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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are grateful to meet you with the first issue of our newsletter.

The World is in a rapid change than it has ever before. Within the fields of science and technology, knowledge is in everywhere.

From that point of view we, as the next generation of the surveyors, are luckier than the ones before. With this power to access easier and sooner to knowledge, the youth of the profession is prepared to participate and shape the tomorrow’s world starting today. On the other hand, experienced surveyors are eager to transfer their knowledge, not only from the technical aspects but also as a role model, to explain the role of a surveyor in local and international societies.

In order to generate the seamless model of the profession without any borders, Young Surveyors Working Group (WG) aims to play the role of a bridge between the “young” and the “old” colleagues. The group is dedicated for the next generation of the surveyors with a support from today’s experienced professionals.

Now, the time has come to be integrated. This working group of the tomorrow’s professionals are in act to be a part of the motto “shaping the change” for a better world!

Are you also in?

We tried this first issue as an introduction to our WG. I hope that you will find this newsletter useful and it will be a step for you to join us.

Best Regards,

Cemal Özgür KIVILCIM
Secretary of Young Surveyors WG
From the Chair of the Working Group

A new group has been formed. So, what was the necessity and reason to create this new group? I have so many things to say to you but I think the most important of all is contacts.

How can they be created? What would you win on an increased number of contacts, if you are a business man more business. If you are an academic member, more research. And if you were a young surveyor, your first job maybe?

Think about this, where do you go looking for young talents? Well I would say today they are coming to look for you. The youth of today lives in a society where all information is accessible online, but it does not help if young surveyors are unaware of FIG, they would never know to look for it.

FIG has a great potential to become the leading network of surveyors today, all ages. And in order to become this network we have to start spreading the news, there is a new group working for integration between ages. What can be nicer than to share experiences and get input from others, and it doesn’t matter if they are young or old. It is the mixture that enriches the network.

Take care! And I sure hope to see you in Stockholm 14-19 June 2008...

Cecilia Lindén

Chair of Young Surveyors WG
FIG Young Surveyors Activities during the FIG WW 2007, Hong Kong

By

Cecilia Lindén (Chair) and Cemal Özugr KIVILCIM (Secretary)

This year between the 13-17th of May, XXX.th FIG General Assembly and Working Week took place in Hong Kong (SAR) of China.

Within the official program of the Working Week, a session for the young surveyors was held by the board and the members of the recently established Working Group 1.2 of Commission 1 and as a Joint Working Group with Commission 2.

During the session, the need and the vision to integrate the youth of the profession to FIG are presented with the mission of the working group and example works. Our Secretary’s oral presentation titled “Experiences from Student Networks” was also found very interesting and had been awarded by FIG Com.8 members under the topic “the issues concerning the future”.

Within the whole event, new members of the working group met in different internal meetings in order to shape the structure of the WG and learn from each other.

The opening and closing remarks of the WW made by the FIG council showed that this new working group is important in order to guarantee the future of FIG and to get the interest of the younger surveyors. This group consists of the young graduates, academicians and professionals, WG 1.2 targets to draw attention of the undergraduate and graduate students who will be the tomorrow’s leaders in the surveying profession.

The WG is chaired by an undergraduate student, Miss Cecilia Linden (Sweden) and the group members nationalities vary from a very wide range of countries in the world, Germany, Poland, Turkey and Australia.

Decisions for the youth are coming from their works with respect to the coordination of the Commission. Chair, FIG Council and Delegates. As a result of the activities, another meeting will be soon take place within the WG board to structure a master plan which will show the road line for the next years.

The WG is on its path with the support of the FIG Council, Board and Delegates.

For further information and to be a member of the group please check the web site http://www.fig.net/commission1/wgroups/wg2_06_10.htm or contact fig office via email with the subject FIG Young Surveyors

The WG board members with the Com 1 Chair Yaacoub Saade and Vice President Dr. Dalal S. Alnaggar in Hong Kong WW
More About Young Surveyors Working Group

The principle idea is based on the fact that, today many of the FIG member organizations are facing difficulties to attract young people to the profession of surveying, thus this working group have been created. The goal is to create connections between “old” and “young” surveyors.

As a policy, this group aims;

- To improve the number of young professionals participating within the FIG.
- To help young professionals in the beginning of their careers with contacts.
- To increase co-operation between the commissions and students and young professionals.

Members of The Board of The Young Surveyors

The Young Surveyors Working Group is a new structure but as the network spreads around the world a huge number of the member increase is expected. The WG board is composed of volunteer active students and young surveyors and members are coming from varying countries around the world with a background of various national and international organization experiences.

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UPCOMING EVENT: STOCKHOLM 2008

Next year, the biggest FIG event will be the Working Week in Stockholm, Sweden. The motto of the WW is announced as “Integrating Generations”. With such enthuse; Young Surveyors will play an important part in the event, a huge number of young delegates are expected to participate.

As the date comes closer for this event please pay attention to the deadlines. For web site please click here.

USEFUL LINKS- CHECK THESE OUT!

- FIG YS WG web address: http://www.fig.net/commission1/wgroups/wg4_06_10.htm
- A Croatian origin student magazine aiming to go on international professional and education platforms: Ekscenter
- A group of Turkish Geodetic Students work about student networks published in Ekscenter. To read it, please click here.