

**Report to the 25<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
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**ACCO  
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 1998 – 2002**

Distinguished delegates, dear colleagues,

It is my great privilege to report on the work of the ACCO during the period 1998–2002. I don't intend to repeat the goals and achievements of the Commissions as you have heard a lot of these from the outgoing Commission Chairs.

Let me as the outgoing ACCO Chair point out some results of the remarkable progress made during the past years and highlight some basic issues related to the work of the FIG commissions:

1. First of all I would like to thank all members of the ACCO, especially the Commission Chairs for their outstanding efforts and work. They all share their time and efforts between their civil engagements and contributing to build a better world. They deserve, dear delegates, your respect, thanks and applause again.  
I enjoyed to work together with all members of ACCO very much.
2. With regard to the standing of FIG within our professional and scientific world let me make some remarks. It is my personal advantage that I have served in both worlds, about 20 years in the professional practice and about 10 years within universities. So I probably can, better than some others, judge the output and quality of FIG – and this output is impressive for all. It can help our profession in broadening its scope and deepening its competence and acknowledgements.
3. It is my deepest conviction that we have reached a great step forward in the last four years especially in the fields of:
  - Greater acceptance by and closer cooperation with international institutions and our sister organisations
  - More concentrated and combined regional activities with regional participation and influences and further resulting in impacts like new members as was e.g. the case after the regional conference in Nairobi

We have reached

- deeper inter-commissional co-operation and closer coordination of the goals and work plans of the Council and Commissions. I know that this item was and will be under monitoring and evaluation in the future and will have a special focus during the next term of office.
  - Information by publications, web sites, letters etc. This was possible because of the outstanding co-operation between the Commissions and the FIG office.
4. Finally I would like to say that it is in my point of view necessary that FIG Presidents and Vice Presidents are deeply acquainted and familiar with the technical work of the Commissions, which are the heart of our Federation. The establishment of ACCO,

chairing it as the leading Council member in this group and the incorporation of an ACCO representative to the Council have been very wise and fruitful decisions of the former FIG presidencies.

It has been a great pleasure and an intensive learning process for me to have the change to chair the ACCO. Many, many thanks to you all. Thanks also to the members for following my request: "Please speak clearly, slowly and loudly". Best wishes for the future. You surely know: who ever has served for FIG will for ever be addicted to FIG: So today it is no farewell for ever!

The last request is going to you, estimated delegates: Please support the work of our Commissions and our newly appointed Chairs and thus the efforts of the Council by encouraging and supporting local members and experts in committing for an engagement in the Commissions. Thank you very much in advance for your help.

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