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FIG Working Week

Surveyors Key Role in Accelerated Development

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The FIG Working Week 2009 in Eilat appears to be very successful with more than 600 attendees from more than 60 countries. The conference was the venue for the exchange of ideas and knowledge, professional development, creation of new agreements and corporations, and a possibility to meet old and new friends and professional colleagues.

The FIG General Assembly met with about 150 people on Monday May 4, representing 37 member association and had a busy agenda accepting new members such as the Association of Niger Surveyors as a member association, accepting the Presidents report, electing new chair elect Wafula Nabutola from Kenya to commission 8, establishment of the FIG Africa Task Force, new finance structure and many more as will be published on the FIG website.



From left: Mr. Iain Greenway, Vice President of FIG, Prof. Stig Enemark, FIG President, Mr. Markku Villikka, FIG Director, and Mr. Matt Higgins, Vice President

Outstanding presentations were given in the first plenary session about Geo information Management. These presentation were given by Mr. Lawrie E. Jordan, Director, Imagery Enterprise Solutions, ESRI, Dr. Vanessa Lawrence, Director General and CEO, Ordnance Survey, and Dr. Haim Srebro, Director General, Survey of Israel.



Dr. Srebro, Dr. Lawrence, and Mr. Jordan

The conference has been a major platform for new collaboration and corporations between national agencies and between global companies, for example a cooperation agreement between the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping (SBSM) of the P. R. China and the Survey of Israel (SOI).



Dr. Srebro, Director General, SOI and Mr. Xu Deming, Vice Minister and Director General of the SBSM of the P. R. China.



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The Directors General Forum was well attended with more than 20 Director Generals and leaders from National Geospatial Agencies. Presentations were given by Mr. A. P. C. Njepuome from Nigeria, Dr. Vanessa Lawrence from United Kingdom, Mr. Warwick Watkins from Australia, Mr. Xu Deming from China and Dr. Haim Srebro from Israel. Prof. Stig Enemark, FIG President (in the picture to the left) was the Chair of the second session of the forum.



Prof. Stig Enemark, FIG President

The conference had an active participation of the FIG young surveyors group. In the picture from left: Thorsten Schwing, (Germany) vice chair, Cecilia Lindén (Sweden) Chair, Kate Fairlie (Australia) regional coordinator, Cemal Özgür Kivilcim (Turkey) secretary



The FIG2009 conference had many interesting scientific presentations including by Prof. Isaac Ben Israel, the Chairman of the Israel Space Agency the but also some excellent shows and social events. In the picture to the left, the Ethnical group performing a special Yemeni dance in the opening Ceremony

