

**Report to the 41st General Assembly  
FIG Congress, Istanbul, Turkey, May 2018**

**FIG Foundation  
Report of Activities 2017**



The FIG Foundation

### **1. Administration**

The FIG Foundation is located in and administered by the FIG Office in Copenhagen.

A Board of Directors chaired by the President of the FIG Foundation makes the decisions of the Foundation.

The Board of Directors for 2017 was as follows:

- John Hohol, President of the FIG Foundation (USA)
- Prof. Michael Barry, Director (Canada)
- FIG Vice President Orhan Ercan, (Turkey)
- FIG Commission 2 Chair Ir. Liza Groenendijk, Director (Netherlands)
- Mr Daniel Steudler, Director (Switzerland)

### **2. Programmes with Corporate Members**

FIG Foundation Partners

Charter Foundation Partner Trimble Navigation continues to support the FIG Foundation by sponsorship of the FIG Foundation Dinner since 2010 and providing other support directly through the Foundation.

### **3. Meetings 2017**

The board held its official meeting in Helsinki, Finland during the 2017 Working week.

Furthermore, the board has been in frequent contact through emails. This meeting was the first meeting for the new board members Orhan Ercan and Daniel Steudler.

Ir. Liza Groenendijk had sent her apologies to the meeting, but was represented by Fahria Masum, who substituted as chair of FIG Commission 2. All other members of the Board and the Charter Foundation partner Trimble, represented by William Marbell, were present at the meeting.

FIG Foundation introduced to FIG Council and Commission Chairs (ACCO) a FIG Commission Publication Author Support Grant of up to 28,000 EUR over a maximum of four years. These grants are aimed at increasing FIG Publications by authors who reside in low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income countries, and contributing to the implementation of part of a Commission's Working Plan.

#### 4. Grants 2017

For 2017, two different grants were offered, an academic research grant and a PhD grant.

For the academic research grant FIG Foundation has received two applications, however both were rejected due to the fact that they did not fulfil the requirements.

FIG Foundation received one applications for PhD. grant, which was accepted:

Mr. Collins Mwangu, Department of Geospatial and Space Technology University of Nairobi, Kenya - Spatial data infrastructure in Africa: a technical and institutional analysis.

Mr. Collins Mwangu has received EUR 4,000 to obtain the FIG Foundation PhD scholarship and an additional grant of EUR 3,000 to enable him attend and present his published paper.

In 2016 Mr Wallace Mukupa received the FIG Foundation Ph.D. scholarship. In 2017 he succeeded in getting his peer review paper accepted and was therefore eligible for the additional grant of EUR 3,000 to support his trip to Helsinki to attend the Working Week. Mr Wallace Mukupa presented his paper in the Working Week.

Read his report: [http://fig.net/news/news\\_2017/08\\_foundation\\_phd-grant.asp](http://fig.net/news/news_2017/08_foundation_phd-grant.asp)

In 2017 the FIG Foundation awarded grants totalling EUR 3,143 to Young Surveyors to participate in the Working Week in Helsinki, Finland

The three Young Surveyors were:

- Biplov Bhandari (Nepal)
- Mladen Femic (Montenegro)
- Kaarina Toivo (Namibia)

Ms. Melissa Robert, Uruguay was approved a grant in 2017 of 2,800 EUR to support her attendance at various conferences in which she has promoted and informed about FIG and FIG Young Surveyors. At the same time FIG and FIG Foundation extend a special thanks to Ms Melissa Roberts for her work on the promotion of FIG in the Latin American area.

CLGeGL, Italy has received a grant of EUR 3,000 as support for their Summer School.

Together with UN-Habitat/Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) the FIG Young Surveyors introduced a new programme – Volunteer Community Surveyor program (VCSP). This programme makes it possible for young surveyors to apply for an exchange and to contribute to projects that GLTN is involved in at country levels implementing land tools. This project runs from October 2017-April 2018 and is supported by FIG Foundation with in total 5,000 EUR. Most expenses will be held in 2018.

Finally, at its meeting FIG Foundation agreed to invest in a video performance on how to apply for applications. Too many applications have been received that did not fulfil the criteria and it is the hope that this video can help and inspire to receive better applications to the Foundation, but also to help in general with grant application writing.

In total **15.190 EUR** was spent in 2017.

## 5. Donations in 2017

	EUR
Finnish Evening, Working Week	2,940.00
Charity run	642.00
Voluntary donations from registrations WW	1,374.00
Registrations WW+donation	21,380.00
Other donations	10,000
Personal donations	
Interest 2017	641
<b><u>Total Income FIG Foundation 2017</u></b>	<b><u>36,977</u></b>

### Donations from registrations:

Name	Country	Donation
Dib Mohammed Réda	Algeria	100
Hamed Yacouba Dagnoko	Cote D'Ivoire	100
Enemark Stig	Denmark	100
Foster Robert	United States	100
Hohol John	United States	100
Talvitie Juha	Finland	100
Teo CheeHai	Malaysia	100
Klaus Roland	Nigeria	100
Sinkner Robert	Czech Republic	55
Brock John	Australia	50
Camilleri J Randolph	Malta	50
Lemmen Christiaan	Netherlands	50
Song Wang Koh	Malaysia	50
Warren Jon	United States	50
Jibril Ibrahim Usman	Nigeria	30
Smejkal David	Czech Republic	30
De Zeeuw Cornelis	Netherlands	25
Dijkstra Paula	Netherlands	25
Djaba Stephen	Ghana	20
Koso William	Ghana	20
Nilipovskiy Vasily	Russian Federation	20
Oluwamotemi David	Nigeria	20
Agbevordi Obed	Ghana	10
Asare Kwasi Darko	Ghana	10
Dabiri Thomas	Nigeria	10
Darkey Emmanuel Kwasi	Ghana	10

Mjøs Leiv Bjarte	Norway	10
Gertrude Njar	Nigeria	10
Toivo Kaarina	Namibia	10
Weldegiorgis Habtemicael	Eritrea	5
Mugisha Turyahikayo Allan	Uganda	2
		<b>1372</b>

In December 2016 a special donation of 100 EUR was donated personally by Gerda Schennach, Austria.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Foundation.

## 6. Grants 2018

Again for 2018 the call for Academic Research Grants and the FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships were published.

The FIG Foundation Academic Research Grants provide grant of up to 40,000 EUR spread over four years. The conditions are that applicants shall be based in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline 31 March 2018.

The FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships will be provided of up to 4,000 EUR to PhD students. Successful applicants will qualify for a further grant of up to 3,000 EUR to attend and present a peer reviewed paper at a FIG conference. Conditions are that applicants shall be studying for a PhD degree and registered solely in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline 1 February 2018.

## 7. Accounts 2017

The income statement for 2017 and the balance sheet at 31 December 2017 are attached to this report.

The total income in 2017 was 36,977 EUR and expenses 15,190 which gives the net result of 21,787 EUR.

The total assets are 261,944 EUR.

The FIG Foundation would like to sincerely thank all those who have generously donated in 2017 in support of the FIG Foundation.

The FIG Foundation would also like to sincerely thank Trimble Navigation for their generous contribution and support of the FIG Foundation over these many years.

## John Hohol

President of the FIG Foundation  
March 2018

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