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First Regional Meeting of FIG Young Surveyors Network

After the success of the 1st FIG Young Surveyors Conference held in Rome, Italy, in May 2012, which attracted more than 120 young surveyors from 40 countries, the European Young Surveyors is now taking the next step. The European Young Surveyors Network, together with the Geographical Engineering College of the Portuguese Engineers Association, will be organising the 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, from 17-18 October 2013.

The theme of the event is 'European Young Surveyors together for tomorrow's challenges'. This first regional meeting is supported by the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), the FIG Foundation and by the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors CLGE. Hopefully this initiative will soon be followed by other regional meetings.

All European young surveyors attending are encouraged to participate by submitting and presenting a technical paper. There will also be opportunities to chair break-out sessions. The sessions will be very interactive, and participants are expected to contribute to the panel discussions, including the final session where the outcomes of the meeting will be concluded for publication.

For the conference presentations, topics include:

- starting up your own business
- current challenges and future needs of young surveyors
- new technology applications
- perspectives across Europe.

Keynote speakers already confirmed include FIG president CheeHai Teo, CLGE president Jean-Yves Pirlot and



Young surveyors during the first Young Surveyors Conference in Rome, Italy, in May 2012.

FIG Foundation president John Hohol.

The three main ambitions of the meeting are as follows:

- to provide a voice for young surveyors in Europe
- to offer a more informal and relaxed platform for young surveyors to present and discuss
- to promote and increase participation in the leading surveying associations.

This meeting is imperative for young surveyors from anywhere in Europe and will be the kick-off event for the European Young Surveyors Network.

TOPOGRAPHICAL COURSE

Prior to the conference in Lisbon, the 5th International and Professional Training Course in Topography for Young Surveyors is being held (from 10-18 October). The previous four editions of this course for young surveyors were a great success for both organisers and participants. The course is arranged by the

Consiglio Nazionale in cooperation with Geoweb. Both organisations will take care of the participants' expenses. The last two days of the course include participation in the 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting. This combination will offer participants an amazing opportunity to gain a lot of technological knowledge as well as to meet and network with many new colleagues and friends throughout Europe.

We are looking forward to the development of a strong network of European young surveyors who are willing and able to contribute to a resilient European surveying profession.

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