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## FIG General Assembly in Rome, Italy, May 2012

The FIG General Assembly 2012 was held during the recent Working Week in Rome, Italy. In total, 71 different member associations were present at the two sessions of the General Assembly, amounting to a total of 350 delegates. The first session was attended by 66 member associations and the second session 65, 58 of which were allowed to vote. The participants represented all membership categories as well as observers.

The main item on this year's agenda was the election of two vice-presidents for 2013-2016 and election or appointment of Commission Chairs Elect for 2013-2014 who, under normal conditions, will become Commission Chairs for 2015-2018. The General Assembly elected Geom. Bruno Razza from Italy and Dr Pengfei Cheng as vice-presidents of FIG for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2016. Mr Razza and Dr Cheng will replace Dr Dalal S. Alnaggar (ECSM, Egypt) and Mr Iain Greenway (RICS, United Kingdom) in the Council.

The General Assembly appointed the following Commission Chairs Elect for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014:

- Mr Brian J. Coutts, New Zealand, Commission 1, Professional Standards and Practise
- Ms Liza Groenendijk, The Netherlands, Commission 2, Professional Education
- Geom. Enrico Rispoli, Italy, Commission 3, Spatial Information Management
- Ms Angela Kesiena Etuonovbe, Nigeria, Commission 4, Hydrography
- Prof Volker Schwieger, Germany, Commission 5, Positioning and Measurement



FIG president CheeHai Teo presents his opening speech. (photo: Markku Villikka)

- Dr Ivo Milev, Bulgaria, Commission 6, Engineering Surveys
- Ms Gerda Schennach, Austria, Commission 7, Cadastre and Land Management
- Mr Kwame Tenadu, Ghana, Commission 8, Spatial Planning and Development
- Prof Liao Jinping (Patrick), People's Republic of China, Commission 9, Valuation and Management of Real Estate

Under normal circumstances, these newly appointed/elected Commission Chairs Elect will be elected as Commission Chairs for 2015-2018.

Sofia, Bulgaria, was selected as the host of the FIG Working Week 2015, and Christchurch, New Zealand, was selected as the venue for the FIG Working Week 2016.

Under the issue of future voting rights, the Working Group established by the General Assembly in Marrakech in 2011 presented its proposal to the Council after having a discussion at a presidents' meeting in Rome. The proposal included the following recommendations to the Council:

- 1) That the voting system be changed
- 2) That the right to vote remains with members associations

- 3) That a sliding scale of voting, relative to an association's membership numbers, be adopted
- 4) That Council prepares a proposal (and after consultation with the members) to be adopted no later than at the 1<sup>st</sup> session and to be used at the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur in 2014

These recommendations were adopted unanimously by the General Assembly.

At this General Assembly, FIG appointed immediate past vice-president Mr Matthew B. Higgins as an Honorary Member of the Federation.

The General Assembly endorsed a new FIG publication: *Spatially Enabled Society*. This publication No. 58 is a joint publication of the FIG-Task Force on Spatially Enabled Society in cooperation with the GSDI Association and with the support of Working Group 3 of the Permanent Committee in GIS Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific. ◀

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