As an international NGO we must be able to interact with the key players in the field such as the UN agencies, the World Bank, and our sister organisations.

We should also be able to interact with politicians at national level to improve and promote the basic conditions for our services and our role in society.

And we should of course interact in a dialogue with the individual member associations and the individual surveyors to make FIG a relevant and a proud icon for our profession.

Yes – we can fly high and keep our feet on the ground at the same time.

I propose an overall theme for the next period of office simply saying: “Building the Capacity”. This is of course to be discussed and agree as a part of the vision for the new council.
The theme “Building the Capacity” relates to flying high and also keeping our feet on the ground. I suggest we give priority to the following key issues:

1. **Promoting and Enhancing the Role of FIG**
   - Professional Development, – providing the international forum for development and innovation in all aspects of the surveying discipline.
   - Capacity Building, – including a Task Force on Organisational and Institutional Development
   - Global Development, – including increased cooperation with the UN agencies, and our sister organisations.
   - Linking, – strengthening the links between the global agenda and the surveying grass roots

2. **Continuing and Enhancing the Dialogue with the Member Associations**
   - Promoting the benefits of being a member
   - Increasing the member base
   - Ongoing implementation of the information and communication policy

3. **Promoting FIG as a Truly Global Organisation**
   - Encouraging global representation in council and commission officers
   - Encouraging global distribution of and representation at the FIG conferences
   - Interacting with regional organisations and respecting cultural diversity
4. Responding to the Millennium Goals
   • Task Force to develop a FIG Policy in cooperation with the UN agencies and especially the World Bank.
   • High level FIG/WB conference in 2008 to promote the FIG global profile in this area

5. Revising the Conference Structure
   • Even years: Major conference such as congress or major Working Week
   • Odd years: Working Week and regional conference in partnership with the UN organisations
   • Council initiated expert symposia on topical issues e.g. linked to National events
   • FIG Office to ensure administrative, organisational and financial sustainability

6. Empowering ACCO and the Commission Activities
   • ACCO as a dynamic forum for policy making and professional development
   • Enhancing the profile of the technical programme at the conferences
   • Establishing an FIG virtual journal with peer reviewed papers
   • Establishing task forces to deal with inter-commission activities and policy implementation
FIG is in a state of transition. This is a milestone. You are not going to elect a country but a person for President. The future of FIG is in your hands. I am available for that.

• Long standing national and international experience.
• Broad based professional competence especially within the areas of commission 1, 2, 3, 7, 8.
• Experience in consultancy, management, and leadership.

• Vice-President of FIG 2005 - 2008
• President of DdL 2003-2006
• Active in DdL since 1984
• Active in FIG since 1986
• Chair of Commission 2 1994-98
• Chair of Task Force 1998-2002
• Author of 3 FIG publications
• Attended 50 FIG conferences and events
• Author of 150 conference papers
• Honorary Member of FIG since 1999
• Head of School of Surveying and Planning, Aalborg University 1991 - 2005
• Professor in Land Management
• Practising Land Surveyor for 10 years