Report to the 35th General Assembly FIG Working Week 2012 in Rome, Italy

Task Force on Spatially Enabled Society

Interim Report of Activities 2012

The Task Force on "Spatially Enabled Society" was established by the FIG Council and endorsed by the General Assembly in May 2009 in Eilat. The aim of the Task Force – in cooperation with other global organisations – is to focus on the term of "Spatially-Enabled Societies" (SES) and the issues linked with it, to come up with a definition of SES, and to support the surveying profession to become aware of the issues in order to provide the appropriate services.

In agreement with both the outgoing and incoming Presidents the Task Force continued its activities until 2012, mainly because the topic is very relevant and FIG wants to stay active and visible in this field.

The most relevant activities involved:

- close cooperation with GSDI, especially with its President, Prof. Dr. Abbas Rajabifard;
- Oct. 2011: drafting of report;
- 7 Oct. 2011: TF meeting in Melbourne in order to discuss draft report and prepare Expert Group Meeting in Kuala Lumpur;
- Dec. 2011-Jan. 2012: contributions of six world renowned experts;
- 14 Feb. 2012: Expert Group Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, in cooperation with UN-RCC, PCGIAP, GSDI and FIG; a group of some 20 experts discussed the proposed elements and provided the input for the KL Declaration on SES, adopted for the Symposium on SEGS in KL, 16 Feb. 2012.

The Task Force is to conclude its work by the publication of a final report, which is to be presented at the FIG Working Week 2012 in Rome and at the GSDI-13 Conference in Quebec, both taking place in May 2012.

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