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*“Changing Climate”*

Abstract

“The key challenges of the new millennium are clearly listed. They relate to climate change; food shortage; energy scarcity; urban growth; environmental degradation; and natural disasters,” commented Prof Stig Enemark, President of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) earlier this year. Surveyors and Spatial Scientists, thus must continue to extend their horizons and their usefulness of its science, technologies, knowledge and practices to mankind and humanity.

This is essential, not only to ensure the continued role and relevance of surveyors and spatial scientists in society, but also to uplift the recognition and respect for the profession. This will, among others lead to better understanding, greater appreciation and greater interest in surveying and spatial sciences in society particularly amongst the young so that the profession can hope to attract the best and brightest and be the profession of choice.

Researchers play a key role in extending this horizon and this usefulness. Increasingly, researchers must work and manage within an environment of competing priorities and depleting resources and allocations. Researchers must forge partnership and collaborate. FIG, as a global body, has understood this need and has in place many collaborative arrangements. Since ISG is the premier educational event for professionals involved in geoinformation technologies, the presentation will discuss the collaborations undertaken by FIG and explore, in the light of the key challenges in this new millennium, what this holds for researchers and researches in Malaysia in particular. Collaboration can be a classical partnership between two faculty members but can also be multi-disciplinary, inter-faculty, multi-institutional and inter-regional.

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