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<b>Commission no. 7</b>	
<b>Nominee</b>	
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Age	40
Degrees and educational background	Doctor of Science (Technology) 2014, Aalto University. Field: Real Estate Economics – land management Master of Science 2009, Helsinki University of Technology. Field: Real Estate Economics – land management Aalto University pedagogical training (2019)
Employment history - current position - previous	Current: 1.1.2018 - Assistant professor in land management, Aalto University, Finland. Professorship is partly funded by the National Land Survey of Finland. Previous: 2015-2017 Postdoctoral researcher, Aalto University 2010-2014 Doctoral candidate, Aalto University 2007-2009 Trainee, National Land Survey
Positions of trust - current - previous	Current: vice-chair of UNECE WPLA (Working Party on Land Administration) Bureau, since 2017 Previous: 2011-2018 member of board of The Finnish Association of Geodetic and Land Surveyors MIL 2014 member of board of Finnish Society of Surveying sciences 2013 chair of board of Finnish Society of Surveying sciences 2012 vice-chair of board of Finnish Society of Surveying sciences
Positions in FIG - current	Current: - vice chair of Commission 7



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- previous	- vice chair of Task Force on Geospatial Information Ecosystem -member of FIG WG Knowledge Asset and Infrastructure Base (KAI)
Other activities in FIG	Participation, presentation, session chair, rapporteur Congress: 2014; 2022 Working Week: 2011; 2012; 2013; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2019; 2020; 2023 Commission 7 AGM: 2015; 2023; 2024 2015 -> Peer reviewer 2017 member of Local Organising Committee for FIG Working Week in Helsinki
Field of surveying discipline	Cadastre, land management, land administration
<b>Nominees Statement:</b>	
Why I want to be a Commission Chair and what I would like to achieve	Being the corner stone of our societies, a proper land administration is required to support equity and sustainable development. We need to help communities still lacking the institutions behind a functioning system, and at the same time support the professionals operating in developed land administration systems to maintain their relevance in the society. At the moment, C7 is very active, including 8 working groups of which some are joint between other commissions. My aim is to encourage the active pace within the WGs, and review the number of the WGs based on their activity. Also, my ambition relates to finding a balance between practice and academy to build an expert community offering a useful platform for knowledge sharing and encourage new openings.
What I can offer to FIG in support of the aims and objectives of the Commission	What I am offering to FIG:  1. Connection and commitment  I believe our field of surveyors needs to face future challenges as a unified community. The need for working towards joint goals and ability to find the cross-cutting themes and connections between FIG task forces, networks, and commission working groups is how I want to support FIG. I am committed and dedicated to the work I do.  2. Courage  To remain our relevance in the society, we need to have the courage to make new openings. This means that we need to have an atmosphere of trust and cohesion, which at the same time embraces the professional pride and encourages



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	<p>innovation. My ambition is to maintain the active discussion within commission 7, and to enable collaboration between commissions, task forces, and networks, and invite new professionals and academics to participate in these discussions.</p>
My key skills	<p><b>Leadership</b> I have been leading my (academic) multinational research group for years, and I do believe I understand different ways of working, cultural differences, and different levels of commitment. We need all kinds of contributors to reach the goals, and as a leader, I believe my task is to create the best possible circumstances for their best performance.</p> <p><b>Organised</b> My organizational skills are on place. I am prompt, dedicated, and hardworking. During my time as C7 vice chair I have learned that these skills are needed in the position of commission chair.</p>
Any other general comments	N/A
<b>Nominator</b>	
Name of member Association	The Finnish Association of Geodetics and Land Surveyors (MIL)
Name and title of contact person	Miika Kostamo, Vice President
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<b>Nominator's statement</b>	
Why the association wants to nominate Nominee	The Finnish Association of Geodetics and Land Surveyors (MIL) has long traditions in acting as a contact space between its members, promoting the development of the land surveying field, and representing Finnish land surveying in international contexts. The Association has been an active member of FIG, organizing one conference

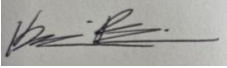



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	<p>and one working week, and sending delegates to FIG and especially Commission 7 events.</p> <p>MIL endorses Assistant Professor Kirsikka Riekkinen for the Chair of Commission 7 for the period of 2027-2030. Kirsikka is MIL member and cadastral surveyor by professional training. She is the only professor teaching cadastral surveying and land administration at master level in Finland, and for the development of international and domestic cadastral surveying and land administration, being part of international community, filling gaps between academy and practice, and international knowledge creation and exchange are of great importance.</p> <p>Kirsikka received her PhD in real estate economics in 2014, and the topic of her dissertation was Finnish land administration. During and after her PhD studies she has been an active member of board of our association, and also vice chair and chair of Finnish Society of Surveying Sciences. During recent years, she has strengthened her international network during several research visits (Germany, Australia, Sweden, the Netherlands), and MIL believes this will also contribute to being successful as commission chair.</p> <p>Our Association of Geodetics and Land Surveyors strongly endorses and supports Kirsikka to be elected for the position of Chair of Commission 7. Her background and experience will contribute to working on the important topics of C7.</p>
<p>Support the Association can offer the Nominee (financial and other)</p>	<p>Where appropriate, The Finnish Association of Geodetics and Land Surveyors will support Kirsikka in terms of making available MIL's knowledge repositories, networks, and administrative resources, to support FIG Commission 7 activities. On a case-by-case, and as-needs basis, consideration will be given of MIL to supporting some of the costs, including travel, associated with Kirsikka.</p>
<p>Any other comments</p>	<p>N/A</p>



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<b>Signed</b> I hereby certify the above is true and correct	
Date	19.12.2024
Nominee	 Kirsikka Riekinen
Nominator	 Miika Kostamo