

# Report to the 48th General Assembly FIG Working Week 2025, Brisbane, Australia

## FIG Foundation Report of Activities 2024

### 1. Administration

The FIG Foundation is located in and administered by the FIG Office in Copenhagen.

A Board of Directors chaired by the President of the FIG Foundation makes the decisions of the Foundation. The Board of Directors is appointed by FIG Council.

The Board of Directors for 2024 was as follows:

Bryn Fosburgh, President of the FIG Foundation (USA)

Enrico Rispoli, Director (Italy)

Chief Lecturer Winston Ayeni, Director (Nigeria)

Jennifer Whittal, Director (South Africa)

Winnie Shiu, FIG Vice President- FIG Council representative

John Hohol, FIG Foundation President Emeritus (USA)

#### FIG Foundation web site

FIG Foundation web site, [www.fig.net/figfoundation](http://www.fig.net/figfoundation) reflects the work of the Foundation, announces grants available and awarded, highlights stories written by previous FIG Foundation grant recipients.

#### How to donate

Many thousands of people have supported the Foundation through their FIG conference registration fees and attendance at FIG Foundation dinners. Some supporters have also generously donated hundreds and even thousands of euros in additional donations over the years in support of the Foundation and its activities. Each donation big or small helps ensure the Foundation can continue its work in *helping build a sustainable* future. Thank you to all!

It is possible to make direct donations via credit card: <https://www.fig.net/payform/index.asp?id=1> (EUR) and <https://www.fig.net/payform/index.asp?id=7> (USD)

Or by contacting FIG Office at: [FIG@fig.net](mailto:FIG@fig.net)

### 2. Purpose of the FIG Foundation

In terms of the Foundation Statutes, the purpose of the Foundation is the funding of educational and capacity building projects and scholarships.

### 3. FIG Foundation at FIG Working Week 2024

The FIG Foundation awarded grants to four young surveyors enabling them to attend and participate in all activities of FIG Working Week 2024 and the 8th FIG Young Surveyors Network Conference 18-23 May in Accra, Ghana.

With 132 applications received it was difficult to only select four from so many excellent applicants.

The four Young Surveyor FIG Foundation Grant recipients selected to attend the FIG Working Week 2025 were Farrah Etcheverry (USA), Angie Melo Wilches (Colombia), Victor Okonkwo (Nigeria), Fie Kliving (Denmark):



Farrah Etcheverry



Angie Melo  
Wilches



Victor Okonkwo



Fie Kliving



Angela Anyakora

Angela Omamuyowwi Anyakora, Nigeria should have attended the FIG working Week in 2023, but was not able to attend in USA, and her attendance was therefore moved to 2024.

One of the primary income sources for FIG Foundation is the main yearly FIG event. Per tradition, the FIG Foundation receives 10 EUR per registered and paid participant for the Working Week and the Cultural Evening. FIG Foundation received an income of 9,465 EUR from the FIG Working Week 2024.

Further to this, through the FIG registration system, each attendee has a direct opportunity to support the FIG Foundation through a donation during their registration. This year we have received 333 EUR. We really appreciate the support to the foundation.

### 4. FIG Regional Conference 2024 in Nepal

Four Young Surveyors from the Asian regional area and 20 nationals received grants to attend and participate in all activities of FIG Regional Conference 2024 from the 14-16 November 2024 at Hotel Yak and Yeti in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The four Young Surveyors receiving an FIG Foundation FIG Regional Conference 2024 Grant were: Geethika Pushpamali Ranasingha (Sri Lanka), Hexela Franca (Philippines), Mary Julienne Joy Bongcac (Philippines), Nishamani Tharunika Mahawaththage (Sri Lanka).



## 5. Programmes with Corporate Members

### FIG Foundation Partners

Charter Foundation Partner Trimble Navigation continues to support the FIG Foundation by sponsorship of the FIG Foundation Dinner at the FIG Working Weeks/Congresses since 2010 and

providing other support directly through the Foundation. This continuous support was highly appreciated.

The FIG Foundation flyer was again in 2024 distributed to companies at Intergeo, Germany.

[http://fig.net/figfoundation/news/FIG\\_Foundation\\_Flyer\\_2019.pdf](http://fig.net/figfoundation/news/FIG_Foundation_Flyer_2019.pdf)

## 6. Meetings 2024

The board held a meeting during the FIG Working Week 2024.

Furthermore, the board has been in contact through emails.

## 7. Grants 2024

In 2024 the FIG Foundation awarded the following grants:

€12,486	Young Surveyor FIG Foundation Grants FIG Working Week 2024
€ 5,000	International Geodetic Student Meeting IGSM organised by International Geodetic Student Organisation IGSO. FIG Foundation has sponsored this yearly event for the past 10 years
€ 5,000	XIV International Training Summer School, organised by the Italian association CLGeGL
€ 2,702	Mentornity software for mentoring programme – Africa Regional Network, ARN. ARN had submitted an application to FIG Foundation for the covering of the software costs for the use of 6 out of 12 months. The board of directors agreed to support this project each year for the coming 5 years – 2023 – 2027
€ 3,000	FIG Commission 3 and 9 workshop
€ 6,021	FIG Regional conference in Nepal, 4 international from the region and 20 national young surveyors were supported to attend this event.
€ 6,000	Academic Research Grants 2024
€ 1,500	VCSP yearly grant
€ 4,499	Young Surveyors event in EU – 3 young surveyors from the region were supported to attend this event.

A total of € 46,208 has been spent on grants in 2024.

Further to this there were costs for plaques for € 104 and € 205 in postage for shipping of books.

## 8. Donations in 2024

FIG Foundation has received personal donations of one donation of 100 EUR and a donation of 330 EUR in book sale income. A very big thanks to the donators.

In addition to the personal donations, the FIG Foundation has received 10.000 USD (9,211 EUR) from Trimble.

In 2021 Trimble gave a special donation of 15,000 USD to print the 7 volumes of The History of Surveying - covering Three Millenniums of Measurement of Earth. These seven books include a life-long research and work of Jim Smith and Jan De Graeve on the History of Surveying. Only a 100 Special Edition Sets of the seven volumes have been printed. A small number of these special edition sets are still available. When they are all sold, they will be gone!

All income from the books is donated in full to FIG Foundation. It is still possible to reserve a copy.  
Read more: [https://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2021/08\\_History-of-Surveying.asp](https://www.fig.net/news/news_2021/08_History-of-Surveying.asp)



## 9. Advertised Grants for 2025

Grants that have been published in 2025 are:

- FIG Foundation Grant to attend the FIG Working Week 2025 and FIG Young Surveyors Meeting
- FIG Foundation Grant to attend the FIG Young Surveyors 2nd Americas Regional Meeting
- FIG Commission Publication Author Support Grant
- [NEW] Joint Aubrey Barker Fund / FIG Foundation Grant Research Grant 2025-2026

Information on FIG Foundation grants: <https://www.fig.net/figfoundation/grants.asp>

## 10. Expected income 2025

FIG Working Week 2025 will take place in Brisbane, Australia. It will be expected to get back to receiving an income of 10 EUR per paying participant and also an income from the Cultural Evening/FIG Foundation Dinner. The FIG registration system is used, so it is possible to add personal donations to the registration, too.

## 11. Accounts 2024

The audited income statement for 2024 and the balance sheet at 31 December 2024 are attached to this report.

The total income in 2024 was € 19439 (in 2023: € 28,256). Total expenses in 2024 are € 46,517 (2022: € 46,974). Bank interests and dividend amount to € 7,525. This gives a net result of € -19,553.

The total assets are 230,770 EUR.

The FIG Foundation would like to thank those who have generously donated in 2024 in support of the FIG Foundation.

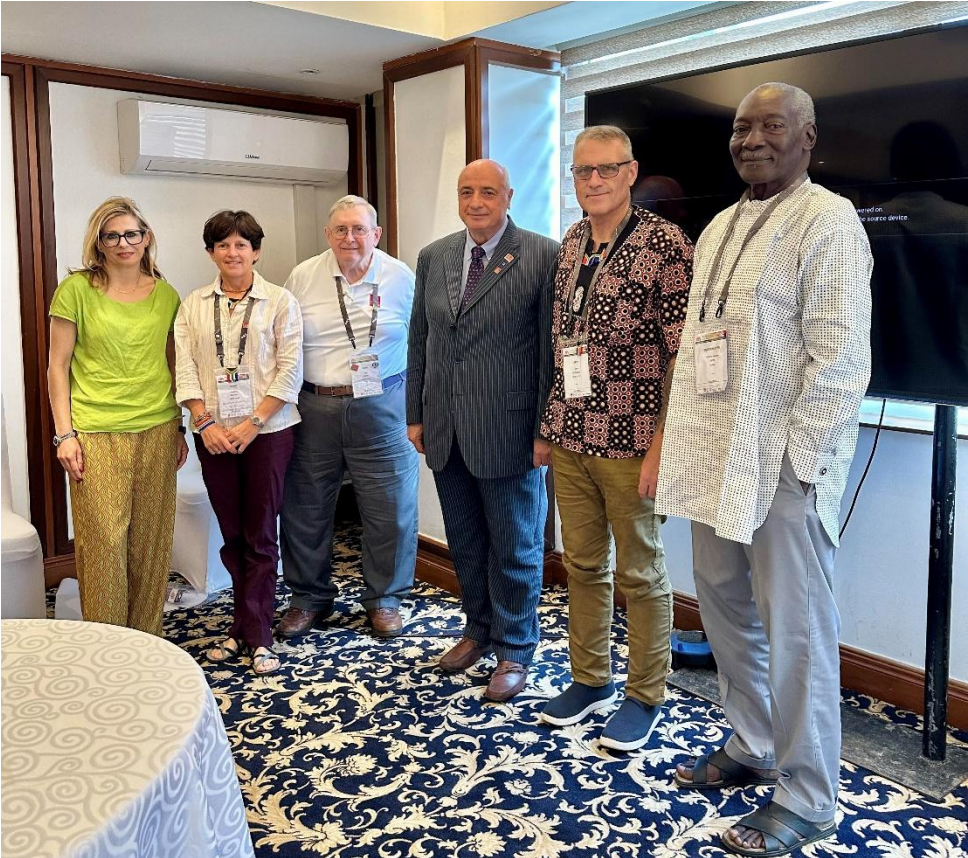
The FIG Foundation would also like to sincerely thank **Trimble Navigation** for their generous contribution and support of the FIG Foundation over these many years.



Please consider making a donation on the FIG Foundation webpage to help the Foundation continue to *Build a Sustainable Future*. Please visit the [FIG Foundation website](http://www.fig.net/figfoundation) for more information or to donate.

Bryn Fosburgh  
President of the FIG Foundation  
March 2025

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Maria Scorza - Jennifer Whittal - John Hohol – Enrico Rispoli – Bryn Fosburgh – Winston Ayeni