



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF HYDROGRAPHIC SOCIETIES (IFHS)
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS (FIG)**

1. Parties

This document constitutes an agreement between the International Federation of Hydrographic Societies (IFHS) and the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG).

2. Background

IFHS and FIG each recognise that the other is an international organisation with many complementary activities serving similar professional constituencies.

IFHS is a partnership of learned national and regional hydrographic societies dedicated to the promotion of hydrography and related sciences. IFHS represents all those with an expressed interest in these sciences, including but not limited to qualified marine surveyors. As such it promotes the interests of those who use hydrographic services, whether for private or public applications. IFHS promotes the development of hydrography and hydrographic learning and provides opportunities for the exchange of ideas and best practice. The Federation provides a global focal point for the wider hydrographic community, both individual and corporate, with its objective to provide members of affiliated societies with a range of products and services.

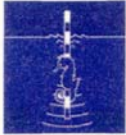
FIG is a Non-Government Organisation that collaborates with UN agencies and other international organisations to support progress in all fields and applications of surveying. FIG represents academic, commercial and public and private surveyors world-wide and specialises in technical and professional areas including surveying education and professional standards, hydrography, positioning and measurement, surveying, mapping, engineering surveys, geographic information systems, cadastre and land management together with marine cadastre, land and environmental planning plus the development of coastal zones and property valuation and the management of real estate.

3. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide a framework for a continuing liaison between the two organisations. This will be achieved by maintaining and increasing the opportunities of scientific, technical and professional as well as academic and educational exchange between their members, through a continuing programme of co-operation leading to mutual sharing of knowledge and expertise to the advantage of both organisations.

4. Programme of Activities

In accordance with the background and purpose described above, both organisations agree to endeavour to intensify their co-operation for mutual benefit. The following steps will be taken, among others:



1. Regular contact is to be established between the two organisations in order to institute and maintain a continuing liaison to address matters of common interest
2. Each organisation should inform the other of all Commissions, Working groups, etc. that it has established and invite representation from the other where it is agreed that it would be appropriate. In FIG the lead role in this co-operation is the responsibility of Commission 4 'Hydrography'.
3. Each organisation should inform the other of its programme of proposed seminars, workshops, etc. to enable joint participation should it be of mutual benefit and inform its members of these events as appropriate.
4. Both organisations should identify opportunities to organise specialised seminars or workshops under joint sponsorship.
5. Each organisation should invite a representative from the other organisation to attend respective Congresses/Conferences and offer complimentary registration.

5. Financial Commitment

It is understood that neither organisation can commit the other to any expenditure, save that from administering this agreement, without the specific written agreement of both organisations.

6. Legal Status

This Memorandum does not create a legal link between the two organisations who will maintain their mutual independence.

This Memorandum of Understanding is valid until IFHS or FIG proposes changes to it. Each organisation has the right to propose changes to this Memorandum at any time. Any changes shall be subject to the agreement of both organisations.

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