



Association of Licensed Surveyors in Israel

Eilat 2009



International Federation
of Surveyors

FIG Working Week

Surveyors Key Role in
Accelerated Development

*New Horizons
Across the
Red Sea*

Eilat, Israel ■ May 3-8, 2009

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Message from the FIG President Prof. Stig Enemark

Dear Colleague,

The FIG Working Week 2009 – Surveyors Key Role in Accelerated Development will be held in Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009. This is the third FIG Working Week and General Assembly under the current Council and at the same time the last before the FIG Congress 2010. This Working Week is hosted jointly by the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the Association of Licensed Surveyors in Israel (ALSI).



The conference will take place in Eilat, a resort city at the Red Sea offering value for the conference slogan “New Horizons across the Red Sea”. Eilat offers very good meeting facilities and also opportunities for social activities and relaxation before or after the working week. The FIG Council is convinced that the conference will fulfil all expectations in terms of both professional and social aspects.

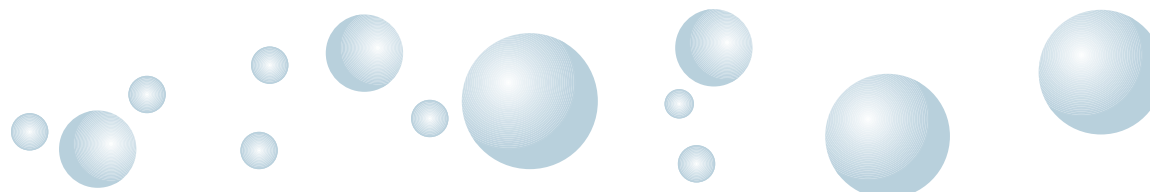
The professional themes of the Working Week will focus on the overall theme of the Council “Building the Capacity” including specific topics from work plans of all ten technical commissions and their working groups as well as issues of special interest to the local surveyors.

On behalf of FIG and its Council I invite you to the FIG Working Week 2009 to experience the cultural heritage as well as the modern Israel.

I look forward to meeting you all in Eilat.

***Prof. Stig Enemark
FIG President***

***Welcome to
Eilat 2009***



Message from the ALSI President and Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Mr. Joseph Kraus

Dear Colleague,

The Israeli Association of Licensed Surveyors (ALSI) was chosen to host the FIG Working Week, 3-8 May 2009.

ALSI selected the city of Eilat as the site for the Working Week. Located at the southernmost edge of Israel, Eilat is a beach resort of international reputation, with magnificent weather and breathtaking scenery.

ALSI has been working for over a year to organize the professional aspects of the Working Week as well as social events.

The program will include spectacular nature trips as well as professional tours.

More than 100 countries are represented in FIG. In addition to promoting the surveying profession, we regard FIG assemblies as opportunities to accord between members of various backgrounds.

We believe it would be a great achievement if we will succeed to emphasize the common attributes among countries and their residents.

ALSI invites you to join us at Eilat Working Week 2009, and to take part in the professional and social program being planned.

Additional details can be found on the FIG Internet web site: www.fig.net/fig2009

Yours truly,

Joseph Kraus
President of The Israeli Association of Licensed Surveyors (ALSI)



Message from the Congress Director and the DG Survey of Israel, Dr. Haim Srebro

Dear Colleague,

It is an honor, as the Congress Director of the FIG Working Week 2009, together with the Association of Licensed Surveyors in Israel (ALSI), and jointly with the international Federation of Surveyors (FIG), to host you in Eilat.

The FIG Working Week 2009 will focus on the themes specified by President Enemark, integrating the themes of the Council and the Commissions. I am sure that the FIG technical commissions and staff will do a great job with regard to the technical program.

This location assembles some of the best assortments of the surveying profession and its key role in contributing to the land development process and enhancements of human lives. The country, located strategically at an intersection of continents, religions and cultures, presents the diversity of ancient traditions and is one of the world's most advanced high-tech centers. Gathering some of the more attention-grabbing international boundaries, interesting seismological phenomena, and unique natural environments, Eilat has the perfect background for the conference.

FIG Working Week 2009 will be an opportunity to advance cooperation and integration with global efforts for the development of the world, while protecting the environment and ensuring a better world for the next generations.

Eilat is a world famous beach resort with a year-round mild temperature sea water, situated at a breathtaking view, surrounded by red mountains. It is a highly developed resort, with modern facilities for accommodation and leisure time.

We hope FIG Working Week 2009 in Eilat will serve as a bridge between all participants, and to serve the promotion of Peace.

I want you to feel well in the relaxed and peaceful environment of Eilat, and to enjoy the attractions and the social activities.

We will do our best for the success of FIG Working Week 2009, and I look forward to seeing you in Eilat.

Dr. Haim Srebro - Congress Director



Surveyors Key Role in Accelerated Development

The phenomenon referred to as "Accelerated Development" becomes common to many countries. It happens as a result of various reasons: economical prosperity, reformation of historical trends in social order, basic changes in economic systems, population growth and others. The increased construction activity such as infrastructure, building, etc., are always regarded as basic parts of accelerated development. Likewise are the activities related to land-use, land-tenure and land administration.

In the era of accelerated development, surveyors are strongly faced with professional and intellectual challenges. The increasing value of land available for development in built-up areas, the high expenses and the complexity of buildings, demand more and more sophisticated considerations.

The main participants in the accelerated development procedure are: federal and local ministries, urban planners, architects, road and transportation planners, real estate experts, land appraisers, economists, lawyers, environmental protection professionals, and surveyors.

The surveyor is involved in most stages of development, and he, with his multidisciplinary knowledge of geodesy, cadastre, surveying, mapping and modern geo-informatics, serves as an integrator of the overall project and among all the participating factors.

His work is crucial to proper interdisciplinary cooperation and to a deeper understanding of each other's professional interests. Bottom line: the surveyor has a key role in accelerated development.

Venue

The FIG Working Week 2009 will be held in the city of Eilat in the southern part of Israel. Known for its state-of-the-art tourist and convention facilities, Eilat is a perfect location for FIG Working Week 2009.

In the month of May, we will enjoy ideal weather conditions in this part of Israel.

The conference will take place in the luxurious convention center situated at the Dan Eilat & Herods Hotels, to best accommodate the participant's requirements. For more information:

http://www.tourism.gov.il/Tourism_Euk/Destinations/Eilat/Generl+Info.htm

Important Dates, Fees and Accommodation

The Working Week will be held 3-8 May 2009. An open call for papers will be announced in April 2008. Submission of abstracts will be by 30 November 2008 and for full papers by 31 January 2009. The registration fees will be determined according to FIG tradition, early bird registration will be offered, with special consideration for students.

Eilat offers a wide range of hotel rooms in dissimilar accommodation levels, all located within a short walking distance from the convention center. Please see: <http://www.eilathotels.org.il>



Tours

We are planning to include a variety of technical and social tours. You will be invited to enjoy some of the unique world natural phenomenon, historical, archeological and political sites.

Among the interesting tours we are planning to include the water desalination facility, desert safari, the Israeli-Egyptian and Jordan border tour, the seismologic research tunnel, the Dead Sea vicinity, Masada national park, and more.

Eilat invites you to also enjoy a variety of sea-sport activities such as: scuba diving, deep water diving, water skiing, parachute skiing, glass-bottom boat, and more. Pre and post conference tours will include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and the Sea of Galilee.

Social Program

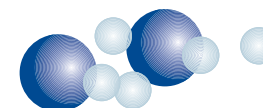
The social program will include a welcome reception, the FIG Foundation Dinner, the magnificent "Wow" show, and other attractions.

It is our intention to also include in the program a variety of interesting activities and programs for accompanying persons; hence your relatives are strongly welcome.



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