

## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS

### PRESIDENTS' MEETING

#### SUMMARY NOTES OF MEETING

of the meeting held in Ellisse at the Rome Cavalieri, Rome, Italy, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012 from 8:30 to 10:00

In attendance: Participant list attached as appendix to this memo. Totally 47 persons attended this Presidents' Meeting out of which 40 were Presidents of member associations or Heads of delegations.

#### 1. OPENING

President CheeHai Teo opened the meeting and welcomed all Presidents, Heads of Delegations and participants to the traditional Presidents' meeting and second under his presidency. This meeting is arranged for the presidents of member associations to share their views on any issues of their interest in a more informal atmosphere than the formal meetings of the General Assembly. For the first time on first day of the conference there was the Presidents' Coffee and on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May Presidents' Meeting where the presidents were able to discuss any issues of their interest however this time focusing on the proposals from the Working Group on Voting Rights.

President Teo asked the participants to raise in the discussion any issues that their associations are facing at national level in addition to any feedback to the organisers of the Working Week in Rome.

**Recorded** that altogether 47 people were present at the meeting, out of which 40 were Presidents or their representatives.

#### 2. DISCUSSION

The discussion focussed on remarks and proposals from member associations related to the issues addressed by the President and other issues that the member associations felt relevant.

Fausto Savoldi (CNGeGL, Italy): Thanks to all participants for attending the Working Week. The papers were of good quality and will be available on the FIG web site. CNGeGL was very happy with the young people so well presented at the Working Week and Young Surveyors conference.

Jason Smith (ICES, United Kingdom): The conference was well presented and the Working Week was a good conference.

Humphrey Amegadoe (GhIS, Ghana): The Working Week was well organised and GhIS was very happy with all arrangements.

James Kavanagh (RICS, United Kingdom): Congratulations and thanks to CNGeGL. The work and results from the FAO and GLTN sessions are important to be brought back to member organisations. In United Kingdom lot of effort is now given to technical training and investing on technical surveyors. All students in United Kingdom are doing well at the moment which is a good sign for the future.

Diane Dumashie (RICS, United Kingdom): Having two presidents meetings worked out well, it may be worth considering having the formal meeting earlier during the week.

Fabien Omboudou Ndjina (OGEC, Cameroun): OGEC will host the second Surveying Week in Cameroun in 2013 including Commission 2 and 7 annual meetings to which invited members to attend. Asked also support to organise FIG regional conference in Yaounde in Cameroun in 2016.

Mamadou Ndir (ONGES, Senegal): Thanks to CNGeGL. There is a big need for FIG involvement in Sub Saharan Africa to push politicians to acknowledge the increasing role of land administration.

Paul Marshall (PLATO, South Africa): The Working Week was of high level and good quality – it as a great conference. It might be good to have extra president interaction earlier during the week. High prices of conferences prevent bigger attendance from South Africa.

Karl-Friedrich Thöne (DVW, Germany): No one can organise a conference like Italians both on social and professional terms. Thanks to President Teo for interacting with the presidents. Special thanks to CNGeGL for initiating and organising the Young Surveyors Conference. The voting right issue is now on good way. The work of FIG should be linked with mega trends like climate change and FAO voluntary guidelines.

Collins Kowuor (ISK, Kenya): Good arrangements in the Roman way – the Italians can do it. Social events were outstanding. The discussion with Africans was important and appreciated. It would be good to offer opportunity to meet with presidents also outside Working Weeks. FIG role in influencing politicians on land and property strategies is becoming more and more important. High costs of attendance are prohibiting larger participation from Africa to the FIG events. Thanks to FIGF office for their support.

Torben Juulsager (DdL, Denmark): The programme included a colorful bouquet of presentations. Quality varied but was generally good and many presentations were passionate. In some sessions there were too many presentations. Plenary presentations should be presented in English (now waited for translation). In plenary sessions there was no clear linkage between the papers. Fireworks in professionalism – lot to bring back home. World class venue. Thanks to organisers.

Gerda Schennach (OVG, Austria): Thanks to CNGeGL. The programme was very packed – there is now a limit not to add more parallel sessions. The problem was difficulty to select. The forums were most valuable. It would be good to have two forums on general topics to provide a common message to member associations and members at national level.

Valeriu Manolache (APCGC, Romania): Thanks to CNGeGL and FIG Council. Interesting week both on technical and human levels. There were some hot topics. Members of FIG must give best result to their members. FIG should address to politicians that surveying profession is important for the development of society but not understood by policy makers. The association has made a bid for Working Week 2015 – it is important that the profession is present in Romania to highlight the importance of surveyors.

Randolph Camilleri (MIOs, Malta): Congratulations to CNGeGL and FIG both for the arrangements and the venue. The Young Surveyors Conference was important – 3 participants from Malta attended – and there is excellent feedback from those that attended. FIG should think more on surveyors in the field – now it is too academic.

Jean-Yves Pirlot (OBGE-BOLE, Belgium): Attended for the first time a full Working Week. Prices of the conferences are too high for Belgian surveyors. In Belgium an umbrella association has been established. Code of ethics is in first draft stage for building area as annex to INSPIRE. Promoted the idea of Day of European Surveyor organised for the first time in 2012 and suggested to make it international in the future perhaps in the same day as in USA 22 March 2013 for the next time. FIG could be a coordinator of global and regional lobbying. Thanks to Working Week organisers.

Pedro Ortiz (COITT, Spain): Will be doing evaluation of the Working Week for COITT in the next weeks. The Working Week offered good networking opportunities that will continue in the future. Thanks to CNGeGL.

George McFarlane (CIG, Canada): The Working Week was very good and the conference dinner was exceptional. FIG should work to influence governments. At the moment there is lack of recognition to surveying profession. In the conference arrangements the hotel booking procedures and cancellation policies should be improved (both in Marrakech and Rome these were not acceptable). For accompanying persons a more formal programme should be developed for the future events. Congratulations on the progress with the voting right issue.

John Hohol (ACSM, USA/FIG Foundation): Thanks to organisers. FAO and GLTN sessions were good and well attended. It was also good to see recognition that FIG has among partners. Technical sessions were overweighed – it would be good if different time could be allocated to different papers. Impressed on enthusiasm at the Young Surveyors Conference.

Lars Jansson (ASPECT, Sweden): Thanks to CNGeGL and special thanks for the Young Surveyors Conference. There is lack of young professionals in Sweden. It is important to make the profession better known to the government. It is important to strengthen co-operation with FAO and the World Bank to get surveying issues on the global agenda. In Rome in the technical programme there were too many presentations – in the future consider poster sessions.

Pekka Halme (MIL, Finland): MIL and MAKLI are going to make a bid for FIG Working Week 2017 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independency. Finland has a lot to offer both in professional development and experiences on several fields.

Martti Pietikäinen (MAKLI, Finland): To support the Finnish bid for Working Week 2017 Finland is safe and easy to access (visa issues) and e.g. St- Petersburg is now reachable in 3.5 hours by train.

Chryssy Potsiou (TCG, Greece): Congratulations to CNGeGL and their generous support to the Working Week and Young Surveyors Conference. Also many congratulations to CNGeGL for the achievements with young surveyors. Thanks also to sponsors of the FIG Foundation. There was good new networking in the Task Force on Property and Housing.

Kees de Zeeuw (GIN, the Netherlands): The economic crisis impacts the Netherlands and e.g. the Geospatial World Forum that is held for the first time in Amsterdam in 2012 (and next time in 2013). In Rome the food was excellent. The highlight of the week was the Young Surveyors Conference – in the future combine with the Working Week. Attendance to technical sessions was a bit disappointing – Rome was too attractive and too many parallel sessions.

Yakubu Maikano (NIS, Nigeria): Welcome to Nigeria in 2013 – thanks to CNGeGL and the record attendance. Now it is the right time to have the conference in Nigeria especially on housing issues. There is lot of housing development going – for those that can afford. FIG to help on developing affordable housing programmes. There is lack of surveying and mapping. Rural areas are suffering and not benefiting from the land they own. The AGM of NIS in June 2012 will be the start for Working Week 2013. It would be useful to have the presidents' meeting earlier in the week and also to invite Commission chairs to attend the meeting.

Nelma Benia (AAU, Uruguay): Presented invitation to the 8<sup>th</sup> FIG Regional Conference in Montevideo 26-29 November 2012. The members were invited to attend and help the profession in Uruguay. AAU has sent participants to FIG events when ever possible.

Shujiro Nishi (JFS, Japan): Thanks for arranging the special session on the earthquake in Japan. Proposed that also in the future special session could be organised in case of catastrophes.

Jan Hardos (CSC, Slovakia): Excellent Working Week. There were only few exhibitors – reason for this? Noticed also the lack of private surveyors and professionals. The main goal is exchange of professional information. The situation of surveyors is not that good in Slovakia when price level has stayed on the same level for the past 5-6 years. To improve the situation would require exchange of information. Perhaps go back to provide national reports e.g. by making questionnaires to each member country. Having this kind of information from many associations would be appreciated very much.

Dalal S. Alnaggar (ECSM, Egypt): Thanks to CNGeGL. Young Surveyors Conference was well organised but should have been inside the Working Week as parallel event. Also congratulations for the gender session – someone is thinking of us! This session should be also included in the programme in the future.

Maria Joao Henriques (CEG-OE, Portugal): The Working Week was almost a congress. In Portugal the public sector is almost stopped and young surveyors moved abroad. In the technical programme the papers were spread unequally – in some sessions only 2-3 papers.

Some speakers were also registered as accompanying persons. Young Surveyors Conference was very useful as well as the issues discussed.

Yerach Doytsher (ALSI, Israel): The Working Week was one of the best in past 10-20 years. There were too many presentations – define number of papers by one paper or two flash as one presentation. There were too many non-shows. There was one session with one paper – present in the conference but not in the session. Perhaps there should be a black list of speakers. In Israel the economy is in good shape and there are huge infrastructure projects including digital cadastre projects in process. There is lack of professionals because too many young surveyors are leaving surveying in favour of IT. Congratulations to President Teo and CNGeGL for young surveyors conference – to be part of the conference structure in the future.

Robert Sarib (SSSI, Australia): Fantastic conference including young surveyors conference and Commission 5 /IAG seminar. FIG is retaining its relevance, but need to address also grass root surveyors. In technical programme increase the profile of posters/flash presentations.

Andrew Stirling (NZIS, New Zealand): The Presidents' Meeting should be earlier during the week. The forum on FAO Voluntary Guidelines was very valuable to take back home. Congratulations on Task Forces especially on Surveyor and the Climate Change. Ageing is an issue that needs to be addressed. NZIS has a restructuring programme for its leadership and membership.

Ken Mukendi Buksa (FIGT, Congo D. R.): The problem in Congo is that surveying certificates are given without licensing system. Young surveyors are coming from different schools but quality control is needed. There are projects but the problem is to get the local surveyors involved.

Mohammed Azmi Mohd Zin (PEJUTA, Malaysia): Thanks to CNGeGL The next FIG Congress 2014 in Kuala Lumpur has already engaged AFLAG, CPD in Singapore etc. Surveyors should be involved in consultations on housing development in Malaysia and developing procedures. Invite to attend the carbon free programme at FIG 2014 – the aim is to plant trees one year prior the congress.

Wang Shiyuan (CLSS, China P.R.): Happy to join the Congress in 2014. FIG is a big platform to communicate and network. Invitation to China at some point starting with a workshop or commission event.

Antoine Mansour (OGTL, Lebanon): It is important to promote FIG more to local authorities in member countries. FIG should have programmes to launch at national level.

Arve Leiknes (NJKF, Norway): Thanks to CNGeGL and special thanks for social events and music. Special thanks for young surveyors conference. More flash presentations to allow more space for some papers. Non shows were a problem.

Liao Junping (CIREA, China P.R.): Thanks to CNGeGL. And to member associations for election to Commission 9 Chair Elect. Welcome to new Chinese member association. There was fruitful discussions during the week. On voting rights there could have been more communication and alternative solutions.

Mohamed Chourou (ONIGT, Morocco): Congratulations to FIG and CNGeGL for successful week. Young surveyors conference initiative from Morocco resulted in good outcome. It is important to co-operate with national member associations to impact governments in promoting sustainable development.

Angel Yanakiev (ChGS, Bulgaria): Ten minutes is short time for presentation in technical session. Presidents' meeting should be earlier in the week. Thanks to CNGeGL.

Orhan Ercan (TMMOB, Turkey): Excellent Working Week, thanks to FIG Council and CNGeGL. Turkey is preparing to big for FIG 2018 which will link the relationship between Roman and Ottoman empires. There has been crucial development in Turkey on big infrastructure projects, transportation, housing projects etc. and the big cadastral project has been completed. First land valuation conference was organised in Ankara in May 2012. TMMOB is organising a summer camp for students and will invited 4-5 international students via FIG to attend.

### 3. SUMMARY

In his closing remarks President Teo thanked for the comments and promised to consider them carefully in the coming weeks. He also promised to communicate with the presidents on frequent basis. He summarized the comments on the ongoing need to improve the technical programme that is a continuous struggle, but how to improve. It is also very important to strengthen co-operation and communication, not only within FIG but also with politicians, field workers and partnerships. It is important to influence the governments by lobbying. More time during the Working Week for discussions with each other. The comments on the young surveyors conference were very positive, the Council has to consider what will be the right format in the future.

President also thanked CNGeGL and President Savoldi, Congress Director Rispoli and Ms. Maria Scorza for their outstanding work to make the Working Week as big success.

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**FIG Working Week 2012**  
**6-10 May 2012, Rome, Italy**  
**Attendance List**  
**Presidents' Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

| <b>Name</b>            | <b>Member Association</b>                |
|------------------------|--|
| CheeHai Teo            | President, FIG, chair                    |
| Fausto Savoldi         | President, CNGeGL, Italy                 |
| Enrico Rispoli         | Congress Director, FIG 2012              |
| Jason Smith            | President, ICES, United Kingdom          |
| Humphrey Amegadoe      | Hon. Secretary, GhIS, Ghana              |
| James Kavanagh         | Director Land, RICS, United Kingdom      |
| Diane Dumashie         | Head of Delegation, RICS, United Kingdom |
| Paul Marshall          | President, PLATO, South Africa           |
| Karl-Friedrich Thöne   | President, DVW, Germany                  |
| Collins Kowuor         | President, ISK, Kenya                    |
| Torben Juulsager       | President PLF, Ddl, Denmark              |
| Henning Elmstroem      | President, DdL, Denmark                  |
| Gerda Schennach        | OVG, Austria                             |
| Valeriu Manolache      | President, APCGC, Romania                |
| Michelle Camilleri     | MIOs, Malta                              |
| Randolph Camilleri     | President, MIOs, Malta                   |
| Jean-Yves Pirlot       | President OBGE-BOLE, Belgium             |
| Pedro Ortiz            | FIG Representative COITT, Spain          |
| George McFarlane       | President Elect, CIG, Canada             |
| John Hohol             | Head of Delegation, ACSM, USA            |
| Lars Jansson           | President, ASPECT, Sweden                |
| Martti Pietikäinen     | FIG Representative, MAKLI, Finland       |
| Chryssy Potsiou        | FIG Representative, TCG, Greece          |
| Pekka Halme            | President, MIL, Finland                  |
| Kees de Zeeuw          | GIN, the Netherlands                     |
| Yakubu Maikano         | President, NIS, Nigeria                  |
| Bode Adeaga            | Deputy President, NIS, Nigeria           |
| Nelma Benia            | President, AAU, Uruguay                  |
| Shujiro Nishi          | Secretary General, JFS, Japan            |
| Jan Hardos             | Vice President, CSC, Slovakia            |
| Dalal S. Alnaggar      | ECSM, Egypt                              |
| Maria Joao Henriques   | CEG-OE, Portugal                         |
| Yerach Doytsher        | President, ALSI, Israel                  |
| Robert Sarib           | SSSI, Australia                          |
| Andrew Stirling        | President, NZIS, New Zealand             |
| Mohammed Azmi Mohd Zin | President, PEJUTA, Malaysia              |
| Ken Mukendi Buksa      | Head of Delegation, FIGT, Congo D. R.    |
| Wang Shiyuan           | President, CLSS, China P.R.              |
| Antoine Mansour        | President OGTL, Lebanon                  |
| Arve Leiknes           | President, NJKF, Norway                  |
| Liao Junping           | Vice President, CIREA, China P.R         |
| Mohamed Chrourou       | President, ONIGT, Morocco                |
| Angel Yanakiev         | President, ChGS, Bulgaria                |

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| Markku Villikka        | FIG Director, Secretary           |

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