

Status of Women in the Spatial Industry Internationally

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SUMMARY

This paper will present the initial findings of the Commission 1 WG study on the status of women in the surveying industry. The study builds on the findings of the Working group - Under represented groups in Surveying - gender issues – concluded in 2008 and the work of the Australian/ New Zealand spatial community which began in 2006 and followed up in 2011.

The question that the Commission 1 WG want to ask in their plan for 2015 /18 is - Are women still underrepresented in the surveying industry?

We want to know if anything has changed since these earlier studies were carried out.

The study includes data collected through a survey of FIG member organisation. The proposal is to setup an international network of women in surveying to further investigate the issues and promote the participation of women in the surveying industry.

Using the power of social networking and online communications the WG will endeavour to analyse the status of women in the surveying workforce across the FIG community.

Statistics have been gathered over the years to monitor the number of women and their work in the surveying and spatial industry in Australia and New Zealand. The WG wants to discover if the situation is similar for women across the international FIG community.

This paper will report on the progress to compare the findings from this recent survey with the findings from the surveys conducted in 2006 and 2011 and will attempt to outline the issues which are still facing women in the surveying and spatial industry internationally.