

**Report to the 33rd General Assembly
FIG Congress in Sydney, Australia 2010**

FIG Commission 1 – Professional Standards and Practice

Report of Activities 2009

1. General

Commission 1 contributed to the 7th FIG Regional Conference on “*Spatial Data Serving People – Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity*” in Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009 with some technical sessions such as *TS 1F – Professional Co-operation at Regional Level and Experiences on Promoting Professional Ethics*. Several topics are discussed including:

- Professional Co-operation in Europe
- Professional Ethics – The European Code of Conduct
- Professional Co-operation Concept for South East Asia

Commission 1 had in Hanoi an informal meeting with the chairs of working groups to discuss the new policy of Commission 1 and the future plans to activate the commission especially for the young surveyors and how to promote the regional groups and associations. The discussion including ideas how to find a way to encourage them to join FIG. As Chair of Commission 1, I still have the same message to the young surveyors “*believe that you can Fly, your new Space is the FIG space and it is so wide that you can swept your wings as your ambitions can reach and fly*”.

Commission 1 still has the plan to launch the “*Arena of Young Competencies*” – a platform where young surveyors can fly in the sky of FIG. The chair has had several meetings with responsible persons of many cultural centres and missions at the foreign embassies in Beirut (Canada, France, Sweden, Turkey, Russia, Greece and all Arab countries) to discuss how we can financially support young surveyors (minimum two from each country) to attend international symposiums and conferences, at least to the workshop that the chair is intending to organize in Beirut this summer (second half of July), with the support of the Lebanese Order of Surveyors and the Arab Union of Surveyors under the Theme “*Relating New Generations*”. It is expected that this workshop will take place this summer if the organisers will get positive replies from the embassies and depending on the situation in Lebanon at that time of the year. This will also be an option for the young surveyors from all around the world to meet their colleagues from the Arab region and exchange ideas and perspectives.

Before Hanoi, we had the First Symposium of the Arab Union of Surveyors in Beirut 30 June – 2 July 2009 with the an unexpected participation from all Arab countries (Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Sultanate of Oman, Yemen, Bahrain, Palestine and Iraq) and some delegates from France and Switzerland (Leica).

That symposium was recognised by the presence of Prof. Stig Enmark, FIG President, who has been a great support from FIG to the Arab Union of Surveyors and given an example of how the International Federation can be the umbrella for the surveyor's profession all around the World.

As a member of the Executive Board of AUS and the Chair of Commission 1, we have included topics from all FIG Commissions under one theme "*A Unique Map for the Arab World*" for the motto of this First Symposium:

1. How to form the Professional Surveyor
2. Organizing the Profession of a Surveyor under Laws and Legislations
3. Normalization of the Map
4. The problematic related to the Toponymy
5. Regional Geodetic References
6. Cartography of Natural Phenomena
7. Land Management and Cadastre
8. The Infrastructures of Spatial Data
9. Cartographic Forms and Presentations
10. Amelioration of Laws and Legislations
11. Geographic Names and Cartography
12. GIS and the General Data Base for the Arab Specialists and Spatial Data for Investments

Commission 1 was present in the preparations for establishing the Mediterranean Union of Surveyors at its meeting held in Marrakech December 2009.

Commission 1 has also contributed to the FGF (Federation des Geometers Francophones). The chair of Commission 1 was also nominated to be a member of the Geo-Tunis scientific commission to prepare for the next event in Tunis with the aim to promote the profession and to recognise the international role of surveying and FIG.

2. Working Groups

WG 1.1 – Standards Network

Chair: Iain Greenway (United Kingdom) and David Martin

The network has submitted its own report for the General Assembly.

WG 1.2 – Young Surveyors (a Joint Working Group with Commission 2)

Chair: Miss Cecilia Lindén (Sweden)

The network has submitted its own report for the General Assembly.

WG 1.3 – Surveyors Changing Role in Society

Chair: Ms. Leonie Newnham (Australia)

Vice-chair: Prof. John Parker (Australia)

Policy issues

Discussions underway with Victorian Surveying Professionals to develop a workshop or conference to be held in conjunction with the Congress at Sydney in 2010 dealing with

surveyors changing role in society and innovation in the surveying industry.(this will take place this year in Sydney).

3. Communication

Commission 1 is planning to issue this year its e-Newsletter as a Full Report of the last past 4 years with photos and a list of all technical sessions achieved in these 4 years. We will send some hard copies to FIG and to the new Chair to keep it as Reference and continuity to the Commission's vision and perspectives.

4. Cooperation with Other Commissions

Working Group 1.2 Young Surveyors Network is a joint Working Group with Commission 2. We had discussed also with Prof Bela Markus, Chair of Commission2 to have some joint sessions and this was adopted.

4. Events

- FIG Congress 2010, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010
- Considering co-operating with Dr. Chryssy Potsiou, Chair of Commission 3 to organize a common workshop in Beirut or in Greece for building capacity and exchanging experiences and competencies between Greek and Lebanese Surveyors (this can be opened for all Mediterranean surveyors.
- The National Congress of the French Ordre des Géomètres Experts OGE, June 2010
- The AYC workshop in Lebanon – Kesrwan Beach, July 2010

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