



# Nomination Template for Chair Elect

## Appendix to item 10 & 22

<b>Commission no. 8</b>	
<b>Nominee</b>	
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E-mail address	<a href="mailto:Sliuzas@itc.nl">Sliuzas@itc.nl</a>
Age	52 (date of birth: 26/11/1956)
Degrees and educational background	2004 PhD Geographical sciences, Utrecht University 1988 MSc. Urban surveys and human settlement analysis, ITC 1979 Dip.Tech Planning, University of South Australia
Employment history - current position - previous	Associate Professor Urban Planning, ITC (2004-) Assistant Professor, Urban GIS, ITC (1989-2004) Research assistant, ITC (1984-1988) Planning Officer, District Council of Stirling, South Australia (1981-1983) Town Planner, Brian Turner and Associates, South Australia (1980-1981)
Positions of trust - current - previous	International Committee GISDECO (since 2002)
Positions in FIG - current - previous	n.a.
Other activities in FIG	n.a.
Field of surveying discipline	Background in town and country planning with specific interests in GIS, urban remote sensing, land use planning and informal development. Particular interest in cadastral surveying and land tenure security in relation to informal development and upgrading.



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<b>Nominees Statement:</b>	
Why I want to be a Commission Chair and what I would like to achieve	<p>The FIG is a large and influential body in the field of land surveying and development around the world. As an internationally oriented planning academician specialized on urban planning in developing countries I have realized that it is necessary to build-bridges between disciplines if urban planning and development procedures are to be made more responsive, efficient and effective. This position provides an opportunity to work in close liaison with the land surveying community to strengthen the contribution that surveying professionals can make to the planning and management of fast growing cities around the world. I would work in close collaboration with FIG members, including those of related Commissions and other agencies to promote the development and dissemination of innovative surveying and planning practices in response to major global challenges associated with issues such as rapid urbanization, poverty reduction, equitable land tenure systems and land supply, incremental land planning and development systems, climate change and environmental degradation.</p>
What I can offer to FIG in support of the aims and objectives of the Commission	<p>Knowledge and experience in urban planning, GIS, urban remote and development problems.            Motivation and commitment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• promote closer cooperation between the surveying and planning professions</li> <li>• make the practice of the land and development professions more responsive to the needs and problems found in less developed countries</li> </ul> <p>A substantial international network of researchers and professionals in the field of spatial planning and urban land management            Connections to the ITC research community and network in related disciplines</p>
My key skills	<p>Knowledge and skills in urban planning research and practice with the use of Geoinformation Technology            Knowledge of a variety of development contexts and in particular those of Australia, the Netherlands, Tanzania, China, Malawi, and India.            Experience in community participation research in low income settlements            Planning and implementing small format aerial photography missions            Organizing international conferences and workshops            Project management            Curriculum development and training in the field of GIS for spatial planning</p>
Any other general comments	<p>I am currently engaged in developing a research project in cooperation with UN-Habitat, JRC Italy and</p>



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	<p>CIESIN, Colombia University on slum identification and mapping with very high resolution satellite imagery. I have close connections with the following groups at UN-Habitat: Global Land Tool Network, Global Urban Observatory, and the Sustainable Cities Programme.</p>
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<b>Nominator</b>	
Name of member Association	Geo-informatie Nederland (GIN)
Name and title of contact person	Jan Willem van Eck, President
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<b>Nominator's statement</b>	
Why the association wants to nominate Nominee	To support good chairmanship of FIG-Commissions in general and in order to contribute to the role of surveyors in the field of spatial planning and development. Dr. Sliuzas is very well qualified, has a good 'drive', and meets the requirements for a good chairman.
Support the Association can offer the Nominee (financial and other)	The Association relies on the employer of the nominee for support.
Any other comments	The employer, ITC, morally supports the nomination, and is willing to provide certain facilities for the nominee.
<b>Signed</b>	
I hereby certify the above is true and correct	
Date	15 January 2009
Nominee	Richard Sliuzas 
Nominator	Jan Willem van Eck