

## **FIG TASK FORCE ON GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

**August, 2005**

Dear Member Association;

As you will be aware, the FIG General Assembly in Cairo established a Task Force on Governance Structure. Its work is to review FIG's Statutes and Internal Rules to ensure that they enable effective governance of the Federation, and to review Commission structures and the term of office of Commission Chairs. The Task Force held an open meeting in Cairo which was attended by representatives of a number of Member Associations. As a result of those meetings we have come up with an analysis of the key issues and a questionnaire. We are keen, to get as much input as possible from Member Associations. We would therefore be grateful if you could complete the following questionnaire and return it to myself at <gkallred@telusplanet.net> by October 1, 2005. If you have any other comments or concerns we would appreciate any feedback you can provide.

Further discussions on the findings of the Task Force will take place at the FIG Congress in Munich in October 2006, with the aim of making decisions at the Hong Kong meeting in May 2007.

Many thanks for your assistance,

***Ken Allred***

Task Force Chair

### **Analysis of Specific Task Force Issues**

The Task Force will examine the following issues:

- Should the number of commissions be reduced?
- Should the term of office of commissions be reduced to 2 years? 3 years?
- Can the commissions be re-structured in some other manner? e.g. Task Forces?
- Can FIG provide more funding to the commissions?
- Should we be more conservative or even more active in the number of conferences we expect commissions to participate in?
- How can we create more cross-commission activity?
- How can we manage communication technology more effectively?
- What are the pros and cons of proxy voting?
- Should the Nomination Review Group be replaced with a Nominating Committee charged with a mandate of seeking out a slate of candidates for office?

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**MEMBER ASSOCIATION.....**

**CONTACT.....**

**Q1. What (if any) are the main obstacles to your Member Association becoming more involved in FIG?**

**Q2. What are the main obstacles to members of your association standing for election as FIG Council members or Commission Chairs?**

**Q3. How many delegates does your association currently have to FIG's Commissions?**

**Q4. What (if any) are the main obstacles to more active engagement by your delegates in the work of FIG's Commissions?**

**Q5. How does your association organise itself with regard to specialisms/ disciplines? Please provide relevant details of your structure.**

**Q6. What (if any) changes would you propose to FIG's current commission structure?**

<p><b>Q7. How can FIG more effectively work in an inter-disciplinary manner to respond to issues (for instance, disaster management), whilst also retaining a sense of identity for different specialisms?</b></p>
<p><b>Q8. What (if any) proposals do you have for improving the workings of the Nomination Review Group (NRG) and Commission Review Group (CRG)?</b></p>

The following section summarises some ideas put forward in discussions in Cairo. Please indicate whether or not you are supportive of each of the ideas, and add comments as you wish.

<b>Suggestion</b>	<b>Supportive?</b>	<b>Not supportive?</b>
S1. Introduce a position of FIG President Elect		
Comments:		
S2. Reduce the term of Commission chairs to 2 years		
Comments:		
S3. Move to FIG Working Groups rather than Commission Working Groups		
Comments:		

S4. Introduce proxy voting for the General Assembly		
Comments:		
S5. Introduce postal voting for the General Assembly		
Comments:		

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please return it to Ken Allred <gkallred@telusplanet.net> by October 1, 2005.