



Association Française de Topographie

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Proposal for the nomination of Prof. Jean-Marie Becker as honorary member of FIG

Dear Mr. President,
Dear members of FIG Council,
Dear delegates from member-associations,

The Association Française de Topographie (AFT) is honoured to put forward the candidature of Prof. Jean-Marie Becker to your appreciation for a nomination as honorary member of FIG.

As a matter of facts, Jean-Marie Becker, born (1935) and educated in France (1961), began his professional life in our country. He participated to a French-Russian polar expedition in 1968-69 and then pursued brightly his career in Sweden within the National Land Survey (NLS) of Sweden, getting to high responsibilities (head of Levelling, and then of the Geodetic Surveying Division), and conducting remarkable developments and achievements with innovative ideas. Meanwhile, he always kept in close and active relationship with his French professional family: early member of AFT, he has even been member of our council.

Jean-Marie Becker is author or co-author of about 180 technical papers on different professional subjects, with special emphasis on height determination, instrument tests and comparisons, standards, inertial technique applications, construction applications, quality management. He has been lecturer, speaker and/or chairman at many international meetings, courses, seminars or workshops in FIG, IAG, NKG, ISO, SIS, and ISPRS. He was also teaching and became Professor Emeritus in 2001.

His commitment in national and international professional bodies is impressive:

- * FIG: International Federation of Surveyors (see below)
- * Member of IAG, Section 1 - SSG4 " Engineering Survey" and SSP 1.125
- * Former Swedish delegate at CLGE (Comité Européen des Géomètres), 1976-1999
- * Swedish delegate at UELN (United European Levelling Network)
- * NKG Nordic Geodetic Commission
- * ISO International Standard Organisation
- * Swedish Association of Civil Engineers
- * Swedish National Committee for Geodesy and Geophysics
- * Swedish Cartographic Society
- * Chairman of the Nordic Group for Height Determination (NGK)
- * AFT: French Association for Topography (Past member of the Council)
- * BST & SIS: Swedish (Construction) Standard Organisation
- * Former member of the Board from the Trade Union of Swedish Engineers (C.F)

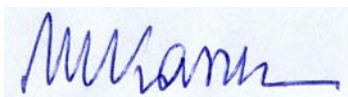
But above all, his full, sincere, efficient and generous involvement in FIG remains the major international connection of his professional life. Jean-Marie Becker has been one of the main actors of FIG within commission 5, whose competence and advice were sought and acknowledged. He is also, undoubtedly, an unforgettable person and character, so friendly, so cheerful, always telling - with mischievous humour – his feelings and convictions.

His considerable action and work within FIG can be summarised as follows:

- * Member of FIG since 1972 through SLF and later AFT
- * Swedish national delegate to FIG Commission 5
- * Vice chairman of Commission 5 (1994-98) and chairman (1998-2002)
- * Participated to all FIG Congress from 1977 in Stockholm forward to Paris 2003
- * Member and chairman of different Working Groups:
 - 1984--1998: chair of the instrumentation & calibration WG
 - 1988--1998 member of Fig WG6E on laser techniques and applications
- * Organiser or co-organiser of several technical seminars as Copenhagen (98), Gävle (1999), Strasbourg(99), Malta(99), Seoul (2001), Akranes (2001), Hanoi (2002), etc
- * Member of the Task Force on the FIG Secretariat (94-98)
- * FIG representative and Liaison at the ISO/TC172 SC6: Standards for geodetic and surveying instruments and ISO/TC 211
- * FIG Representative and Liaison at the ISO/TC 172 SC 6 Standards for geodetic and surveying instruments (1998-2002)
- * FIG representative to IAG

Prof. Jean-Marie Becker is now retired but is still a regular member of our association. We do believe that he really deserves to be an honorary member of FIG, and we hope for a positive consideration of the FIG council and for the support of the General Assembly, as a tribute of our international community to his long and intense commitment within the Federation.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Michel KASSER
President of AFT



Michel MAYOUD
Vice-President