

FIG (INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS)
LIAISON REPORT TO ISO/TC 211 PLENARY
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Introduction

Standardisation activity across the field of surveying remains important to FIG, and the Federation is keen to assist where possible in ensuring that timely and workable standards are developed.

Update

The following update may be of interest to ISO/TC 211:

- FIG recently held a very successful Working Week – its largest ever – in Rome, Italy. Full details of the event and all of the papers presented can be found at www.fig.net
- FIG continues to be an active contributor, through membership of the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JB-GIS), to the UN GGIM initiative. Current considerations of the GGIM include an ethical code for those involved in geospatial activity.
- The FIG Standards Network continues its work as a network bringing together people and activity related to standardisation from across FIG's work. Dr David Martin of France continues to chair the Network, which met in Rome during the Working Week. Particular topics of conversation at the meeting included:
 - The work of completing ISO 19152 (Land Administration Domain Model). Work has also commenced within FIG to update the Cadastre 2014 document, which is seen by many as the pivotal reference work on cadastre and land management, and which set out an agenda which included the work that has led to the LADM and the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM)
 - FIG's continuing interest in the geodetic work activity in ISO/TC 211, an area in which FIG has considerable skills and experience to offer
 - The continuing progress in ISO/TC 172 SC6 (Optical Instruments) which aligns closely with some of the work of ISO/TC 211, particularly that within WG6
 - The work of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) on International Measurement Standards, with particular reference to the field of valuation and real estate management

Final words

FIG is pleased to be playing a role in developing the profile of standards, including those of ISO/TC 211, seeing standardisation as a vital component in developing the services provided by surveyors to their various clients. It intends to continue to work closely with ISO/TC 211, and is happy at any time to receive further ideas on areas and ways in which this might be achieved.

On a personal note, this will be my final liaison report to ISO/TC 211; my term as FIG Vice President ends at the end of 2012, and I am therefore in the process of handing over various duties, including that of being lead liaison from FIG to ISO/TC 211. I have found my time involved in the work (although less directly so in recent years) immensely fulfilling, both at a professional and a personal level, dating back to the Oxford Plenary Meeting in 1997 and including chairing the Focus Group on Data Producers, and the Ad Hoc Group on Outreach Funding. I wish the TC well in its continuing vital work; FIG will nominate a new lead liaison in the coming months.

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