

On behalf of the local organizing committee and the Lebanese Order of Surveyors (Ordre des Géomètres et Topographes du Liban OGTL) I feel honored to invite and welcome you to the 3^{rd} International Conference of the Order in Beirut on the 6^{th} , 7^{th} and 8^{th} of September 2016.



The theme of this conference was carefully selected to respond to the actual National and Regional Needs.

Management of the agricultural Zones The Surveyors at the heart of the Decentralization and sustainable development

During your stay you will also experience some of the Lebanese Oriental traditions and visit many historical sites since our Country was the "Carrefour of Civilizations" and enjoy the famous Lebanese Hospitality.

Over 6000 years of history, several architectural layers and the impact of different periods can clearly be seen in Lebanon. Especially Byblos the first populated city in the World and the city of the first alphabet also Beit Eddin, land of the Emirs from the close History.

The venue for the Event that we have chosen is a calm sea Spa and Resort <u>"Jivyeh Marina"</u> for that the attendees can enjoy the last breaths of summer on the Mediterranean sea.

It is one of the quietest places on the sea side and only 14 minutes far from Beirut International Airport and 20 minutes far from Beirut city center. (There will be a shuttle service all the 3 days of the conference roundtrip to the city center)

The theme of the conference reflects as we said the continuous development around us. As the crises in the Area get more complicated and no other resources for a small country as ours we should redirect to the most important sector that can lead to both targets, balanced decentralization and a sustainable development.

This conference will attract competencies from the Arab world and from the Mediterranean region therefore we expect from all international experiences to join us and make it richer with diversity.

The place as we mentioned is a big Resort that can accommodate all the attendees at very reasonable prices for a five stars Hotel and Spa in the high Season, plus the rich social program that may show the beautiful face of this country.

So, dear colleagues, apart from putting every effort to offer you an event to remember we also encourage you to discover the diversity so we can be more integrated with our professional relations and cultures.

We look forward to welcoming you in September in Lebanon.

OGTL President Antoine Mansour