

Ukrainian Association of Geodesy and Cartography

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The association was founded in 1991. It is a voluntary social organisation functioning on the basis of the current legislation. The association includes specialists in geodesy, cartography, photogrammetry, markshaderija, land management, cadastre, geoinformatics. The members of the association are in the most regions of Ukraine, their quantity amounts to 210 people. The ruling body of the association is the Board which is elected every five years. The head of the Board is the President of the Association. The current President and the Board have been elected in 2001. The Board is being governed by previously accepted regulations. The office is situated in Kyiv and it is provided with telephone, fax and e-mail, and there is a site in the Internet. The Board of the Association is a legal person, has bank accounts and seal.

The activity is aimed at the following:

- making geodesy and cartography more prestige;
- involving new members to the association;
- protection of professional and economic rights of enterprises, organisations and individual employees according to the current legislation;
- contributing to the scientific and technical progress in geodesy and cartography;
- contributing to the development of science branches, organising the conferences, symposia, issuing scientific journals;
- stimulating the professional activity of the Association by awarding diplomas, honouring the scientists and those who work in production, nominating the staffs and individual specialists for state prizes and honourable titles;
- cooperation with state structures, participating in the legislative activity;
- developing the cooperation with the international associations, the editors, firms, educational and scientific institutions, participation in the international congresses, conferences, symposia, etc.;

The Association's activity is widely depicted in scientific journals and broadcast in mass media.

The highest ruling body of the society is the conference, which is held every 5 years. However, since 2006 the conferences have been decided to be replaced by the geodesic meetings. The first meeting of geodesists will take place in October of the current year.

The Association annually organises the international conferences "GEOFORUM", which are dedicated to the professional day of the workers of geodesy and cartography in Ukraine. This traditional forum gathers specialists from all over Ukraine and other countries of the world. The heads of FIG were also participating in the last conferences of "GEOFORUM". The conference is always accompanied by the exhibition of specialised literature and excursions.

The Association is issuing two scientific journals. The first one is called "The Herald of Geodesy and Cartography" is published in Kyiv (6 issues a year) and the other one published

in Lviv which is called “ Modern achievements in science and technology” (2 issues a year). The Association has introduced two specialised awards. The first one is “Honourable Geodesist of Ukraine” and the other one is the medal “For the Merits in Geodesy and Cartography”. The Association has its own diplomas and certificates.

The members of the Association’s Board take part in the work of committee licensing topographical, geodesic and cartographic work in the country.

There is a constant support of geodesic and topographic education. The Association constantly marks significant events in cartographic and geodesic life of the country, staff and individual scientists.

Great attention is paid to international activity of the Association. There are maintained business contacts with different organisations in 25 countries of the world. The Association is a member of FIG and is represented in FIG committees and congresses and has scientific publications in FIG materials. The participants of the Association every year take part in various international congresses, symposia, conferences, such as congresses INTERGEO in Germany, congresses (EGU) in France and Austria, congresses in cartography in South African Republic and Spain and etc. One of the most interesting international events of this year is recognising the geodesic object “Duga Struve” to the cultural heritage of UNESCO. “Duga Struve” goes partly through the territory of Ukraine.

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