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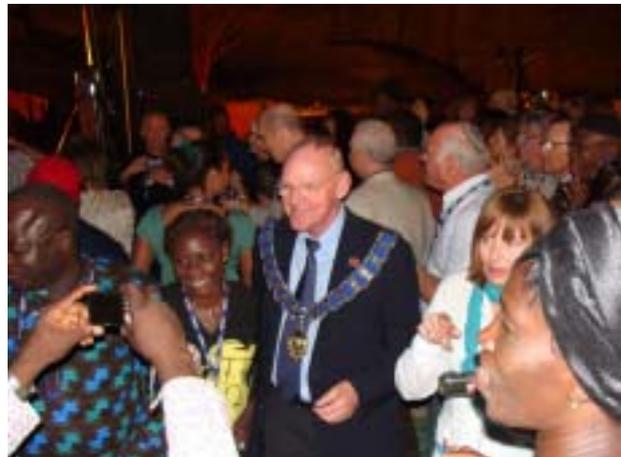


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The FIG2009 conference in Eilat has so far exceeded all expectations and was the venue of a number of remarkable events in the last two days.

The Gala Dinner was an exceptional event held in a one of a kind venue; at the heart of the desert...at the base of the magnificent King Solomon's Pillars of Timna Park - home to the world's most ancient copper mines of King Ramses III (12th C BC). King Solomon's Pillars were formed by centuries of water erosion on the tall, straight rock face. The red sandstone cliffs were sculpted into pillar-shaped ridges that jut outwards.

The Israeli Sole Messengers band gave an outstanding performance, driving the participants into lively dancing through the night.





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The third plenary session, chaired by Mr. Matthew Higgins FIG Vice President, had three interesting presentation about Geo-sciences and Surveying.

The key presentation was given by Dr. Ze'ev B. Begin, a Minister in the Israeli government and past Director of the Geological Survey of Israel. Dr. Begin presentation described the Dead Sea fault geological characteristics in a global perspective and with respect to earthquakes risk

In the photograph to the left:

Dr. Joseph Forrai, Survey of Israel, Prof. Dr. Ing. Rudolf Staiger, University of Applied Sciences Bochum, Germany, Chair of FIG Commission 5, and Dr. Ze'ev B. Begin.



The conference was the venue of 18 booths of international companies presenting innovative technologies in the exhibition among them Bentley and Sivan Design, the silver sponsors of the conference.





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After his presentation Minister Dr. Ze'ev B. Begin of the Israeli government met with Prof. Stig Enemark, FIG President, Dr. Haim Srebro conference director and FIG members that represent national agencies to discuss the some key national and international problems and issues facing our modern society and the surveying community.

In the picture from left: Prof. Stig Enemark, Dr. Ze'ev B. Begin, Dr. Haim Srebro, Mr. Iain Greenway, United Kingdom, Mr. Warwick Watkins from Australia, Mr. Matthew Higgins FIG Vice President, Dr. Liao Jungping, Vice President and Dr. Song Chunhua, President of the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers (CIREA) at the right most sit.