



**Nomination Template for
Commission Chair Elect 2025-2026
(for the positions of Chair of Commission for the term 2027-2030)**

Commission no. 4	
Nominee	
Name	Gordon Johnston
Country	United Kingdom
Contact Address	Deeside, Devon Road, Sutton, SM27PE, Surrey, UK
E-mail address	g.johnston@venture-geomatics.com
Age	60+
Degrees and educational background	2023 - Understanding Environmental; Sustainability, L2 2023 – Ocean Data Management 2022 – The Value Toolkit 2020 – Introduction to Conservation 2019 – Islands in Maritime Boundary Delimitation 2001 – Effective Project Management 1986 – Business Systems Analysis & Design 1979 – BSc (Hons) Topographic Science
Employment history - current position - previous	2006 – present: Venture Geomatics Founder & Director 2004-2006 – Geospatial & Hydrographic consultant 2000-2004 – VP Geomatics at Thales GeoSolutions 1993-2000 – Global Chief Surveyor Racal Survey Limited Pre – 1993 - Field Surveyor and Office Surveyor roles
Positions of trust - current - previous	Current: - RICS Governing Council - UK(RICS) FIG Delegation - FIG member, and ex chair, of the FIG/IHO/ICA International Board on the Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC) - Board member International Federation of Hydrographic Societies - Previous - RICS Geomatics Professional Group Board - Board member Hydrographic Society UK&Ireland



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Positions in FIG - current - previous	- Vice-chair of Commission 4
Other activities in FIG	UK delegation (RICS) FIG member, and ex chair, of the FIG/IHO/ICA International Board on the Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC)
Field of surveying discipline	Hydrographic surveying
Nominees Statement:	
Why I want to be a Commission Chair and what I would like to achieve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have been involved in FIG Commission 4 for a number of years, mainly concentrating on the Economic benefits of Hydrography. More recently Sustainability and the impact of Climate Change have become more critical and I believe Hydrography has a key role in assisting science and society to better understand the changes, the impacts and to use data for informed decisions. To that end I am keen to collaborate and to develop guidance for the wider community. Nextgen will also be critical for many reasons and I would work to promote and further engage the Young Surveyors Network. Relationships with other organizations such as IOC, IHO, and Regional groups will also be targets to build and develop FIG influence across society. The Work of the Commission in its current WG's, is namely: Hydrographic Standards and Guidelines. Sustainable Oceans and Hydrography. Mapping the Plastic. Hydrospatial Domain and Marine Administration. Climate Change induced Sea Level Rise and Adaptation. <p>These are important initiatives which will benefit from continued support and I would aim to ensure some form of deliverable and outcome, informing on our progress and achievements.</p> <p>FIG Commission 4 is also active in setting and maintaining standards of competency and this an area I would also wish to develop and raise awareness.</p>



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What I can offer to FIG in support of the aims and objectives of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience in leadership in professional organizations and industry (Racal & Thales, Venture Geomatics, The Hydrographic Society, RICS) - A Strong active networking relationship with stakeholders from industry, academia, government bodies, professional organizations and NGOs - Interdisciplinary approach to problem solving - International (inclusive and diverse) approach to global spatial and ocean related issues - Appreciation of the role of professional bodies in supporting society to better decisions with respect to the natural environment.
My key skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geospatial Land and Hydrography - Spatial data management - Ocean surveying and mapping - Board level management and critical thinking - Engaging stakeholders and networking - Policy development
Any other general comments	
Nominator	
Name of member Association	RICS
Name and title of contact person	James Kavanagh – Head of Land & Resources
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Nominator’s statement	
Why the association wants to nominate Nominee	Gordon has been a stalwart contributor to the work of Commission 4, and to RICS. He has a wide range of cross geospatial sector knowledge which will help bring commissions 4, 5 & 6 closer together.
Support the Association can offer the Nominee (financial and other)	Logistics and moral .



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Signed I hereby certify the above is true and correct	
Date	12/12/24
Nominee	Gordon Johnston
Nominator	James Kavanagh