



Nomination Template
President
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Nominee	
Name:	Mikael Lilje
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Country:	Sweden
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Age/birthday:	58
Degrees and educational background:	Master of Science in Civil Engineering, Geodesy and Photogrammetry, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm
Employment history: - current position	Since 2019, manager of the International Department, Lantmäteriet (the Swedish mapping, cadastre and land registration authority). The department is responsible for the Swedish funded developing aid projects that Lantmäteriet are involved in, currently focusing on Africa and Eastern Europe. The department is also responsible in supporting the management team at Lantmäteriet in the relation, works and contacts with international bodies as e.g UN (mainly UN-GGIM), EuroGeographics and Nordic collaboration.
- previous position(s)	Since 1994: Employed at Lantmäteriet 1994-2001: Research Geodesist at the Geodetic Research Division 2001-2009: Manager of the Reference Frame and Coordinate System Section 2009 - 2019: Manager of the Geodetic infrastructure department
Positions of trust: - current	Representing Sweden to the UN-GGIM High Level Group on Integrated Geospatial Information Framework Contact person for Lantmäteriet to the EuroGeographics Member of the International coordination group for Nordic Cooperation for NMCA's
- previous	FIG Liaison to UNOOSA. Representing FIG at the annual ICG-meetings.



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	<p>Active member of the UNGGIM Subcommittee on geodesy and leading the working group on Education, Training and Capacity Building.</p> <p>Member of the UNGGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy and its Bureau</p> <p>1998 - 2008: Board Member of the Swedish Mapping and Surveying Techniques Society (SKMF) and was responsible for the Technical Program of the SKMF Annual Conference. For the period 1998-2004 acting as its secretary and for the period 2004-2008 acting as its chairman.</p> <p>1996 - 2020: Active within the Nordic Commission of Geodesy (NKG) in various working groups and positions. Between 2010 - 2019 member of the NKG Presidium and during the same period the secretary of the Presidium of the Nordic Commission of Geodesy. I have e.g. been member of the working groups of Height Determination, Geoid, and Reference Frame. I was also member of the NGOS (Nordic Geodetic Observing System) task force.</p> <p>2013 - 2016: Lantmäteriets representative and Member of EuroSDR Management Board</p> <p>Appointed Expert to the European Vertical Reference System workshop in Frankfurt, Germany 2004</p> <p>Involved in several Swedesurvey projects as expert on site, organising visits at Lantmäteriet, holding presentations and more</p>
<p>Positions in FIG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - current 	<p>2025: Accepted as honorary member of FIG</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - previous 	<p>2017 - 2024: vice president of FIG, member of Council. Main responsibility involved leading ACCO and supporting the Office and Commissions and Networks</p> <p>2015 – 2018: Leading task force on Commission structure</p> <p>2011-2014: Chair of FIG Commission 5</p> <p>2008-2009: Incoming chair of FIG Commission 5</p> <p>2006-2010: Chair of Commission 5 Working Group 5.2 “Reference Frame in Practice”.</p> <p>2002-2006: Co-Chair of Commission 5 Working Group 5.2 “Reference Frame in Practice”</p> <p>1998-2002: Vice Chair of Administration for FIG Commission 5</p>



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	<p>2011 - 2019: FIG Liaison to United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA). Representing FIG at the annual ICG-meetings</p> <p>Since 1998: Actively involved in FIG Commission 5</p> <p>Since 1998: Member of FIG Commission 5 Steering Committee.</p>
<p>Other activities in FIG</p>	<p>Initiated and organized the first FIG Technical Seminars on Reference Frame in Practice. FIG has organised atleast annual seminars since 2012.</p> <p>Has actively worked with the technical program for the FIG Working Weeks and Congresses through my FIG engagement. Responsible for the technical programs of FIG Commission 5 for Working Weeks and Regional Conferences during many years while active in Commission 5. Assisted also previous FIG Commission 5 Chairs with the development of technical programs for FIG Working Weeks and Congresses.</p> <p>Much involved in the FIG Working Week in 2019 (Hanoi) with the overall organisation as well technical program.</p> <p>Responsible for FIG Commission 5 Newsletter 1998-2002 and 2010 - 2014. I have also assisted with preparation of numerous Commission 5 reports, newsletters, notices, documents since 1998.</p> <p>Authored numerous technical papers and have presented at various FIG events or symposiums. I have missed only very few FIG events since 1998 and presented at most of them.</p> <p>Chaired numerous technical sessions or open forums at FIG events or symposiums</p> <p>The FIG Liaison to United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs 2010 - 2020. Representing FIG at the annual ICG-meetings.</p> <p>Invited speaker at several occasions.</p>
<p>Field of surveying discipline</p>	<p>Land Administration, Geodesy, Surveying, Geospatial information, Photogrammetry, International cooperation</p>
<p>Nominees statement</p>	
<p>Why I want to be the President of FIG</p>	<p>I have been engaged in FIG for more than 25 years, advancing from an active commission member to serving as Vice President of the organisation. This extensive experience has provided me with a deep understanding of FIG's mission, its global membership, and the evolving challenges and opportunities within our profession.</p>



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	<p>When my term as Vice President concluded, I realised that my commitment to FIG remains strong and that I still have more to contribute. Today, I am at a stage in my professional career where I am fully prepared and motivated to take on the role of President. This position represents not only a higher level of responsibility, but also the opportunity to strengthen FIG's impact and relevance on the international stage.</p> <p>If elected, I will prioritise the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening international collaboration: Building stronger bridges between FIG and other global and regional organisations, including the UN, to ensure our profession contributes meaningfully to global agendas. • Supporting capacity development: Providing meaningful tools, training, and opportunities for professionals in both developed and developing contexts, with special attention to surveyors in emerging economies. • Driving digital transformation and embracing emerging technologies: Positioning FIG at the forefront of innovation by integrating new technologies and solutions that are reshaping our profession. • Addressing global challenges: Ensuring FIG plays an active role in supporting responses to climate change, sustainable development, and land governance by offering technical expertise and professional capacity. • Enhancing organisational resilience: Securing financial sustainability, increasing engagement, and ensuring that FIG remains a trusted and inclusive platform for all members. <p>I have the full support of both my employer, Lantmäteriet, and my national member association. Lantmäteriet has formally committed to providing the necessary time and financial resources to enable me to fully carry out the responsibilities of FIG President, should I be elected. This strong institutional backing ensures that I can dedicate my leadership, vision, and energy to advancing FIG's goals and delivering tangible value to its members.</p>
<p>What I can offer to FIG in support of its aims and objectives</p>	<p>I have a long and active history within FIG, with particular emphasis on working with the commissions and networks. For me, these entities represent the true engine of FIG, driving both innovation and professional development across our community. Over the years, I have become well known and respected within</p>



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	<p>FIG as someone who delivers results – a reliable, strategic, and trusted “doer.” My reputation as a committed and credible contributor extends not only within FIG, but also to other international and national organisations with which I have been engaged.</p> <p>I bring extensive knowledge and practical experience in FIG’s areas of interest, combined with a clear awareness of emerging issues and the evolving role of our profession. This equips me to provide both continuity and forward-looking leadership for FIG.</p> <p>As President, I am ready to dedicate my time, energy, and experience to advancing the aims and objectives of FIG. My leadership will be both outward-facing – ensuring that FIG is recognised globally as a strong and relevant voice – and inward-facing, supporting the work of the head office and fostering engagement across the membership. I am committed to being present globally, representing FIG with visibility and purpose.</p> <p>Over the years, I have built a broad and trusted network of colleagues within and outside of FIG. I believe this network, together with my dedication and leadership, will enable me not only to fulfil my vision for FIG, but also to strengthen FIG as an organisation and community for the future.</p> <p>My vision for FIG is to strengthen its role as the global voice for all surveying disciplines – bridging science and practice, empowering the next generation of leaders, and supporting surveyors at every level, from grassroots to global. FIG must not only sustain its respected partnerships with the UN, the World Bank and sister organisations, but also expand its influence by embracing emerging technologies and positioning surveyors at the forefront of tackling global challenges such as climate change, sustainable development, and land governance.</p> <p>I will work to make FIG more resilient and more visible to its members and the wider spatial community. By empowering young professionals, supporting surveyors in emerging economies, and fostering stronger collaboration with corporate partners, I believe FIG can remain relevant, innovative, and impactful – an organisation that both leads and inspires the future of our profession.</p> <p>.</p>
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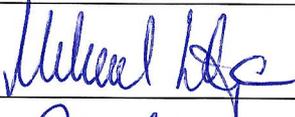
My key skills	Organised, Strategic, Reliable, Engaging and social able personality
Any other supporting information and comments:	

Nominator	
Name of member association	The Swedish Professionals for the Built Environment (Samhällsbyggarna)
Name of Proposer/Contact:	Joanna Messmer
Position in Association	CEO
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Nominator's statement	
Why the association wants to nominate Nominee	Mikael Lilje is a well-known professional with a very good reputation, in Sweden as well as internationally, for his skills. His personal qualities are such that we want to see in a leader. These characteristics make him a role model in our society. Together with his international experience and his work in FIG, at all levels, makes him extremely suitable as president in FIG. He will contribute with strategic thinking as well as good communication with members and other organizations. Mikael is known as a doer so he will be a guarantor of an active organization.
What support (financial, administrative and others) can the Association provide to the Nominee if elected President	The Swedish Professionals for the Built Environment (Samhällsbyggarna) can provide Mikael with some administrative support from our council. More significant is the support he will get through an agreement between our association and his employer, Lantmäteriet. According to the attached letter from Lantmäteriet they will cover all his expenses and working time for serving as President.



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Any other supporting information:	See attached letter from Lantmäteriet.
Name of Seconder:	Dag Björklund
Position in Association	Chairman
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Signed I hereby certify the above is true and correct*	
Date	2025-11-12
Nominee Mikael Lilje	
Nominator Joanna Messmer	

* *Nominee is requested to initial every page of the nomination template*

Clarifying Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Nominator (Proposer and Seconder) must be principal officers of the FIG Member Association (by principal officers, it is construed as President or Chairperson, Deputy or Vice President/Chairperson, Secretary General or Chief Executive Officer or equivalent position)• The Nomination Template must be accompanied by a letter of support from either the President or the Principal Officer of the nominating FIG Member Association• Nominating FIG Member Association should ascertain the availability of the nominee over the duration of the term of office• Nominee should preferably have prior or current responsibilities within and working knowledge of FIG, its activities, aims and objectives• Nominee and Nominator are requested to pay attention to the Nominee's Statement and the Proposer's Statement
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International Federation of Surveyors, FIG

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Mikael Lilje for President of FIG 2027-2030

Mikael Lilje is a member of The Swedish Professionals for the Built Environment (Samhällsbyggarna). He has a long history within FIG and he has been an active part of the organization on many levels. His latest engagement has been as vice President. Mikael has now expressed his ambition to candidate as President for the period 2027-30 and we strongly supports this and his nomination.

He is a well-known professional with a very good reputation, in Sweden as well as internationally. He is currently the head of the International Department at Lantmäteriet (the Swedish mapping, cadastral and land registration authority). In that role he has continued be very active in international organisations and initiative as e.g. UN-GGIM, EuroGeographics and Nordic collaboration. His department is also responsible for the developing aid projects that Lantmäteriet are involved in meaning that the topics that FIG covers is part of his daily work.

We believe also that his personal skills and leadership is suitable for an organisation as FIG and we believe that he has proven that over the years when being active in FIG. We believe that he will contribute with strategic thinking as well as good communications with member organisations and other strategic partners to FIG. He is known as a doer!

The Swedish Professionals for the Built Environment will support with administrative and professional support but more importantly is that his employer, Lantmäteriet, will provide him with necessary time and financial support needed to perform his FIG duties.

Kind regards,

Samhällsbyggarna, Stockholm 2025-11-18



Joanna Messmer
CEO



Dag Björklund
Chairman

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DATE: 2025-11-04

Support for the Nomination of Mikael Lilje as President of FIG

Mikael Lilje has been nominated for the position of President of FIG by the Swedish Professionals for the Built Environment (Samhällsbyggarna). In full agreement with this nomination, Lantmäteriet – the Swedish mapping, cadastral and land registration authority – is pleased to strongly support his candidacy. We also guarantee that, if elected, he will receive resources and backing necessary to successfully fulfil the responsibilities of FIG President. This commitment includes both dedicated budgetary support and the time required to carry out FIG duties.

Mikael Lilje currently serves as Head of the International Department at Lantmäteriet. The department plays a key role in managing Sweden's development aid projects in land administration, funded by the Swedish Government, as well as in supporting the Director General and the management team in a wide range of international collaborations.

We are convinced that Mikael Lilje is an exceptionally well-qualified candidate. He is highly respected and well connected internationally, with senior-level relationships across leading global institutions such as the World Bank and the United Nations. His long-standing engagement within FIG, combined with his extensive international experience and network beyond FIG, make him uniquely suited to serve as President.

Lantmäteriet believes that the nominating member association has put forward an outstanding candidate for the 2027–2030 term. With his proven leadership, passion for FIG, and extensive global connections, Mikael Lilje is a capable and worthy choice for this important role. We are proud to fully endorse his candidacy.

On behalf of Lantmäteriet



Fredrik Holmberg

Director General