

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS (FIG)
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND
REMOTE SENSING (ISPRS)**

1. Background

The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and The International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) both recognize that each is an international organization with many complementary activities serving similar professional constituencies involving research and development into varied aspects relating to surveying, spatial data management, land management and photogrammetry and remote sensing.

FIG specialises in technical and professional areas such as positioning and measurement, surveying and mapping, engineering surveys, hydrography, geographic information systems, infrastructure development, land and environmental planning, development and management, property valuation and construction economics and procurement.

ISPRS specialises to the development of international co-operation for the advancement of knowledge, research, development, education and training in the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences, their integration and applications, to contribute to the well-being of humanity and the sustainability of the environment in scientific and professional areas.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide an effective framework for a continuing liaison between the two organizations, for maintaining and increasing the opportunities of scientific, technical and professional exchange between their members through a continuing programme of co-operation leading to mutual sharing of knowledge and expertise to the advantage of both organizations.

3. Programme of Activities

In accordance with the background and purpose described above, both organizations agree to endeavour to intensify their co-operation for mutual benefit. By way of implementation, the following steps will be taken, among others:

1. Regular contacts should be established between the secretariats of both organizations and their elected leaderships to introduce and maintain continuing liaison between the two organizations.
2. Each organization should inform the other of all Commissions, Working groups etc. that it has established and invite representation from the other on to each of these groups where it is agreed that it would be appropriate and sensible.

3. Each organization should inform the other of its programme of proposed schools, seminars, workshops, etc. to enable consideration as to whether joint participation should be of mutual benefit and further inform its members on these events when appropriate (e.g. on its home page of Internet).
4. Both organizations should study possibilities to organize specialized seminars or workshops under both banners.
5. Each organization should invite a representative from the other organization to attend each respective Congress and therewith offer a complimentary registration.
6. Decisions on joint or co-sponsored events will be made by the ISPRS Secretary General and the Director of the FIG Office.

4. Financial Commitment

It is understood that neither organization can commit the other to any expenditure, save that from administering this agreement, without the specific written agreement of both organizations.

5. Legal Status

This Memorandum does not create a legal link between the two organizations who will maintain their mutual independence.

This Memorandum of Understanding is valid until ISPRS or FIG proposes changes to it. Each organization has the right to propose changes to this Memorandum at any time. Any changes shall be subject to the agreement of both organizations.

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