



**Nomination Template for
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Commission no. 2 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION	
Nominee	
Name	Rosario Casanova
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Age	53
Degrees and educational background	Land Surveyor Engineering with a master's degree in Land planning and Urban development and a PhD in Land Surveying.
Employment history - current position - previous	<p>Academic Positions Related to FIG:</p> <p>Senior Professor of Geomatics, Instituto de Agrimensura (Land Surveying Institute), Facultad de Ingeniería (School of Engineering), Universidad de la República, Uruguay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• With over 30 years of experience as a university professor, I currently hold the position of Senior Professor of Geomatics at the Land Surveying Institute, where I have contributed to the development and modernization of the academic institution and curricula in geomatics and surveying. <p>Director, Instituto de Agrimensura, Facultad de Ingeniería, Universidad de la República, Uruguay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For six years, I served as the Director of the Land Surveying Institute, leading academic improvement initiatives, program modernization efforts, and strengthening academic and professional collaboration in the field of surveying.



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	<p>Head of Geomatics Department & Research Coordinator, Instituto de Agrimensura, Facultad de Ingeniería <i>Multiple years in leadership roles</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">As Head of the Geomatics Department and Research Coordinator, I oversaw key research projects and promoted the advancement of knowledge in the discipline, supporting both academic development and the training of future generations of surveyors. <p>Professor and Researcher at Other National and International Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I have also worked as a professor and researcher at notable national and regional institutions, such as the School of Architecture of Universidad de la República, ORT University in Uruguay, and PUCR University in Brazil. Additionally, I have collaborated with international institutions such as the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. <p>Consultant and Researcher for International Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">In addition to my academic work, I have served as a consultant and researcher for international organizations such as the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), participating in strategic projects related to land policy and geospatial studies.
Positions of trust - current - previous	At the academic level, I served as Director of the Instituto de Agrimensura at the Facultad de Ingeniería, and previously held the position of Head of the Geomatics Department. I have been appointed as a delegate of the Universidad de la República, representing my field in multiple capacities.



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	<p>Within the Facultad de Ingeniería, I also serve as a faculty delegate to the highest governing body of the institution. Currently, I represent the University in the Disciplinary Group on Geotechnologies and Atmospheric Sciences for the Association of Universities Grupo Montevideo. I have also represented the university in the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), and since 2017, I have served as Chair of the Academic Network for the Americas. Additionally, I advise the UN-GGIM: Americas executive committee and I serve as the coordinator the team of countries responsible for translating the IGIF documents.</p>
<p>Positions in FIG - current - previous</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Representative of the Asociación de Agrimensores del Uruguay (Uruguayan Association of Land Surveyors, AAU) to FIG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As the national representative, I represent the interests of Uruguayan land surveyors within FIG, ensuring that the voice of the AAU is integrated into FIG's initiatives and global discussions. • Vice-Chair, Commission 2: Professional Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In my role as Vice-Chair of Commission 2, I support the initiatives proposed by the chair, contribute to the development and enhancement of professional education standards, fostering initiatives that address the evolving needs of the surveying profession. • Member of the SDG Task Force and of the International Trends and Future Geospatial Information Ecosystem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I am an active member of the SDG Task Force, working to align FIG's goals with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and bringing the view from the



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	<p>education world, joining efforts from both groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As part of the International Trends Task Force, I bring the regional vision of the Americas as well as its implementation and development of emerging trends and innovations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vice-Chair, Capacity Development Network for the Americas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As Vice-Chair, I support the chair and capacity-building efforts within the Americas, promoting professional development and skill-building initiatives to empower surveyors and geospatial professionals across the region.
Other activities in FIG	<p>Recently events:</p> <p>FIG WW 2023, Orlando:</p> <p>I have actively participated in various FIG events. Recently, I was in charge of the Spanish-language sessions during the FIG Working Week 2023, ensuring accessibility and inclusion for Spanish-speaking attendees. Additionally, I collaborated with the SIDS event, contributing to its success and fostering international collaboration within the FIG community.</p> <p>FIG WW 2024, Ghana:</p> <p>At the FIG Working Week in Ghana 2024, I actively contributed to the activities led by the SDG Task Force, Commission 2, and the Trends Task Force. I also participated in the meeting of the Capacity Development Networks, further strengthening her engagement with FIG's global initiatives.</p>
Field of surveying discipline	



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	<p>My field of expertise is Geomatics, with a strong emphasis on its application to Urban Planning, Land Policies, and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). I focus on leveraging geospatial technologies to inform and shape effective land management and urban development strategies that align with global sustainability objectives.</p> <p>My research is deeply rooted in the ethical use of geographical information, particularly in how it is applied in the context of education. I explore the responsibility of surveyors and educators in fostering ethical standards for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of geospatial data, ensuring that this information is used to promote equity, transparency, and informed decision-making.</p>
Nominees Statement:	
<p>Why I want to be a Commission Chair and what I would like to achieve</p>	<p>My passion for land surveying, combined with my extensive experience and commitment to advancing professional education, drives me to seek the role of Chairman of the Commission.</p> <p>I am confident that in this position, I can make a meaningful contribution to the advancement of education, with the support of the talented team within the Commission. I am committed to continuing the main lines of action currently being developed within Commission 2, building upon the solid foundation already established.</p> <p>I firmly believe that quality education is the cornerstone of excellence in the field. I am excited about the opportunity to play a central role within FIG, helping to shape the future of land surveying professionals worldwide.</p> <p>My goal is to empower and foster collaboration within the global academic community, creating a network of land profession academics around the world to enhance global cooperation. By building partnerships with international institutions and organizations, I aim to establish a</p>



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	<p>platform for exchanging best practices. This platform will ensure that educational programs remain globally relevant, responsive to diverse needs, and inclusive of essential themes such as SDG education and geoethics.</p>
<p>What I can offer to FIG in support of the aims and objectives of the Commission</p>	<p>With a comprehensive understanding of education systems across different parts of the world, I bring a global perspective to the role of Chair of Commission 2. As Vice-Chair of the current Commission 2 and Chair of the UN-GGIM Academic Network: Americas, I have gained valuable insights into the diverse educational needs and practices that shape the professional landscape in land surveying. My extensive experience in the Americas, combined with my leadership in international networks like the UN-GGIM and FIG Capacity Building Network, positions me to bridge regional realities and integrate diverse perspectives into FIG's educational initiatives. I am committed to promoting the Commission's mission of advancing professional surveying education by focusing on key priorities such as the integration of innovative teaching methods, the dissemination of knowledge through academic networks, and the promotion of ethical standards in surveying education and research. My experience will enable me to support the development of collaborative projects, such as joint courses and curriculum development, to ensure that surveying education is globally relevant and responsive to societal needs.</p> <p>Moreover, I am dedicated to reinforcing international collaboration and knowledge transfer, particularly in developing regions, by fostering partnerships with institutions like UN-GGIM, GLTN, and RICS. By strengthening these networks, I aim to create a dynamic platform for the exchange of best practices and capacity building, ensuring the continuous professional development of land surveyors globally.</p> <p>Through my leadership, I will work to make FIG a more active Commission, supporting the ongoing efforts to prepare land professionals for emerging challenges and</p>



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	<p>ensuring that all stakeholders are engaged in the mission of fostering excellence in land surveying education worldwide.</p>
My key skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educational Expertise: With over 30 years of experience in land surveying, I bring deep knowledge and a strong teaching background in geospatial technology, cadastral surveying, and urban planning. This expertise enables me to contribute to the development and enhancement of educational programs that address the evolving needs of land surveyors globally.• Strategic Leadership: My extensive involvement in national and international projects, as well as leadership roles in various institutions, has sharpened my strategic thinking and leadership skills. I am adept at navigating complex challenges and driving initiatives that align with long-term goals.• Global Perspective: My work with international bodies such as the UN-GGIM Academic Network and the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management has provided me with a broad global perspective. I am committed to fostering international collaboration, which is essential for advancing the objectives of the Commission.• Collaborative Networking: I excel at building and maintaining networks that foster collaboration and knowledge sharing. By leveraging these connections, I aim to facilitate partnerships, mentorship programs, and collaborative initiatives that promote the professional growth of land surveyors worldwide. <p>In conclusion, I am passionate about advancing land surveying education and am eager to contribute to the Federation's mission through my experience, expertise, and commitment to international collaboration.</p>



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Any other general comments	<p>I am deeply committed to advancing land surveying education on a global scale, and I see this opportunity to contribute to the FIG Commission 2 as a vital step in shaping the future of the profession. The land surveying community is facing new challenges that demand a fresh approach to education, and I believe my experience in academia, international collaboration, and capacity building positions me to lead meaningful initiatives within the Commission.</p> <p>If I have the honor of being selected as Chair of Commission 2, I will approach this responsibility with dignity and respect, dedicating myself to advancing the Commission’s mission and furthering the development of land surveying education globally.</p>
Nominator	
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Nominator’s statement	
Why the association wants to nominate Nominee	<p>The Asociación de Agrimensores del Uruguay (AAU) has been the unique representative institution for surveying professionals in Uruguay since its founding in 1928.</p> <p>The Association is composed of land surveyors, students, and professionals from related fields, such as cartographers. Since 1950, it has maintained strong connections with regional associations, fostering the integration of land surveyors and promoting the exchange of training policies, practical experiences, and research</p>




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	<p>and development programs across various branches of the profession.</p> <p>In April 2002, during the FIG Congress in Washington D.C., the AAU was officially accepted as a member association of FIG. Ten years later, in 2012, Uruguay had the honour of hosting the 8th FIG Regional Conference. The event was a resounding success, with significant impact both nationally and regionally. It also brought together land professionals from across the region and around the world, fostering valuable international collaboration and exchange.</p> <p>The AAU is proud to nominate Dr. Rosario Casanova, our FIG representative, for the position of Chair of Commission 2. Dr. Casanova has played an active and invaluable role in FIG's activities, particularly within Commission 2: Professional Education. She has made significant contributions through her involvement in task forces, her coordination of the Spanish sessions at the 2023 Working Week, and her tireless participation and dedication to the activities during the working weeks and the lead-up to them.</p> <p>In light of the growing need for skilled land professionals to address the increasing demands of society and the rapid advancement of technologies, the AAU recognizes the critical importance of enhancing professional education and training. As a result, this need brings new challenges in the continued education and training of professionals, to bring knowledge that covers all aspects required to satisfy the requirements and needs demanded by our communities.</p> <p>Dr. Casanova's leadership in Commission 2 will undoubtedly help drive the development of curricula and training programs that meet the needs of our communities and the broader global surveying profession. She is committed to promoting regional and global cooperation, ensuring that the policies and initiatives of FIG are effectively implemented and further developed.</p>
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	<p>Given Dr. Casanova's academic and professional background, coupled with her proven leadership in advancing education within FIG, the AAU believes she is uniquely positioned to lead Commission 2 and play a pivotal role in shaping the future of land surveying education on a global scale.</p>
Support the Association can offer the Nominee (financial and other)	<p>One of the primary initiatives undertaken by the current board is organizing the FIG Regional Conference in Uruguay. For this reason, we are especially committed to supporting and collaborating in the activities our nominee may carry out within her potential role as Chair of Commission 2.</p>
Any other comments	<p>The AAU strongly believes that PhD. Rosario Casanova's extensive experience, dedication, and visionary leadership make her an ideal candidate for Chair of Commission 2. Her commitment to advancing professional education in land surveying aligns closely with the Federation's objectives. We are confident that, if elected, she will bring invaluable contributions to FIG and foster greater collaboration across the global surveying community. It would be an honor for Uruguay to have such distinguished representation in FIG's leadership.</p>
Signed I hereby certify the above is true and correct	
Date	November 11, 2024
Nominee Dra. Rosario Casanova	
Nominator Ing. Agrim. José Carlos Hantzis	