and engaged members FIG would not be able to accomplish its goals.

Chryssy Potsiou FIG President

FIG VISION

The FIG vision is of a modern and sustainable surveying profession in support of society, environment and economy by providing innovative, reliable and best practice solutions to our rapidly changing and complex world, acting with integrity and confidence about the usefulness of surveying, and translating these words into action.

ABOUT FIG

FIG is the premier international organization representing the interests of surveyors worldwide. It is a federation of the national member associations and covers the whole range of professional fields within the global surveying community. It provides an international forum for discussion and development aiming to promote professional practice and standards.

FIG was founded in 1878 in Paris and was known as the Fédération Internationale des Géomètres. This has become anglicized to the International Federation of Surveyors. It is a UN-recognized non-government organization (NGO), representing more than 120 countries throughout the world, and its aim is to ensure that the disciplines of surveying and all who practise them meet the needs of the markets and communities that they serve.

Major Events in 2015



The Opening Ceremony of the FIG Working Week 2015 attracted many delegates.

General Assembly 2015

Sofia, Bulgaria, 17–21 May

Close run between VCGR, Vietnam and geosuisse, Switzerland

FIG 38th General Assembly was held on 17 and 21 May 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria in connection with FIG Working Week 2015. The General Assembly was very well attended with representation from almost 60 member associations and many observers from FIG affiliate, academic and corporate members.

The only election that took place was the decision on the venue for the Working Week 2019. This was however also spell-binding. Four strong candidates were included in the first round – this is a notably high number of interested bidders. FIG is very thankful that there is this large interest in hosting a future FIG Conference. It is of great importance to FIG that Member Association can see the benefit of hosting a FIG Working Week and are expressing their interest in working together with FIG. It is therefore also important for FIG to thank all the bidding associations – there is a substantial amount of work in submitting

a bid, and at the end there can only be one winner. The competition was very tight with four so strong candidates, and all bidders showed great creativity in their presentation of themselves and their destination throughout the Working Week. The final voting went to VCGR, and the FIG Working Week 2019 will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Membership matters

Three new member associations were admitted as new members by the General Assembly. Since the last General Assembly FIG Council has admitted 5 new Affiliate members, 5 new Corporate members and 7 new Academic members.

It was an honour for FIG Council and President Chryssy Potsiou to appoint Mr. CheeHai Teo Honorary President for his contributions especially during the last four years as President of the Federation. The nomination was motivated by Dr. Zaid, President of PEJUTA, Malaysia. Mr. Peter Hoogwerf, GIN, Netherlands, motivated the nomination for Christiaan Lemmen to be appointed Honorary Member. Christiaan Lemmen has done



Chryssy Potsiou and CheeHai Teo at the Kick-Off Event.

Kick-Off Event in Athens

At the FIG Congress 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the new FIG President, Vice Presidents and Commission Chairs were elected for the term 2015–2018. FIG celebrated this transition on 24 January 2015 in Athens, Greece with a Kick-Off

Event and seminar. The main theme of the seminar was "Ensuring the Rapid Response to Change, Ensuring the Surveyor of Tomorrow", which is also the theme for the current FIG Council 2015–2018. Invited speakers addressed the theme. The Kick-Off Event also celebrated the change in leadership of FIG, and marked the beginning of a new term with Prof. Chryssy Potsiou as President of FIG.

Around 60 International participants and more than 100 Greek surveyors attended the event. Because of the Greek election that was scheduled to take place on the following day, the General Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, energy and Climate Change was not able to attend, nor the President of the Technical Chamber of Greece (TCG) Christos Spirtzis, but the rest of the programme was carried through as planned. The event was organised by the Technical Chamber of Greece together with FIG.

The day started with the traditional FIG Fanfare where after FIG Past President CheeHai Teo (2011– 14) handed over the FIG chain to President Chryssy Potsiou. At the end of the day there were certificates to mark the outgoing Commission Chairs who have served as Chair for the past 4 years, and the new Commission Chairs were all given the special FIG Bronze pin to mark their new positions as Chair.

Special thanks to the Gold Sponsors of the event: Attica Bank and Eurobank, as well as the Silver Sponsor: Marathon Daa Systems, and the Bronze Sponsors: Gaia SA, Geosystems Hellas, and the Association of Geoinformatics and Cadastre Companies. an outstanding job for FIG for many years, not only as Chair of the Permanent Institution, OICRF but in many various aspects, assisting the development and promotion of the surveying profession at an international level. Further to this Christiaan Lemmen has contributed to several FIG publications and the work in FIG Commission 7. Both appointments were adopted with standing ovation.

Dr. Clarissa Augustinus, UN-Habitat, has worked closely with FIG for many years through her position in UN-Habitat and since the establishment of the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN). FIG Council wanted to acknowledge the longstanding cooperation with Clarissa Augustinus that has lasted throughout many councils and FIG presidents. Clarissa Augustinus is founder and Lead on the Global Land Tool Network. FIG Council decided to appreciate Clarissa Augustinus as Honorary Ambassador as a special consideration. The certificate was motivated and presented by FIG President Chryssy Potsiou at the Plenary session 2 during the FIG Working Week 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria, where Clarissa Augustinus was one of the plenary speakers.

FIG Work Plan and four new Task Forces

FIG President Potsiou and other representatives gave short reports from the activities since the last General Assembly, and hereafter she revealed the ideas behind the Work Plan 2015–18 and the planned activities. A new FIG Regional Capacity Development Network was established, based on the work and outcome from the Africa Task Force 2009–2014. Four Task Forces were furthermore endorsed by the General Assembly:

- 1. Task Force on Real Property Markets, Chair Pekka Halme, Finnish Association of Geodetic and Land Surveyors MIL.
- Task Force on Commission Structure, Chair Mikael Lilje, Swedish professionals for the built environment, Samhällsbyggarna.
- 3. Task Force on Corporate Members, Co-chairs John Hohol, NSPS, in cooperation with Bryn Fosburgh, Trimble.
- 4. Task Force on Scientific Journal, Yerach Doytsher, Association of Licensed Surveyors in Israel (ALSI). At the Presidents Meeting 49 Member Associations were represented and the overall theme for this meeting was how the member associations prepare the surveyor of tomorrow.



Bulgarian entertainment at the Opening Ceremony.

The FIG Working Week 2015

Sofia, Bulgaria, 17–21 May

FIG Working Week 2015 was held 17-21 May 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria, and took place in the National Palace of Culture - the very same place as the FIG Permanent Committee Meeting in 1983, however at that time under very different conditions. For some participants the venue was a reunion - however much had changed since then both in Bulgaria and in FIG. Professor and FIG Honorary Member Georgi Milev, Bulgarian Union of Surveyors, was main organiser in 1983, and as a faithful FIG participant, together with Professor Kazarsky, FIG Honorary member, he was also attending the Working Week 2015. The Local Organising Committee consisted of members from Bulgarian Chamber of Surveyors, with support from the Union of Surveyors and Land Managers in Bulgaria and Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Agency of Bulgaria, a new Affiliate Member of FIG. They had done their utmost to create the conditions for a successful Working

Week. The Working Week attracted around 900 participants from 70 countries, and altogether more than 320 papers were presented in 3 Plenary Sessions, 67 Technical Sessions, 5 Joint UN-Habitat/GLTN-FIG sessions, and a one day joint UN-Habitat/ GLTN-FIG Workshops. Again this year the largest group of participants came from Nigeria – thank you for this continuous support to FIG.

A full technical programme

The President opened the Working Week 2015 with the traditional FIG Fanfare and commented that the very first time the FIG Fanfare was played was in the exact same place in 1983. Now 32 years later FIG proved to be as vivid as ever. At the Opening Ceremony President Potsiou introduced the FIG Work Plan and elaborated over the FIG Theme for the term 2015–18: "Ensuring the Rapid Response to Change, Ensuring the Surveyor of Tomorrow". Mr. Angel Krumov Yanakiev, President of the Chamber of Graduated Surveyors, Bulgaria welcomed all participants to Sofia, Bulgaria. In the place of Ms. Lilyana Pavlova, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, her Deputy Minister Mr. Nikolay Nankov gave a welcome address, however also a video in which Ms. Lilyana Pavlova gave her opening address to the Working Week was shown. Further speakers were Ms. Yordanka Fandakova, Mayor of Sofia Municipality, Mr. Svetoslav Nakov, Director of the Agency of Geodesy Cartography and Cadastre, and finally Co-Congress Director Zlatan Zlatanov who also welcomed all the participants to Sofia and to the FIG Working Week.

During the Working Week the technical programme was packed with presentations and activities to inspire all the surveyors from all over the world who had gathered in Sofia, Bulgaria. The plenary sessions were built over the overall focus of FIG Council for the term and focused on the Surveyors' Response to Changing the City Management, to Pro-Growth Land Management and to Global and Regional Professional and Institutional Reforms. Under the theme "From Wisdom of the Ages to Challenges of the Modern World" the latest innovations and developments were discussed in the technical sessions. The Working Week took place short time after the dramatic earth quake in Nepal and surrounding countries, which meant that the impact of an earth quake got very visible and meant that the challenges for surveyors of the measurement of our planet were in focus. Insitu scanners achieve a greater precision. Vertical and horizontal reference frames develop to a global level as foundation for global data infrastructures. At local level the crowdsourcing and public involvement is subject of debate: what is the role of the professional in the future when easy to use and hand held measurement devices will be more and more available? In many cases surveyors are expected to increase capacity in using all available technology, dealing with big data, merging data derived from various sources with varying accuracies and make sure they use the right data to satisfy each purpose fast, reliably and affordably. In any case participation will increase and will support substantially in the development of land administration world wide including the marine environment. 3D Modelling for cadastre is under development. Ethics in relation to

our profession is also under continuous attention. The FIG Young Surveyors Network seeming to look at the developments on crowdsourcing with a somewhat different and more natural attitude than older colleagues, organised a 'Mapping response – contributions for Nepal'. Participants joined with their laptops to the already established Open Street Map (OSM) initiative to map for Nepal.

Other activities

The 10 FIG commissions as well as the networks, permanent institutions and task forces have worked intensely to create the technical programme of the Working Week. To inform about their work and to inspire participants to get more active in the commissions, the 10 FIG Commissions held a one-hour meeting during the Working Week for all interested to discuss the development of the commission and the work that is going on. Hereto all commissions had organised to meet informally for a commission dinner. Young Surveyors successfully held their 3rd FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting on 16 May.

At the exhibition instruments were tried out, there were discussions with vendors, and there was a lively exchange both in the coffee and lunch breaks that took place in the exhibition area and also more in-depth talks during the sessions. A big thanks to the two Platinum Sponsors, ESRI and Trimble, the Silver Sponsor Leica, GEOCAD-93 as Primary Local Sponsor and to all the exhibitors. Gold Media partners were GIM International, Geo-Connexion and Geomedia Bulgaria and Silver Media partner was Maney Publishing.

The local organisers had put in a big effort to make the Working Week a great success. Here Co-conference Director Zlatan Zlatanov.

For her close cooperation with FIG for many years FIG Council appointed Dr. Clarissa Augustinus, UN-Habitat/GLTN FIG Honorary Ambassador.

President Potsiou and Dr. Wang Qian, Deputy Secretary General (CSSMG) signing a MoU on an exchange of employees to FIG Office.

A Bulgarian tradition is to welcome guests with bread and spices.

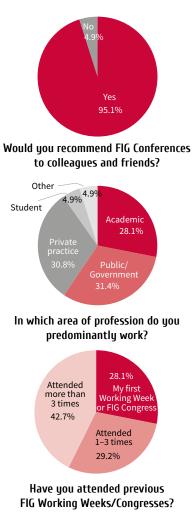








MAJOR EVENTS IN 2015



The post survey showed that the participants are generally satisfied with the FIG Working Week. 70 per cent of the participants who completed the survey have earlier attended a FIG Conference. We are pleased that delegates keep coming back; it is the best indicator of the popularity of the FIG Conference, but we also welcome new participants. 95 percent indicate that they will recommend the FIG Conferences to friends and colleagues and more than 90 per cent of the respondents of the post-conference survey indicated that they were overall satisfied. FIG Foundation had sponsored the participation of 11 Young Surveyors to participate in both the 3rd European Young Surveyors Meeting and the Working Week. The eleven Young Surveyors came from Albania, Denmark, Greece (2), Malaysia (2), Moldova, Nigeria, Serbia (2) and Uruguay. The lucky winners of the grants were found via a selection process carried through by Young Surveyors and the Foundation from the 91 received applications. For the selected Young Surveyors it was a great opportunity to attend the Working Week and to get to know more about the international work that is going on as well as getting inspiration and a very good international network.

The Bulgarian organisers had done a great job to make sure that the Working Week was memorable for all participants and also managed to showcase the best of Sofia/Bulgaria. The Welcome Reception took place in the National Museum of History, which is a very spectacular and large place – a former governmental residence. At the same time as meeting fellow participants, it was possible to walk around in this extraordinary building and see the exhibition, and in this way learn more about the impressive 1,300 year history of Bulgaria. At the Bulgarian evening, traditionally Trimble played a big role by donating a sum to the FIG Foundation. The dinner was held idyllically in the mountains outside Sofia in a traditional Bulgarian restaurant. All participants were met with bread and spices at the entrance – a special Bulgarian greeting. A surprise waited outside when it was dark enough, and a traditional fire dancing took place – the so called "walking on coals with bare feet". This tradition/ dance was born even before Christ as a pagan ritual performed from the ancient Thracians. The festive Gala Dinner on 20 May with music and dancing marked the end of the conference part of the Working Week.

At the Closing Ceremony FIG President Potsiou said: 'FIG has a long-term commitment to support the global campaign for security of tenure for all and will endeavour to solve these land issues through partnerships. FIG, as a recognised NGO, will work closely with the global family of UN organisations to support solutions to the 21st century global challenges of climate change, food security, social justice, and urbanisation.'

The ambitions of the new FIG President Potsiou and FIG Council are clear: FIG has a long-term commitment to the global agenda.



FIG appreciates the many participants that come from near and far to learn, to meet, to network and to explore. The largest delegation in 2015 came from Nigeria.



The Regional Conference held in Sharm el Sheik, Egypt was successfully organised by former FIG Vice President Prof. Dalal Alnaggar, now President of Egyptian Committee of Surveying and Mapping. FIG President Potsiou and FIG Honorary President Prof. Holger Magel attended; here together with former Minister Prof. Abu Zeid, who hosted FIG WW in 2005 in Cairo.

Engagements and Visits

For FIG it is important to be engaged in national, regional and international member activities. 2015 brought many inspiring visits and meetings. FIG President Chryssy Potsiou, the Vice Presidents and many FIG officers around the World represented FIG in various events and met members from all over the world at both larger events and smaller meetings - each important for the international surveying community. Mentioning all is unfortunately impossible...

The Cadastral World Summit in Istanbul, Turkey, attracted many surveyors from around the world. An Istanbul declaration on Cadastre "Let us Cadastre the World" was formulated as a result of the World Summit. The main objective of the meeting was to consider appropriate administrative and technical options for the cadastre to serve the different needs of countries at different stages of development.

FIG President Potsiou had a unique possibility in June 2015 in Irkutsk to meet with all six Russian members of FIG at the same time. In Israel, the FIG President met with all three FIG members.

The Regional Conference in Sharm El-Sheikh was yet another opportunity to meet with several members. Conference director was Prof. Dr. Dalal Alnaggar, former FIG Vice President and President of the Egyptian Committee of Surveying and Mapping. The event covered the state of the art of technologies in the various fields of Geomatics as well as an update of the progress of the major construction and land management projects in Northern Africa and the Middle East region.

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FIG President Potsiou and Co-Conference Director for FIG Congress 2018 Orhan Ercan at the Cadastral World Summit.

InterGeo, organised by DVW, is yet another possibility to meet with several members and potential members from around the world.

Dr. John Dawson, PGSC Chair Mr. Faatasi Malologa, Mr. Rob Sarib. FIG recognises the important work done by the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council for the region.

It is not often that the FIG President has the chance to talk with all country members at the same time. Here in Irkutsk, Russia.







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FIG Activities



Commission chairs 2015–2018 at their meeting during the FIG Working Week in Sofia, Bulgaria: Kwame Tenadu (comm. 8, on the left), See Lian Ong (comm. 10), Eva-Maria Unger (YSN), Angela Etuonovbe (comm. 4), Brian J. Coutts (comm. 1) E.M.C. (Liza) Groenendijk (comm. 2), Gerda Schennach (comm. 7), Volker Schwieger (comm. 5), Enrico Rispoli (comm. 3), Diane Dumashie (Vice president), Hanne Elster (FIG Office) and Ivo Milev (comm. 6). Not in photo: Steven Nystrom (comm. 9).

Many activities are going on within and around FIG and many surveyors around the world contribute to the work of FIG; either as national delegate to a commission, working groups, in task forces, by representing FIG at events and activities around the world and in many other ways. FIG is thankful to all those who keep FIG as vivid as ever, and FIG Council appreciates that several and important FIG footprints are set ensuring the work of surveyors and highlighting the importance of the work the surveyors are doing, both on land, on the sea and in space. There are so many areas within the broader field of surveying that are crucial for societies, and the surveyors are one of the key players. The FIG Commissions, Networks, Permanent Institutions and Task Forces all work to fulfil this aim. Here you can read a short description about some of the activities that have taken place in 2015.

FIG Commissions

The 10 FIG Commissions have established their Working Groups that will be working over the next four years (2015–2018) and some Commissions also held an annual meeting during 2015.

Commission 1 – Professional Practice

Chair: Brian J. Coutts (NZIS, New Zealand)

- WG 1.1 International Ethics Standards
- WG 1.2 Women in Surveying
- WG 1.3 International Boundary Settlement and Demarcation
- WG 1.4 Forum on Engagement of Private Practitioners
- WG 1.5 Forum on Mutual Recognition

FIG Council has decided to join the International Ethics Standards Coalition (IESC) that sets out the first set of high level global business ethics principles for practitioners operating across land, property, construction, infrastructure and related professions.

Commission 2 – Professional Education

Chair: E.M.C (Liza) Groenendijk (GIN, Netherlands)

- WG 2.1 Towards educating the land professional
- WG 2.2 Innovative learning and teaching
- WG 2.3 Demand for and supply of Professional Education
- WG 2.4 Accreditation and Quality Assurance Traditionally Commission 2 has a leading role

in the Academic Forum that is the platform for FIG Academic Members.

Commission 3 – Spatial Information Management

Chair: Enrico Rispoli (CNGeGL, Italy)

- WG 3.1 SIM Infrastructure
- WG 3.2 Technical aspects of SIM
- WG 3.3 3D Cadastre (Joint Working Group with Commission 7)
- WG 3.4 Crowdsourcing and VGI supporting SDI

During the last years the Commission has had greater emphasis on the study of the formation and collection of geospatial data processes with particular reference to crowdsourcing.

Commission 4 – Hydrography

Chair: Angela Etuonovbe (NIS, Nigeria)

- WG 4.1 Standards and Guidelines for Hydrography
- WG 4.2 Maritime and Marine Spatial Information Management
- WG 4.3 Blue Economy

The commission work is focused on the development of best practice guides in Hydrography.

Commission 5 – Positioning and Measurement

Chair: IVolker Schwieger (DVW, Germany)

 WG 5.1 – Standards, Quality Assurance and Calibration

- WG 5.2 3D Reference Frames
- WG 5.3 Vertical Reference Frames
- WG 5.4 GNSS
- WG 5.5 Multi-Sensor-Systems (joint working group between FIG and IAG)
- WG 5.6 Cost Effective Positioning

The UN Resolution Global Geodetic Reference Frames for Sustainable Development was endorsed in February 2015. This is the first UN Resolution concerning geospatial information and is a result of the successful work of UN GGIM and its working group on Global Geodetic Reference Frame.

The commission has also continued the effective collaboration with international sister organisations to promote and fulfil the FIG objectives and missions of the work plan, especially at the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council Meeting and GIS/ RS User Conference in Suva, Fiji.

Commission 6 – Engineering Surveys

Chair: Ivo Milev (USLMB, Bulgaria)

- WG 6.1 Deformation Monitoring and Analysis
- WG 6.2 Engineering surveys for design, constructive works and exploitation of buildings and transportation infrastructure
- WG 6.3 Sensor fusion, data acquisition and processing techniques for moving measuring complexes
- WG 6.4 Wide Area Engineering Surveys for Monitoring, Features Determination and Environmental Management

Commission 7 – Cadastre and Land Management

Chair: Gerda Schennach (OVG, Austria)

- WG 7.1 Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration
- WG 7.2 Land Management in Climate Change and Pre- and Post-Disaster Areas
- WG 7.3 Crowdsourcing of Land Rights
- WG 7.4 Citizen Cadastre Joint Working Group on 3D Cadastre of Commission 3 and 7 The Cadastral Template 2.0 project is a

follow-up of the Cadastral Template, which was originally established under the UN mandate by Resolution 4 of the 16th UNRCC-AP in Okinawa, Japan in July 2003, displaying country specific cadastral information.

Commission 8 – Spatial Planning and Development

Chair: Kwame Tenadu (GhIS, Ghana)

- WG 8.1 Disaster recovery, risk management and resilience planning
- WG 8.2 Stewardship for water, land and forest as primary resources for development
- WG 8.3 Human settlement policies and implementation
- WG 8.4 Resilient Urban Development
- WG 8.5 Rural development and land governance

Commission 9 – Valuation and Management of Real Estate

Chair: Steven Nystrom (NSPS, USA)

Focus area is Valuation and Management at the Core of Successful Land Policy, hereunder three highly relevant themes, Property Taxation, Real Estate Market Policy Frameworks, and Valuation Methods and Standards.

- WG 9.1 Expanded Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Markets
- WG 9.2 Mass Appraisal Systems
- WG 9.3 Valuation Methods and Standards Worldwide

Commission 10 – Construction Economics and Management

Chair: See Lian Ong (RICS, Malaysia)

The commission has a special focus on Cost Engineering (CE) and Quantity Surveying (QS).

- WG 10.1 International Construction Measurement Standards
- WG 10.2 Building Information Modelling

FIG is a member of the International Construction Measurement Standards (ICMS) coalition. FIG Council has appointed Chair of FIG Commission 10 See Lian Ong to be the FIG representative to the Standard Setting Committee, and he is also appointed chair of the SSC.



FIG Young Surveyors, under the guidance of Eva Maria Unger and Paula Dijkstra organized a workshop in Nepal attended by more than 50 participants. In groups, four disaster risk reduction 'tools' were proposed and elaborated and 'pitched' in a so-called market place.



▲ Gerda Schennach, chair of FIG Commission 7 talked about The Cadastral Challenge of the 21st Century in her key-note speech.

▲ The local organisers from Nepal together with Liza Groenendijk did an outstanding job to organise this event in the aftermath of the earthquake and there were many things to discuss among the more than 300 participants.

▲ Chair of FIG Commission 3 Enrico Rispoli together with Chair of Commission 7 Gerda Schennach, FIG President Chryssy Potsiou and Randolph Camilleri, president of the Malta Institution of Surveyors at the successful event in Malta.

Commission Events

World Cadastre Summit – Commission 7

20–24 April 2015, Turkey

Chair of Commission 7 participated in the World Cadastre Summit organised by Ministry of Environmental and Urbanization of the Republic of Turkey. The past, present and future of Cadastre were discussed in all dimensions under the headline "Let's cadastre the World". A special "summit" session with the participation of nearly 20 country ministers and 60 official delegates was chaired by the Republic of Turkey Minister of Environment and Urban Planning, Mr. İdris Güllüce. FIG was represented by Mr Orhan Ercan. Chair of FIG Commission 7 held a plenary presentation.

Reference Frames in Practice – IAG/ICG/ SLA/FIG Commission 5 Workshop

27–28 July 2015, Singapore

The seminar had a particular focus on vertical reference frames, in response to requests from the region. This complemented a previous seminar held in Manila in 2013, which focussed on 3D frames.

The workshop was organised by FIG Commission 5, in conjunction with the International Association of Geodesy (IAG), the International Committee on GNSS (ICG), the United Nations Initiative for Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia-Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP) and the Singapore Land Authority (SLA).

FIG Commission 3 and 7 Annual Meeting and Workshop

16–20 November 2015, Malta

"Crowdsourcing of Land Information – The Role of Citizens and Experts in Sensing Geographical Information" was the overall theme of the Workshop that was held 16–20 November 2015 in Malta jointly organised by FIG Commissions 3 and 7. The event was a great success with more than 80 attendees from all over the world. Both Commission 3 and Commission 7 held their Annual Meeting during this event.

Kathmandu, Nepal, FIG Commission 2 – ISPRS Commission IV Workshop

25–27 November 2015, Nepal Kathmandu, Nepal, was on 25–27 November 2015 the host of the International Workshop on the Role of Land Professionals and SDI in Disaster Risk Reduction in the context of Post 2015 Nepal Earthquake. What started as an initial idea for a possible FIG Commission 2 Workshop resulted in a large joint event together with ISPRS Technical Commission IV, and was supported by FIG Commission 7.

Networks

Regional Capacity Development Network

Chair: FIG Vice President Diane Dumashie (RICS, UK)

The FIG Regional Capacity Development Network aims to support FIG regional member associations and academic members. The network envisages regional approaches to working, and emerged in response to consideration by the FIG Council and approved by the General Assembly in Sofia, Bulgaria, in May 2015. The Africa Regional Network (ARN) is the first to be established under this umbrella, as an initiative of the FIG Africa Task Force set up in the 2009-14 FIG term. Although the focus of this particular network is on Africa, the results can, of course, be multiplied for implementation in other regions, such as Asia, Latin America and the Arab Nations. The ARN's key purpose is to enable the surveying profession in the region to deal with social responsibility to help realise the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted at the UN Summit in New York in 2015. In this regard, surveyors' role as 'change agents' engaging with politicians and communities is important.

Every year, ARN invites an African member association to co-host a Network workshop. The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) was local host. The workshop considered and devised action-oriented agendas with key messages to encourage intergenerational diversity in the workplace and support FIG members in

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sub-Saharan Africa in adapting to emerging global trends. The workshop was co-organised with UN-Habitat/GLTN and brought together decision makers and practitioners from several Anglophone and Francophone African nations (Botswana, Rwanda, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Senegal, South Africa and Uganda), with expertise across the range of land professional disciplines within FIG membership. The theme was Intergenerational Diversity, with the aim of developing awareness among member associations of significant changing trends in the workplace, and ways of adapting to the changes to the benefit of the profession and society.

FIG Standards Network

Chair: David Martin (OGE, France)

The Standards Network was formed in 2002. It works within Commission 1 and consists of representatives from each of FIG's Commissions. FIG Standards Network is involved in ISO/TC 211 Geographic information/Geomatics and Nic Donnelly of Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), lead liaison from FIG to ISO/TC 211 participated in one of the ISO technical committee meetings in 2015. He is also a member of the Control Body for the ISO Geodetic Registry. In general, the role of the liaison is to identify work items of interest and alert interested parties, who may then get directly involved through their national standards body. Registry has established a registry for geodetic codes and parameters. The first phase of software development is complete and is being tested.

A decision was made in Shenzhen to review the ISO TS 19127:2005 Geodetic codes and parameters defines rules for the population and maintenance of registers of geodetic codes and parameters and identifies the data elements, in compliance with ISO 19135 and ISO 19111, and to turn it into an international standard. The editing committee has produced a draft version of the standard.

ISO 19152:2012 Land Administration Domain Model (LADM) standard grew out of the Commission 7 work on the Core Cadastral Domain Model and was accepted into the ISO/ TC 211 work programme in 2008. With a view to the future, trends in the domain and the maintenance of the standard are now under discussion. These trends may be relevant for the development of a second edition of the LADM over the coming years. ISO 19111:2007 Geographic Information on Spatial Referencing by Coordinates describes coordinate systems, coordinate reference systems and datums and the relationships between them. A work is initiated to review this standard.

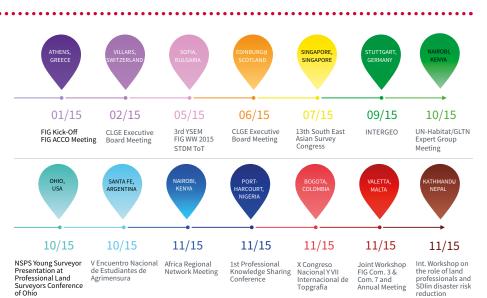
FIG was member of the International Measurement Standard of Property (IPMS), and the final version of IPMS for Office Buildings was published in November 2014 and is available to freely download in several language versions. Chair of FIG Commission 10 SeeLian Ong is FIG Representative to the International Construction Measurement Standard ICMS and is chairing the Standard Setting Committee (SSC). The SSC is working on collating all information across the globe on construction measurement and construction cost and to set an international standard for construction measurement. FIG is represented in the International Land Measurement Standard (ILMS) through Mr. Maurice Barbieri. Recently FIG joined International Ethics Standards Coalition (IESC), and is represented via FIG Commission 1.



Young Surveyors Network

Chair: Eva-Maria Unger (OVG, Austria) Young Surveyors are very active on an international and regional level. The graph shows events during 2015. Among other things the very relevant question has been discussed: How do you see our profession in 10 years from now?

> YSN meetings and activities in 2015. @Eva-Maria Unger & Paula Dijkstra



New Publications in 2015

- FIG Publication No. 52 *The Social Tenure Domain Model* in Arabic
- FIG Publication No. 66, Statutes & Internal Rules
- Formalizing the Informal: Challenges and Opportunities of Informal Settlements in South-East Europe



Task Forces

A FIG Task Force researches and advises on matters of an administrative or of a general policy nature. During this term FIG President, Council and the General Assembly established four new Task Forces for the term 2015–2018:

Task Force on Real Property Markets

Chair Pekka Halme, (MIL, Finland) The Task Force assesses the progress of establishing the real property markets in the countries with economies in transition. The first meeting was held in Cape Sounio, Greece, on September 1, 2015 where the work plan was discussed.

Task Force on Commission Structure

Chair Mikael Lilje, (Swedish professionals for the built environment)

The Task Force assesses the Commissions and investigates if there is a need to revise their structure and to provide a proposal on possible improvements. The Task Force has evaluated the current structure and worked on a proposal to present at the FIG Working Week 2016.

Task Force on Corporate Members

Co-chairs John Hohol, (NSPS, USA), in cooperation with Bryn Fosburgh, (Trimble) The Task Force is established to strengthen the FIG relationship with corporate members and to increase the number of FIG Corporate Members while providing better communication with FIG Council and interaction between the wider FIG organization and ultimately member associations. In 2015 two surveys were carried through, for FIG Corporate Members and for potential members.

Task Force on Scientific Journal

Yerach Doytsher, (ALSI, Israel)

The Task Force is established to investigate the usefulness and need and if justified, the steps forward in order to introduce an FIG peer review Journal (electronic or printed). The formal requirements of the two main citation databases have been examined. A report will be presented and discussed at the Working Week 2016.

Permanent Institutions

The International Office for Cadastre and Land Records (OICRF)

Director: Dr. Christiaan Lemmen (GIN, The Netherlands)

- OICRF serves as a documentation and study centre for land administration. OICRF:
- Collects and systematically files and indexes all documentation material relating to existing cadastres and land registration systems
- Conducts comparative studies of this material and publishes the results
- Provides information and advice on all cadastres and land registration systems to all interested persons and institutions for the purposes of study or to help countries wishing to set up a cadastre or land registration system or improve an existing system
- Maintains the documentation system on a daily basis.

The library contains more than 12,000 publications, and in 2015 the digital library got about 40,000 visitors, and 28,000 papers have been downloaded.

A special section of LADM was published in Land Use Policy Journal, Volume 49, December 2015, p. 527–689.

Read more: www.oicrf.org

International Institution for the History of Surveying & Measurement (IIHSM)

Director: Jan de Graeve (UBGE, Belgium) At the Working Week in Sofia, IIHSM presented their work plan to the Surveyor Generals for enhancing the Struve Geodetic Arc World Heritage Monument, for their moral support and practical help on the ground to identify the marks of the 30th meridian, involving the countries from Libya and Egypt to the Republic of South Africa. Jim Smith has prepared a 500 page document with all the details relating to that scheme. IIHSM has been regularly attending the meetings of the Struve committee set up after in 2005 having obtained the status of a World Heritage Monument for that Arc. For the plan by the city of Adelaide for the preservation and inscription on the World Heritage list IIHSM prepared a detailed plan of the origin point of the coordination system in front of West Terrace and North Terrace. A monument to be erected on the point is to be unveiled on April 27 2016.

Jan de Graeve continues to reconstitute the 16 century scientific library of Gerard Mercator. During the year Jan de Graeve and John Brock attended various colloquia on the history of surveying and cartography. Jim Smith continues with the work of compiling and editing the R S Webb notes on the History of the measurement of geodetic meridian arcs. The IIHSM is still seeking volunteers to join the present officers in the promotion of the IIHSM activities.



FIG organised a side event at the World Bank conference 2015 on the Surveyors' Rapid Response to Change: The FIG Work Plan 2015–2018, chaired by FIG President Potsiou.



New Web Site in 2015

During 2015 several major IT projects were finalized, including transition of the FIG web site to a database driven system to be able to share the vast amount of professionally interesting content in a more organised way to the global surveyor society.

Other improvements include a new system to handle the peer-reviewing process, a contact database supporting memberbased updates, and a conference web app.

Cooperation with Partners

Cooperation with the World Bank

Annual World Bank Conference on Land Poverty 2015

Washington DC, 23–27 March 2015 The World Bank and FIG has had a solid formal partnership since 2007. At the 2015 World Bank Conference FIG President Chryssy Potsiou attended as well as other FIG representatives hereunder Honorary President Prof. Stig Enemark. Land governance, land investment, land policies and food security, land reforms and land administration were prominent on the agenda. Land administration and cadastre is one of the areas where the focus of debate is on implementation at country level. Tenure regularisation is still relative expensive and slow. Pro poor land rights are the hardest and riskiest to do. The high level principles as included in the voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests from FAO; in the Continuum of Land Rights from UN Habitat and in Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration from FIG are in support to cost effective and achievable implementations. There is a growing understanding that complete coverage and readiness for use is relevant in order to provide tenure security for all. This can be clearly seen in the requirements for monitoring. Reliable land indicators require further standardisation.

Crowd sourced land data require verification options in order to bring data at an authoritative quality level. Mediation of data from different sources can be a possibility. Implementation of crowd sourcing is a long journey and there are many stakeholders. If the institutional issues are not being solved soon crowd sourcing and Fit-For-Purpose approaches will be the game changer.













FIG President Potsiou in the UN Headquarter with Feyssal G. Moumouni, delegate of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry Resources of Togo and Barbara J. Ryan, Director of GEO Secretariat.

Cooperation with the United Nations

UN-GGIM

On 26 February 2015 The United Nations General Assembly adopted the UN resolution on Global Geodetic Reference Frame for Sustainable Development that was initiated by the Republic of Fiji. This UN Resolution is one concrete example of an outcome from the UN GGIM, in which FIG has been active. At the FIG Congress 2014 in Kuala Lumpur a UN-GGIM-AP/FIG Statement was adopted where FIG expressed the importance of the resolution and urged the member organizations to bring the Statement back home to the respective countries

Geodesy plays an increasing role in people's lives, from finding disaster victims to finding directions using a smart phone. According to the United Nations General Assembly the science that supports the precise pinpointing of people and places should be shared more widely. This is the first resolution recognizing the importance of a globally-coordinated approach to geodesy – the discipline focused on accurately measuring the shape, rotation and gravitational field of planet Earth and FIG, together with national mapping and space agencies, was recognised for the initiative and outcome.

The UN-GGIM-AP/FIG Statement on Global Geodetic Reference Frame recognizes the growing need for an accurate and stable Global Geodetic Reference Frame to support, inter alia, earth observation, including sea level and climate change monitoring, natural hazard and disaster management and a wide range of other activities in public and private sectors throughout the World, contributing towards inclusive social progress, environmental sustainability and economic development.

Emphasizing that "no one country can do this alone", the General Assembly called for greater multilateral cooperation on geodesy, including the open sharing of geospatial data, further capacity-building.

The Fifth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. FIG President Prof. Chryssy Potsiou represented FIG.

COOPERATION WITH PARTNERS

In her statement to UN-GGIM, FIG President Chryssy Potsiou congratulated the UN-GGIM and the member countries for including land administration to the UN-GGIM agenda. She stated that FIG believes this is a major step towards achieving the post 2015 development goals. She further stated that, although we all live in the era of a globalised economy, not all citizen of this world experience the benefits of inclusive and efficient land administration that provides transparency in the management of land and the necessary infrastructure to the people, especially the low-income earners, to acquire access to capital, to improve their living standards and to protect the planet. FIG strongly believes in the land administration concept and has already developed long activity, in-depth research, international cooperation with FAO and the WB and a series of publications in this field. FIG declares its strong commitment to continue its cooperation with the UN-GGIM in this field and to build upon the existing experience and knowledge, avoid any duplication of efforts, avoid any time delays, and work closely, hand in hand with the countries, in an joint mission to translate these words into action.

At this critical stage in the global development cycle, Member States have specified that they seek to further expand the mandates of the Committee to enable it to function as the global governing body on all issues related to geospatial information in order to effectively and efficiently support the emerging geospatial demands for Member States and global agenda such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

UN-Habitat and UN-Habitat / GLTN – Global Land Tool Network

FIG is undertaking several activities with UN-Habitat and UN-Habitat/GLTN.

FIG President Prof. Chryssy Potsiou, and FIG Commission 7 Chair Mrs. Gerda Schennach participated to the Second Session of the **Preparatory Committee for United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (HABITAT III) (PREPCOM2)** in Nairobi 14–16 of April 2015. HABITAT III is the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development to take place in Quito, Ecuador, in October 2016 and will focus on the implementation of a New Urban Agenda. In addition Vice President Diane Dumashie in her capacity as Board Member of the Advisory Group on Gender Equality Issues across the work of UN-Habitat, also attended the opening of the UN-Habitat General Assembly.

During the FIG President's trip to Nairobi the continuation of the **Agreement of Co-operation between FIG and GLTN** was signed for 2015 on the role of FIG in supporting the GLTN Phase 2 implementation programme including tool development, capacity development, initiatives and knowledge awareness. The general project goals of the Global Land Tool Network focus on the development of pro-poor, gendered and large scale land tools which currently do not exist systematically at country and global level. It is expected that when identified and sufficiently supported, these land tools will unblock current development obstacles and enhance the delivery of MDGs.

In addition, Chryssy Potsiou and Gerda Schennach visited Mashimoni, an informal settlement in Nairobi of 4,000 families. GLTN/ UN-Habitat is supporting an implementation of the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) in this area. This is a co-operation with the community leaders and the 4,000 families. STDM is a pro-poor, participatory and affordable land tool for representing a person-to-land relationship along the land rights continuum. STDM can be used by communities such as slum dwellers. It is already implemented in settlements in Uganda, Kenya, Colombia, Zambia and Congo.

UN-HABITAT Global Land Tool Network Partners Meeting that takes place every other year was scheduled for 3–5 November 2015, Nairobi, Kenya. FIG Vice President Diane Dumashie attended the 6th Partners Meeting followed by attending the International Advisory Board to the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN). The meetings were held at the UN-HABITAT Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. FIG Young Surveyors also played a key role at the Partners Meeting.



 The UNECE-WPLA meeting in Russia was attended by FIG President Potsiou who is also bureau member. Several FIG members attended hereunder Daniel Roberge, former chair of FIG Commission 7 who represented the World Bank.
 At the UN-GGIM meeting FIG President

Potsiou declared FIG's strong commitment to continue the cooperation with UN-GGIM. The GLTN Partners Meeting was attended by

FIG Vice President Diane Dumashie and Chair of Young Surveyors Eva-Maria Unger. The incoming Land and GLTN Unit Leader Oumar Sylla addressed all partners.



During their visit to UN-Habitat in April 2015 for the preparatory meeting for HABITAT III, FIG President Potsiou and Chair of FIG Commission 7, Gerda Schennach visited Mashimoni, an informal settlement in Nairobi of 4,000 families. GLTN/ UN-Habitat is supporting an implementation of the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) in this area.



FIG Young Surveyors and GLTN have organised several train-the-trainer courses on STDM to disseminate the tool. In Mashimoni the STDM tool is used, and is here demonstrated to Chryssy Potsiou and Gerda Schennach. The 6th Partners meeting focused upon strengthening partnership and collaboration within the network, and increasing the visibility of land and tenure security in the ongoing global development processes. A Workshop on Understanding the Guide for Fit-for-purpose land administration and making it work was held prior to the Partners meeting.

The GLTN partners meeting was held in the context and at a strategic time in the life of the GLTN Network because the implementation of the GLTN Phase 2 project running from 2012–2017 has reached its mid-term with country level engagement, and the all-important Sustainable Development Goals have been agreed, which leads onto global negotiations that are underway in preparation for Habitat III forum to be held in Ecuador in October 2016. This will articulate and define the New UN Habitat Urban Agenda. The GLTN long term goal is to contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development through promoting secure land and property rights for all.

The GLTN partners are divided into 5 cluster segment, and FIG belongs to the Professional Cluster. During the meeting **FIG was elected**

lead of the Professional Cluster for 2016–17. The Partners meeting has grown from a small originating body of partners to 70 partners at the 6th meeting; the biggest ever held. It provides a unique opportunity to network with other NGO representatives and of course to meet with the GLTN staff and discuss about current future cooperation.

FIG is looking forward to the continued cooperation with GLTN and Mr. Oumar Sylla the newly appointed GLTN head. Mr. Oumar Sylla has taken over the leadership from the outgoing Head, Dr. Clarissa Augustinus who was honoured by FIG earlier this year with the award of FIG honorary ambassador, Clarissa Augustinus has led GLTN since its inception in 2006.

At the FIG Working Week 2015 various joint FIG/UN-Habitat/GLTN sessions were held and also a workshop on STDM.

Other organisatons

FIG appreciates the cooperation with the various sister organisations and with regional partners.



JB-GIS

The 16th Annual Meeting of the Joint

Board of Geospatial Information Societies was held 3 August 2015 in New York. The meeting was attended by GSDI, IAG, ICA, FIG, IHO, IMIA, ISPRS and ISCGM. FIG President Potsiou represented FIG.

JBGIS board had a review of the UNGGIM agenda and discussed possible interventions and asked UNGGIM to include JBGIS members in the new Working Groups. The cooperation with the JBGIS members is useful and the exchange of information valuable.

The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association was accepted as an Observer organization to JBGIS. The decision to elect a new Chair of the JBGIS was postponed. Prof Rizos has agreed to remain as chair for the next year until voting. Next organization on the succession list is IHO and Robert Ward has agreed.



Building a Sustainable Future

The FIG Foundation is an independent body under the International Federation of Surveyors and has been established for the purpose of raising funds to finance surveying education development projects and supporting young surveyors in order to build a sustainable future.

The FIG Foundation will build a sustainable future by:

- grants and scholarships to projects, for instance to develop curricula for surveying education, training and capacity building, especially in developing countries;
- encouraging research into all disciplines of surveying and to disseminate the results of that research;
- promoting high standards of education and training for surveyors and to facilitate continuing professional development;
- educating people in the disciplines of surveying, particularly in developing countries and countries in transition;
- promoting the use of distance learning, networking, eLearning and knowledge management if surveying education and continuing professional development;
- promoting the exchange of surveying personnel for greater understanding of all facets of the profession of surveying;
- supporting by seed funding conferences, meetings of young surveyors and similar events in co-operation with international agencies such as the United Nations.

Read more: www.fig.net/foundation



FIG Foundation President John Hohol with some of the Young Surveyors who got a FIG Foundation grant.

In 2015 the FIG Foundation awarded to 13 young surveyors to attend and participate in the FIG Working Week 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria:

- Nur Zurairah Abdul Halim (Malaysia)
- Marina Davidovic (Serbia)
- Casper Fibaek (Denmark)
- Franka Grubišić (Croatia)
- Tomislav Horvat (Croatia)
- Konstantina Mangina (Greece)
- Miljana Pljevaljcic (Serbia)
- Erisem Qehaja (Albania)
- Georgios Rigopoulos (Greece)
 - Melissa Robert (Uruguay)
 - Aliona Scutelnic (Moldova)
 - Kelvin Kang Wee Tang (Malaysia)
 - Benedicta Amarachi Ugwulebo (Nigeria).

The FIG Foundation also approved a grant to **Melissa Roberts** to attend several conferences to promote the FIG Young Surveyors Network and FIG in South America. **CNGeGL**, Italy was supported to help Young Surveyors to attend the International Summer School for Surveying, Milan, Italy. The Foundation is also proud to acknowledge **Trimble Navigation** as an FIG Foundation Charter Partner.

The FIG Foundation – How Can I Contribute?

Companies, associations, institutions, events, surveyors' groups and individuals may contribute to the Foundation by:

- Donations which will be recognised by a plaque or a certificate of different categories reflecting the sum of donation as follows:
 - platinum plaque 25,000 €
- gold plaque 10,000€
- silver plaque 5,000€
- bronze plaque 1,000 €.
- Donations to support specific projects or by offering scholarships. Donors and Benefactors may use the FIG Foundation logo to promote their project donations or scholarships.
- Voluntary donation when registering to FIG events.
- Attending social functions such as the FIG Foundation Dinners held during every FIG Congress and Working Week and other events.

FIG Members

*) New member from 2016 who have applied and were admitted into membership up until the time of printing.

Member Associations (December 2015)

Algeria	Ordre des Géomètres-Experts Fonciers (OGEF)					
Australia	Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI)					
Austria	Austrian Society for Surveying and Geoinformation					
Bahamas	Bahamas Association of Land Surveyors (BALS)					
Belarus	Land Reform Association					
Belgium	Union Belge des Géomètres-Experts Immobiliers					
Benin	Syndicat National des Géomètres-Topographes et Assimilés du Bénin					
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Geodetic Association of Herceg-Bosnia					
Brazil	Brazilian Society of Cartography, Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (SBC)					
Brunei Darussalam	Brunei Institution of Geomatics (BIG)					
Bulgaria	Union of Surveyors and Land Managers in Bulgaria					
	Chamber of Graduate Surveyors					
Burkina Faso	Association des Géomètres et Topographes du Burkina (AGT-B)					
Canada	The Canadian Institute of Geomatics					
China	China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents (CIREA)					
	China Land Science Society (CLSS)					
	Chinese Society of Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography					
Colombia	Colombian Society of Surveyors					
Congo D.R.	Fédération des Ingénieurs Géomètres-Topographes					
Costa Rica	Colegio de Ingenieros Topógrafos de Costa Rica					
Croatia	Croatian Geodetic Society					
Cyprus	Cyprus Association of Rural and Surveying Engineers					
	Cyprus Association of Valuers and Property Consultants					
Czech Republic	Czech Association of Certified Property Appraisers					
	Czech Union of Surveyors and Cartographers					
Denmark	Danish Association of Chartered Surveyors (DdL)					
Egypt	Egyptian Committee of Surveying and Mapping					
Estonia	Association of Estonian Surveyors (EGÜ)					
Ethiopia	Ethiopian Surveying Professionals Association (ESPA)					
Fiji	Fiji Institute of Surveyors					
Finland	Finnish Association of Geodetic and Land Surveyors (MIL)					
	Maanmittausalan ammattikorkeakoulu- ja opistoteknisten Liitto MAKLI ry					
France	Ordre des Géomètres-Experts (OGE)					
	Association Française de Topographie (AFT)					
Gabon	Association des Professionels de l'Ingenierie Topographique du Gabon, APIT Gabon					
Georgia	Society of Professionals of Land Information Technologies (SPLIT)					

Germany	DVW – Society of Geodesy, Geo-information and Land Management				
Ghana	Ghana Institution of Surveyors				
	Licensed Surveyors Association of Ghana (LISAG)				
Greece	Technical Chamber of Greece				
	Hellenic Association of Rural and Surveying Engineers				
Hong Kong SAR, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineering Surveyors China					
Hungary	Hungarian Society of Surveying, Mapping and Remote Sensing				
Indonesia	Ikatan Surveyor Indonesia				
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Iranian Professional Society of Surveying Engineers (ISS)				
Israel	Association of Licensed Surveyors in Israel				
Italy	National Council of Italian Surveyors				
Jamaica	The Land Surveyors Association of Jamaica (LSAJ)				
lapan	Japan Federation of Surveyors				
Kenya	Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK)				
Korea, Republic of	Korea Cadastre Survey Corporation				
Kosovo	Kosova Association of Surveyors				
Latvia	Latvian Associations of Surveyors (LMB)				
Lebanon	Ordre des Géomètres-Topographes du Liban				
Liberia	Cadastral Surveyors Association of Liberia, Inc. (CASUAL)				
Lithuania	Lithuanian Association of Property Valuers				
	Lithuanian Association of Surveyors				
Luxembourg	Ordre Luxembourg des Géomètres (OLG)				
Malaysia	Association of Authorised Land Surveyors Malaysia				
Mali	Ordre des Géomètres Experts du Mali (OGE)				
Malta	The Malta Institution of Surveyors				
Mongolia	Mongolian Association of Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography (MAGPC)				
Morocco	Ordre National des Ingénieurs Géomètres-Topographes (ONIGT)				
Nepal	Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyors				
Netherlands	Geo-informatie Nederland (GIN)				
New Zealand	New Zealand Institute of Surveyors				
Nigeria	Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers				
	Nigerian Institution of Surveyors				
	The Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors				
Norway	Norges Jordskiftekandidatforening (NJKF), faglig gruppe af Tekna and GeoForum				

Palestinian Authority	Licensed Surveyors Association in Palestine			
Papua New Guinea	Association of Surveyors of Papua New Guinea (ASPNG)			
Philippines	ines Geodetic Engineers of the Philippines, Inc.			
Poland	Association of Polish Surveyors			
Portugal	Order of Engineers – College of Geographical Engineering			
Romania	Romanian Association of Private Surveyors			
	Union of Romanian Geodesy			
Russian Federation	Federal Service of State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography (Rosreestr)			
	Non-commercial partnership "Self-regulated organization of activity of cadastral engineers"			
Rwanda	Distinctive Engineering Group			
Senegal	Ordre National des Géomètres Experts du Senegal (ONGES)			
Serbia	Serbian Union of Surveyors			
Slovak Republic	Chamber of Surveyors and Cartographers, CSC			
	Slovak Union of Surveyors and Cartographers			
Slovenia	Association of Surveyors of Slovenia			
South Africa,	South African Council for Professional and Technical Surveyors			
Republic of	The South African Geomatics Institute (SAGI) *)			

Spain	Spanish Association of Geodetic Surveyors				
Sri Lanka	Surveyors' Institute of Sri Lanka				
St. Lucia	The Institute of Surveyors (St. Lucia) Inc. ISSL				
Sweden	Swedish professionals for the built environment				
Switzerland	geosuisse – Swiss society of geomatics and Land Management				
Syria	Order of Syrian Engineers and Architects (OSEA)				
Togo	Ordre des Géomètres du Togo				
Trinidad and Tobago	Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago				
Turkey	Chamber of Surveying Engineers of Turkey				
Uganda	Géographie, Topographie, Hydraulique, Energie et Construction (GEOTHECO) *)				
Ukraine	Ukrainian Society of Geodesy and Cartography				
United Kingdom	Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES)				
	The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)				
Uruguay	Surveyors Association of Uruguay (AAU)				
USA	National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS)				
Vietnam	Vietnam Association of Geodesy – Cartography – Remote Sensing				
Zimbabwe	Survey Institute of Zimbabwe				

Affiliate Members (December 2015)

Albania	Central Office of Immovable Property Registration – IPRO	Japan	Geospatial Information Authority of Japan/Geodetic Department
Argentina	Consejo Federal De Catastro De La Republica Argentina (C.F.C)	° Jordan	Department of Lands & Survey, Ministry of Finance
Azerbaijan	State Committee for Land and Cartography, State Aerogeodesy Corporation,	Latvia	The State Land Service of Latvia
	Azerbaijan	Lesotho	Land Administration Authority (LAA)
Bahrain	Survey and Land Registration Bureau	Macedonia (FYROM)	Agency for Real Estate Cadastre (AREC)
Belgium	General Administration of the Patrimonial Documentation	Mexico	National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI)
Brunei Darussalam	Survey Department, Ministry of Development	Moldova,	Agency for Land Administration and Cadastre of Republic of Moldova
Bulgaria	Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Agency of Bulgaria	 Republic of 	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Cambodia	Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction	Mongolia	Administration of Land Affairs, Construction, Geodesy & Cartography
Chile	Servicio Hidrográfico y Oceanográfico de la Armada de Chile	* Namibia	Office of the Surveyor General, Ministry of Lands, Resettlement and
China	China Land Surveying and Planning Institute	o	Rehabilitation
Colombia	Instituto Geográfico Agustin Codazzi	• Nepal	Survey Department, Government of Nepal
Croatia	State Geodetic Administration of Republic of Croatia	Netherlands	Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency
Cyprus	Cyprus Lands and Surveys Department	• New Zealand	Land Information New Zealand
Denmark	Danish Geodata Agency	Norway	Statens kartverk, Norwegian Mapping and Cadastre Authority
Fiji	Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources	* Romania	National Agency for Cadastre and Land Administration
	iTaukei Land Trust Board	Russian Federation	Siberian State Academy of Geodesy
Finland	National Land Survey of Finland	° Saudi Arabia,	Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs
Guatemala	Guatemalan Registry of Cadastral Information (Registro de Información Catastral de Guatemala – RIC)	Kingdom of	General Commission for Survey (GCS), General Directorate of Geodesy and Land Survey (GLS)
Hungary	Institute of Geodesy, Cartography and Remote Sensing (FÖMI)	Sri Lanka	Survey Department, Sri Lanka
Iceland	Registers Iceland	° Sweden	Lantmäteriet – The Swedish Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration
Iran	National Cartographic Center of Iran (NCC)	•	Authority
Iraq, Republic of	General Directorate for Surveying, Ministry of Water Resources	Switzerland	Swiss Federal Office of Topography, swisstopo
Israel	Survey of Israel	USA	United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Italy	Italian Society of Photogrammetry and Topography (SIFET)		Administration NOAA

Academic Members (December 2015)

Australia	RMIT University, Department of Geospatial Science
	The University of Melbourne, Department of Geomatics
	University of New South Wales, School of Surveying and Spatial Information Systems
	University of Southern Queensland, Department of Surveying and Land Information
	University of Technology Sydney, School of Construction Property & Project Manage- ment
Austria	University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences Vienna, Institute of Survey- ing, Remote Sensing and Land Information
Belgium	Antwerp Maritime Academy, Institute for Hydrography
	ECAM – Haute Ecole Leonard de Vinci, Département Construction
	Ghent University, Department of Geography
	University of Applied Sciences Kaho Sint-Lieven, Department of Engineering in Construction and Land Surveying
	University of Liege, Unit of Geomatics
Brazil	Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos – UNISINOS, Centro de Ciências Exatas e Tecnológicas
Canada	Université Laval, Départment des sciences géomatique
	University of Calgary, Department of Geomatics Engineering
	University of New Brunswick, Department of Geodesy and Geomatics Engineering
China	Renmin University of China, School of Public Administration, Department of Land & Real Estate Management
	The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, Faculty of Science and Engineering
Colombia	Universidad de los Andes – Civil and Environmental Engineering
	Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas, Facultad de Ingeniería
	Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas, Facultad del Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
Croatia	University of Zagreb, Faculty of Geodesy
Czech Republic	Brno University of Technology, Faculty of Civil Engineerin, Department of Surveying
Denmark	Aalborg University, Department of Development and Planning
Ethiopia	Bahir Dar University, Institute of Land Administration
Finland	Aalto University, School of Engineering, Department of Real Estate, Planning and Geoinformatics
	Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Land Surveying
	Rovaniemi University of Applied Siences
France	Ecole Supérieure des Géomètres et Topographes (ESGT)
Gabon	Ecole Nationale du Cadastre et des Sciences Geographique, ENCSG
Germany	Anhalt University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Surveying Engineering
	Berlin Institute of Technology, Department for Geodesy and Geoinformation Science
	Technische Universität München, Faculty of Civil Engineering and Surveying
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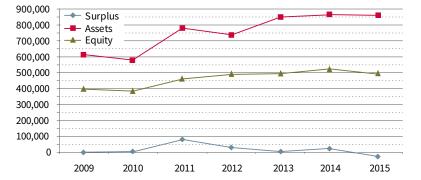
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Income and Expenditure Account 2013–2015

REGULAR INCOME	Result 2015 *)	Budget 2015	Result 2014	Result 2013
Subscriptions	(all figures in Euro)			
Member associations	253,998	260,000	259,444	260,145
Affiliate members	30,351	28,000	28,880	25,460
Corporate members	80,046	78,000	80,990	77,893
Academic members	11,593	11,000	11,000	20,750
Less bad debts	-25,611	-14,750	-38,041	-20,775
Less change in provision for doubtful debts				-10,937
	350,377	362,250	342,273	352,536
Financial income / expenses	3,907	5,000	2,993	4,399
Less banking costs	-411	-250	-616	-763
Currency diff	-3,311			
Events – fees charged for services	44,549	45,000	81,910	80,000
Total regular income	395,111	412,000	426,560	436,172
REGULAR EXPENDITURE				
Administration	193,524	218,000	204,954	195,482
Marketing and publications	11,775	10,000	28,947	19,930
Council and executive management	145,998	152,000	153,161	180,876
Commission support	33,015	33,000	33,000	33,000
Total regular expenditure	384,312	413,000	420,062	429,288
Surplus/deficit of regular income over regular expenditure	10,799	-1,000	6,498	6,884
PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT				
Events – funds received by FIG	-	-	31,684	20,046
Development spent	-35,280	-22,000	-12,764	-21,192
SURPLUS OF THE YEAR (REGULAR)	-24,481	-23,000	25,418	5,738
RESULT				
Overall surplus/deficit in the year - normal activities	-4,481**)	-23,000	25,418	5,738
Total reserve at the year end	499,647		524,128	498,711
Events reserve	25,000		25,000	25,000
IT reserve	30,000		50,000	25,000
General reserve	444,647		449,128	448,711
General reserve as a % of regular annual expenditure	116%		107%	105%

FIG Balances 2009–2015



*) The accounts will be adopted by the General Assembly May 2016. The income and expenditure presentation follow the template approved by the General Assembly in 2009.

**) 20,000 EUR of the IT reserve has been used to cover part of the deficit, due to large IT improvements in 2015.

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