

## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS

### PRESIDENTS' MEETING

#### MEMORANDUM

of the meeting held in Bayside 202 at the SCEC, Sydney, Australia 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010 8:30-10:30

In attendance: Participant list attached as appendix to this memo. Totally 66 people attended this Presidents' Meeting out of which 50 were Presidents or leaders of delegations.

#### 1. OPENING

President Stig Enemark opened the meeting and welcomed the participants to the traditional Presidents' meeting on behalf of the FIG Council. This meeting is arranged for the presidents of member associations to share their views on any issues of their interest in a more informal atmosphere than the formal meetings of the General Assembly. The meeting in Sydney was the last for Prof. Stig Enemark as the President of the Federation. He therefore asked the participants to comment on the work of the Council and raise any issues that they consider that the current Council should take action before the end of their term of office at the end of 2010. Any proposals for the new Council would also be recorded for their consideration to be included in the next work plan.

The FIG Vice Presidents were also invited to this meeting to collect ideas and impressions from the Presidents of member associations or their representatives. **Recorded** that altogether 66 people were present at the meeting, out of which 50 were Presidents or their representatives.

President Enemark mentioned in his opening remarks the need for good co-operation between FIG and the member associations and direct contacts between the President and FIG Council and the presidents of member associations. As a tradition the discussion was planned to include comments from all Presidents present at the meeting. Participants were also invited to comment on the FIG Congress in Sydney, and to raise any other issues they might find relevant.

#### 2. DISCUSSION

The discussion focussed on remarks and proposals from member associations related to the issues addressed by the President and other issues that the member associations felt relevant.

Pedro Cavero (COIT, Spain): FIG has become the main international organisation that has great impact to international and regional agenda. FIG should now expand its work to national and local levels so that members of member associations can benefit more from the FIG achievements and expansion. The target should be to get FIG more relevant to individual surveyors.

Collins Kowuor and Mwenda Makathimo (ISK, Kenya): ISK has gone through institutional reform and has new constitution. ISK has created a five year plan on local and international partnerships. Based on the innovative and active work of ISK over the past years, ISK is now respected and recognised by the Kenyan government. The association has improved its administration and services to its members and offer new opportunities for regional and international activities. ISK is supporting the FIG Africa Task Force and organises the first workshop in Kenya in late 2010.

Diane Dumashie (RICS, United Kingdom): RICS recognises FIG's role as international body especially in its relation to the United Nations. RICS has been under economic constraints that have impacted especially real estate business while geomatics has survived a bit surprisingly much better. FIG's role has become more important in the changing business environment. RICS has introduced new level of membership (technical membership). RICS puts consultation documents and participation in this discussion at the top of their agenda both in United Kingdom and in EU. Global approach is becoming more important for RICS and as indication about this was the FAO consultation meeting that was arranged in London on land governance principles in early 2010. RICS is very supportive to the FIG Africa Task Force.

Jürg Kaufmann (geosuisse, Switzerland): Switzerland has gone through the change from the focus on cadastre to land management. There is continuous lack of students as well as surveyors. Attracting more students is number one issue on the agenda. The new Swiss law on spatial infrastructure has now been implemented including cadastral restrictions. After many years of the President of geosuisse, Jürg Kaufmann is stepping back as the president and thus this is the last Presidents' meeting for him.

Participants recognised Jürg Kaufmann and his contributions to FIG and the Presidents' meetings by applause.

Karl-Friedrich Thöne (DVW, Germany): DVW has 8,500 members and has been successful in winning young blood to the association. But competition on students is hard also in Germany and this applies also DVW. DVW is very supportive to the Young Surveyors network and initiative. Surveyors' and DVW's corporate identity is under pressure and DVW have started the planning process for this new corporate identity. Tim Flannery's opening keynote address in Sydney was good: surveyors should take leadership in climate change and other new trends. Leadership is more than being a land professional. In Sydney plenary sessions and technical sessions have been excellent thanks partly to the peer review process. The work of Commissions has increased remarkably. There has also been positive increase in information and communication policies. The FIG web site is and will be the key media and therefore it is urgent to get the planned improvements implemented. Recorded his thanks to President Stig Enemark at his last Presidents' meeting.

Paul Marshall (PLATO, South Africa): The elections in South Africa will have an impact on the work of surveyors and PLATO. New legislation is under review and the government and surveyors are looking for experiences from other countries for implementing the change.

Aziz Hilali and Mohamed Ettarid (ONIGT, Morocco): Thanks to President Enemark for his support in helping Morocco and ONIGT and also to the organisers of FIG 2010. ONIGT has sent a big delegation to Sydney is looking forward to organise an outstanding Working Week

in 2011. ONIGT is very much encouraging that the new FIG President would put efforts on enforcing the regional approach in the FIG policy that has started very well.

Charisse Griffith-Charles (ISTT, Trinidad and Tobago): ISTT is a small association and much is depending on individuals and their efforts. In Trinidad and Tobago security of tenure is the hot issue. Congratulations to FIG for managing the congress and support to members.

Pierre Bibollet (OGE, France, Bénédicte Fournier) : Congratulations to Australian hosts for selecting a well-functioning conference centre and for organising excellent technical programme. Special thanks for the Francophone sessions (organised jointly with FGF) that worked well and hopefully can be continued in the future. Noticed with pleasure that in Morocco simultaneous translation will be offered for main sessions. Registration fees in Sydney were high in particular when considering lunches (on Thursday no lunch at all). Exhibition could have been open longer on Thursday because it was full at the closing hour. OGE activities are focused on EU directives (service directive), georeference systems and OGE Agenda 21. 40<sup>th</sup> OGE congress will be arranged in Marseilles 23-25 June 2010.

Szabolcs Mihály (MFTTT, Hungary) : MFTTT activities are focused on Commissions 3 and 7. MFTTT as many other associations is also a member in ICA and ISPRS which limits the possibilities for participation. Getting young people involved is a common problem also in Hungary. Special thanks to President Stig Enemark for his leadership that has benefited FIG and the society as whole.

Haim Srebro (ALSI, Israel) : Congratulations to SSSI and FIG. Technical sessions had good quality and were well integrated to social relevant. Special thanks to Stig Enemark personally. Under his term FIG has become more relevant in the field of land management and not only in the narrow field of surveying. Challenges for the next 5-10 years will be related to web based information solutions like Google Maps. We are responsible for getting young surveyors involved.

Stig Enemark (FIG President): Recorded personal and FIG's thanks to ALSI for organising the Working Week in Israel and send best greetings to President Joseph Kraus.

Simon Lanoix (CIG, Canada): Congratulations for the first FIG conference that he has attended. Good technical sessions and activities in Commissions that are the key area. There are challenges in consolidating different geoinformation elements. FIG should continue to find new attractions, take action and make active suggestions in next work plan and make 5-10 year vision paper. CIG is planning to bid for FIG Congress 2018 in Vancouver.

Mark Dyer (NZIS, New Zealand): Pledged to be part of the SSSI organised congress. Congresses are important for small associations like NZIS to whom FIG allows opportunities to global networking and participation. NZIS has 700 professional members and a group of 1,200 volunteers in total. NZIS is heading for leadership on local and national policy on environment issues, land tenure for indigenous people and SIDS. Young ambassadors was a good initiative and has increased visibility. Visits have helped participation to FIG events.

Simon Kwok (HKIS, Hong Kong SAR, China): HKIS has 7 branches out of which land surveying is one. Young surveyors is one of the focus areas in HKIS. HKIS is working very much on policy issues with the government being a permanent expert. Land surveyors

division is involved in FIG Commissions 1, 2 and 7. HKIS has long standing experience in topics related to Commissions 8, 9 and 10 and will therefore increase its commitments to these commissions. Urbanization is big issue in Hong Kong and requires lot of involvement and causes political debate (urban renovations). This is also of interest for co-operation with other FIG members. HKIS has also close relationship to China and is able and willing to help in Hong Kong / China region. HKIS has tradition with young surveyors and willing to participate in the FIG Young Surveyors network. Thanks for the organisers for a good congress.

Dang Hung Vo (VGCR, Vietnam): Thanks to FIG President and Council for organising the conference in Hanoi that has raised the awareness about FIG and international surveying profession in Vietnam. The outcome of the Hanoi Declaration is a good concept that will be introduced to the Vietnam government. The aim is to present property taxation in Vietnam, where the government is preparing legislation on this subject.

Mike Lenz (FIS, Fiji): Congratulations for good congress. The surveying profession got a boost after the FIG Congress in Melbourne when Stig Enemark visited Fiji. There are two schools offering surveying education and there has been improvement in number of surveyors.

Ken Hall (ICES, United Kingdom): Civil engineering surveyors are focused on geospatial and construction economics, sometimes also in co-operation with RICS. The congress in Sydney has been a huge success and showcase of effectiveness of FIG. There is so much going at the congresses that selection is the main difficulty.

Curt Sumner (ACSM, USA): Shares the problem on selection difficulty. ACSM is happy to be involved in graduate and young surveyors' programmes in USA. There are also opportunities for exchange programmes. In USA national parcel databases are a big challenge as well and land management. Welcomed the activities with the World Bank and invited President Enemark to Washington.

John Hohol (FIG Foundation): Thanks to the organisers of FIG 2010 that has included great sessions. The FIG Foundation is preparing new initiatives and he will brief the General Assembly on these. It is crucial that the member associations spread information about the Foundation to their members.

Chryssy Potsiou (TCG and HARSE, Greece): Congratulations to the organisers also for other events that FIG has organised and thanks to President Enemark for his excellent co-operation.

Jamil Ali (BIG, Brunei Darussalam): Key issues in Brunei are disaster risk management, young surveyors and their involvement and land issues.

Morten Krebs (DdL, Denmark): There is lack of students in Denmark which is a major problem. DdL has gone through a change in organizational structure that is now completed and the umbrella organization has now been changed to one association. Thanks to President Enemark for all his work over many years in promoting surveying profession and FIG.

Leiv Bjarte Mjoes (NJKF/NIF, Norway): Students and young surveyors are key issue also for NJKF. The association organised a trip for 30 students to attend the Sydney congress. The trip

was a great success both professionally and socially, the students got even job offers. Suggested reduced fees for students for social events. It is important to report on visits and international events (also in newspapers) and encourage students to attend. Congratulations to SSSI and President Enemark.

Yvonne Sowah (GhIS, Ghana): The conference that FIG Commission 8 organised in Ghana in February 2010 was a success – thanks to Stig Enemark for attending. The congress in Sydney was great event but fees were very high. GhIS were hoping to send a bigger group but this was not possible because of the fees. GhIS are committed to commission work. FIG should try to convince governments on the need for international co-operation and participation to events. Young surveyors are a major challenge also in Ghana.

Pekka Halme (MIL, Finland): MIL has gone through organizational changes; the problem is to get members actively involved in the association work. The key issue is that you need to know what you want to achieve – and be excited what you do. And express it in a common language.

Anders Åberg (ASPECT, Sweden): ASPECT was formed to include and to represent different aspects of land administration. Young surveyors are the key issue. He was impressed on Stig Enemark's achievements. FIG is a unique group. Next target is to maintain the current high level of activities and to bring more of the results back to ordinary members. For next time for the technical programme it would be useful to have guidelines on presentations (how to make and present a paper/powerpoint).

Jan Hardos (KGK, Slovak Republic): Excellent congress. Special recognition for plenary sessions and after lunch talks that were both high quality and well attended (full halls). Urged FIG to discuss about the future of our profession and focus more on future challenges.

David Smejkal (CSCOM, Czech Republic): This was the 10<sup>th</sup> time to attend an FIG conference. FIG is important in sharing knowledge and bringing information to member associations. Technical programme in Sydney was of high quality – especially on compulsory purchase (best practice guidelines). Some expected participants were missing because of high fees (and other costs). Social events were very expensive especially for families.

Pavel Novák (CUSC, Czech Republic): Good programme and lectures. Good attendance from the national FIG committee to Sydney. Challenges in Czech Republic are the same as in many other associations (young surveyors). There are new education programmes but lack of students is a major problem.

Sarkis Fadous (Order of Surveyors, Lebanon & Arab Union of Surveyors): Thanks to SSSI for a great congress but it was expensive. The fees should be reasonable so that in addition to get big number of countries it would be possible to allow bigger number of individuals to attend. Thanks to Stig Enemark and Holger Magel for promoting regional groupings in FIG. These will put challenges also for the new presidents to continue the co-operation with regional bodies like AUS.

Varnavas Pahoulis (Cyprus Property Valuers Association, Cyprus): Congratulations to Stig Enemark. The number of non shows was about 20 per cent in some sessions. What could be done to help with this? Would DVD (recording) of plenary sessions and key sessions help.

These could be used for CPD seminars at national level by buying these DVDs. The profile of FIG on the web is important. Could social media aspect be included on the web, e.g. “looking for a job” section? Alliances with United Nations (FAO, WB etc.) are important.

Gert Steinkellner (OVG, Austria): OVG hosted Commission 2 workshop in Vienna in February 2009. 50 per cent of participants were students and young surveyors. Thanks to Stig Enemark for giving the keynote presentation. Maybe it would be time to discuss the definition of a surveyor and include knowledge sharing in the definition. Extended the invitation to ISPRS 100 year’s celebrations to be held in Vienna in July 2010.

Liao Junping (Patrick) (CIREA, China PR): Suggested to organise more events on real estate and valuation and task force meetings (Commissions 8, 9 and 10). FIG should focus more in transition economies in the incoming period. Thanks to FIG and the FIG office for their administrative support.

Sungyeul Lee (KCSC, Korea): KCSC is representing 4,000 surveyors and has put efforts to young surveyors also by bringing young people to Sydney and also offering them the opportunity to make presentations.

Mohammad Azmi Mohd Zin (PEJUTA, Malaysia): Congratulations to Stig Enemark in bringing capacity building to the FIG agenda. He is also considered as the icon in surveying profession in Malaysia. Thanks for President Enemark and FIG for attending the conferences organised in Kuala Lumpur. Thanks to SSSI for organising a good congress.

Mudafer Qaka (KAS, Kosovo): Congratulations to SSSI and FIG for FIG 2010. Kosovo land administration business plan has been implemented and introduced. KAS would welcome if FIG could distribute information about the plan to its members.

Željko Obradović (Geodetic Association, Bosnia and Herzegovina): Bosnia and Herzegovina is now a new member of FIG. The fundamental issue for Bosnia is to get data infrastructure in place. FIG is important for presenting the vision and examples for local member associations and authorities.

Ionut Savoiu (APCGC, Romania): FIG has brought information for over 20 years on creating land administration and cadastral models for state and private sectors and academics especially in merging economies.

Johathan Saxon (SSSI, Australia): Young surveyors are key issue also in Australia. FIG has brought the global perspective to Australian discussion. Thanks for coming and attending FIG 2010.

Dalal S. Alnaggar (ECSM, Egypt): FIG 2010 has been fantastic but expensive experience. Thanks to FIG Office for communication and information delivery.

Irawan Sumarto (ISI, Indonesia): Thanks to SSSI and organisers. Home visits were an excellent way to get familiar with Australian surveyors. In Indonesia surveying legislation is under review and the new law will pass the parliament by the end of 2010. There will be a meeting on mutual recognition in ASEAN region in two months. Looking for FIG co-operation in this area.

Randolph Camilleri (Malta Institution of Surveyors, Malta): Thanks to Stig Enemark for his contributions as the President.

Maria Scorza (CNG, Italy): Thanks to organising committee and FIG. CNG has committed to send three young professionals to every FIG event. Preparations for Working Week 2012 have started and are well under way. Thanks to Stig Enemark for his leadership over the last four years.

Francis Gäbele (UBG, Belgium): In Belgium the reform in legislation is going through the final steps. On behalf of FGF thanks for the Francophone sessions that were well attended and successful and hope that these joint FIG-FGF sessions will be organised also in the future.

Muhammed Sahin (HKMO, Turkey): Thanks to all organisers. In Turkey 150 GPS stations have been constructed, the big cadastral project has been implemented and the work is now focusing in renovating the cadastral structures in big cities. FEMA has been implementing emergency prevention education since 2000. SDI for Turkey on emergency response has been an ongoing activity since 2002. Since 2005 Turkey has been organising national young surveyors conferences as well as summer schools.

Minor Guadamuz Chavarría (CFIA, Costa Rica): Invited member association to support and attend the international Latin American conference in Costa Rica in September 2010. The aim of the conference is also to get the Latin American association established. Thanks to Stig Enemark for all his work and support to Latin America.

Nasr Al-Sahhaf (National Center for Space Geodesy, KACST, Saudi Arabia): Thanks for SSSI and FIG for organising the congress. Attended for the first time but is interested to get Saudi Arabia better integrated in the work of FIG.

Olusola Atilola (NIS, Nigeria): Thanks for the congress and organising the paper work for visas. Thanks to Stig Enemark for the four year co-operation, for his visit and lecture given in Nigeria in October 2009. In Nigeria land issues are the hot topic. Situation is poor because land issues have not been brought in place. Now there is collaboration with the World Bank to get the situation improved. Land reform requires that the data is in place. This relates also to the AFREF initiative. Training programmes for developing countries need to be developed. NIS started to sponsor young surveyors to Sydney.

Llewelyn Allen (LSAJ, Jamaica): Congratulations to Stig Enemark and SSSI. Invited members to attend CASLE Conference in Jamaica in 2011. LSAJ is struggling to increase international participation. LSAJ has started a project to assist Haiti.

Buddhi Shrestha (Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Nepal): The new association is based in Katmandu and as a role contact land tenders and revitalizing real estate projects. FIG could help in setting standards and specifications.

### 3. SUMMARY

In his closing remarks President Enemark stated that FIG is an organization that is built from the bottom and listening to its root members. FIG as today is a very strong association and that he is very pleased that he is able to hand over a strong association to the new President. The term of office of the current Council and President will continue to the end of 2010 which allows concluding all those projects that are still pending. President Enemark expressed his sincere thanks to all member associations for the strong support that they have provided over the years and in the future.

Thanks for attending the meeting.

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**Attendance List  
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<b>Name</b>	<b>Member association</b>
Stig Enemark	President, FIG, chair
Collins Kowuor	ISK, Kenya
Mwenda Makathimo	ISK, Kenya
Diane Dumashie	RICS, United Kingdom
Jürg Kaufmann	geosuisse, Switzerland
Karl-Friedrich Thöne	DVW, Germany
Paul Marshall	PLATO, South Africa
Charisse Griffith-Charles	ISTT, Trinidad and Tobago
Pierre Bibollet	OGE, France
Bédédicte Fournier	OGE, France
Szabolcs Mihály	MFTTT, Hungary
Haim Srebro	ALSI, Israel
Simon Lanoix	CIG, Canada
Mark Dyer	NZIS, New Zealand
Mike Lenz	FIS, Fiji
Ken Hall	ICES, United Kingdom
Curt Sumner	ACSM, USA
John Hohol	ACSM / FIG Foundation
Leiv Bjarte Mjoes	NJKF/NIF, Norway
Morten Krebs	DdL, Denmark
Yvonne Sowah	GhIS, Ghana
Pekka Halme	MIL, Finland
Anders Åberg	ASPECT, Sweden
David Smejkal	CSCOM, Czech Republic
Pavel Novák	CUSC, Czech Republic
Sarkis Fadous	Order of Surveyors, Lebanon & Arab Union of Surveyors
Varnavas Pahoulis	Cyprus Property Valuers Association, Cyprus
Gert Steinkellner	OVG, Austria
Liao Junping (Patrick)	CIREA, China PR
Sungyeul Lee	KCSC, Korea
Mohammad Azmi Mohd Zin	PEJUTA, Malaysia
Abdurrahman Kuleta	KAS, Kosovo
Mudafer Qaka	KAS, Kosovo
Iain Greenway	FIG Vice President, United Kingdom
Željko Obradović	Geodetic Association, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ionut Savoiu	APCGC, Romania
Johathan Saxon	SSSI, Australia
Dalal S. Alnaggar	ECSM, Egypt and FIG Vice President
Irawan Sumarto	ISI, Indonesia
Randolph Camilleri	Malta Institution of Surveyors, Malta
Enrico Rispoli	CNG, Italy
Maria Scorza	CNG, Italy
Francis Gabele	UBG, Belgium

Muhammed Sahin	HKMO, Turkey
Orhan Ercan	HKMO, Turkey
Muhittin Ipek	HKMO, Turkey
Minor Guadamuz Chavarría	CFIA, Costa Rica
Jorge Delgado	CFIA, Costa Rica
Olusola Atilola	NIS, Nigeria
Nasr Al-Sahhaf	National Center for Space Geodesy, KACST, Saudi Arabia
Pedro J. Cavero	COIT, Spain
Makis Apostolatos	TEE, Greece
Chryssy Potsiou	HARSE, Greece
Jamil Ali	BIG, Brunei Darussalam
Jan Hardos	KGK, Slovak Republic
Dang Hung Vo	VGCR, Vietnam
Simon Kwok	HKIS, Hong Kong SAR, China
Edwin Tsing	HKIS, Hong Kong SAR, China
Llewelyn Allen	LSAJ, Jamaica
Damir Medak	HGD, Croatia
Mohamed Ettarid	ONIGT, Morocco
Aziz Hilali	ONIGT, Morocco
Buddhi Shrestha	Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Nepal
Jan de Graeve	IIHS&M, Belgium
Matt Higgins	FIG Vice President, Australia
Markku Villikka	FIG Director, secretary