

## FIG Commission 2 – Professional Education (3/1/25) Annual report 2024

FIG Commission 2 had a vibrant, rich with diverse activities year. This was the second year of the term 2023-2026, and here, the chair, vice chair, working group chairs, and active members eagerly participated in working week and conferences, published relevant research and professional work for C2, and organised workshops. The first activity in 2024 was FIG Comm. 2 participation in the World Surveyors Day 2024, the global and European Celebrations.

The World Surveyors Day 2024 was hosted by APPAT (Pan American Association of Surveying and Topography Professionals) in Latin America (both online and in person in Lima, Peru). During the online evening session, the FIG Comm. 2 vice-chair Rosario Casanova participated virtually on behalf of the FIG President. The European Celebration was a joint event organized in parallel in Madrid, Spain under Colegio Oficial de Ingeniería Geomática y Topográfica (COIGT) of Spain. FIG Comm. 2 was invited and the chair Dimo Todorovski was a present representative from FIG at this event.



Photo from the European Celebration of the World Surveyors Day 2024, Madrid Spain.

The main event of FIG in 2024 was the FIG WW2024, with the theme: *Your World, Our World Resilient Environment and Sustainable Resource Management for All*. The event was organized by two Ghanaian National Associations in Accra Ghana. The warm welcome and remarkable hospitality of the hosts were evident from the first moment, and this was witnessed by around 800 participants. The event was enriched during the opening with the presence and address of the President of Ghana, and several local Chiefs.

During the FIG WW2024, Comm. 2 organised two technical sessions and the annual meeting and chaired the FIG Academic Forum. The technical sessions were lively and with dynamic presentations and discussions; the first one on: Innovations in Education, and the second on: Academic Networks for Knowledge Sharing.

In addition, the joint working Group C2+C7 held a dynamic workshop during the FIG working week Ghana to explore innovative curriculum design ideas. What started as a slow session turned into a lively and engaging discussion with nearly 30 participants!

Comm. 2 had a fantastic time at our annual meeting this year in Accra Ghana. Simon Hull provided insightful progress reports on the active working group. A special highlight was the introduction of Davey Edwards, PhD PLS LSLs CFedS (USA) as the new chair for WG 2.3: Young Surveyors in Education - Learning Styles and Methods, supported by young surveyors Obianinulu Oduwegwu (Nigeria) and Farrah Etcheverry (USA).

Lecturers and students shared their thoughts on innovative education, and young surveyors discussed their favourite college lecturers. The session was chaired by FIG C2 chair Dimo Todorovski and vice chair Rosario Casanova.



After the FIG Working Week 2024 in Ghana, on 5<sup>th</sup> of June, the FIG Commission chair and vice chair, Dimo and Rosario had a biyearly one-day meeting in Amsterdam the Netherlands, assessing the planned and implemented activities until now and focusing on the coming activities of Commission 2 for the 2025 and beyond.

The vice chair of Commission 2, Rosario Casanova, attended the Seventh High-level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management, held in Mexico City, October 2024.



The second half of the year was marked with FIG Regional Conference titled: Climate Responsive Land Governance and Disaster Resilience: Safeguarding Land Rights. The FIG Regional Conference 2024 was held in Kathmandu, Nepal 14-16 November. FIG Commission 2 supported this conference with our presence there and organizing a technical session with 5 papers from Europe, East Asia and Australia, acknowledging the importance of professional education knowledge and capacity development in our profession.



The end of the year was commemorated with a FIG Positioning Paper: **Teaching Essentials for Responsible Land Administration**: Considerations for future education and training (by Simon Hull, Menare Royal Mabakeng, Didier Milindi Rugema, Grazyna Wiejak-Roy, Rosalie Kingwill, Eugene Uchendu Chigbu). This work represents a hard work of two years of a joint Working Group of FIG C2+C7 chaired by Simon, our compliments for this achievement.

Dimo Todorovski (the Netherlands), chair FIG Commission 2

Rosario Casanova (Uruguay), vice chair FIG Commission 2