FIG Young Surveyors Network

Work Plan 2011-2014

1. Mission

To facilitate an international network of young surveyors and as a result:
- To promote international opportunities and experiences for young surveyors.
- To improve the global image of surveying.

2. Vision

- Individual members can see and grasp opportunities, locally and internationally;
- The surveying profession is united across disciplines and generations;
- The international community understands the role of surveyors.


Representation, Awareness and Support:
- To represent young surveyor interests within the FIG
- To improve young surveyor awareness of and involvement in FIG
- To support local, regional, national and international networks of young surveyors by providing a forum for sharing knowledge, skills and experience. YSN Structure


4.1 Tasks for 2011 – 2014

1. Better linkages within and beyond FIG
2. Better Communication
   The FIG YSN will develop a communication plan
   - To ensure best use of online communication tools, including facebook, twitter, etc.
   - To determine best methods to communicate with young surveyors
   - To evaluate and test the use of podcasts, online forums and adoption of other new technologies
   - To identify improvements to the FIG YSN webpage, potentially including a members only area to best derive benefits and target communication

3. More support at the local and regional levels
   Document successful young surveyor events and projects, including:
   - Develop YSN introductory leaflets
   - Develop YSN help sheets (e.g. Mentoring, Fundraising, Speed Networking, etc.)
   - Provide a space where local and regional young surveyor groups can promote events and/or upload and download successful event ideas and info sheets
   - Link with volunteer organizations (e.g. CrisisCommons, rotary, engineers without borders, REDR, etc.) to identify event opportunities (both online and face to face)

4. Facilitate international opportunities
   - Work towards better use of the FIG Surveying Education Database for a universities and professional training programs
   - Research and document avenues for international internships
   - Facilitate networking and sharing of job opportunities during FIG events.

4.2 Newsletter and publications

Planned Publications

Newsletters
   - Biannual eblast from YSN to members
   - Special eblast for FIG events

Webpage
   - YSN page hosted on www.fig.net

Introductory leaflets
   - What is the YSN and how to join
   - How to be involved in the YSN
   - How to be a successful Young Surveyor Group
Communications Strategy
YSN Key dates and activities 2011-2014

Online Communication Spaces

- Facebook
- Yahoo!Groups
- LinkedIn
- Twitter

4.3 YSN Position Descriptions (draft)

Chair
2011-2014: Kate Fairlie, Australia
- Reports to FIG Council and acts as young surveyor representative to the Council, ACCO and corporate members, communicating the needs of young surveyors and progress of the network
- Updates Young Surveyor Network (YSN) committee and members with the activities of the FIG and Council
- Coordinates the development of a workplan and goals for each year and 4-year FIG term. Plans and creates YSN opportunities, together with the committee.
- Manages YSN workload of committee, ensuring tasks are aligned with YSN aims and workplan
- Liaises with the coordinators of upcoming working weeks and conferences to promote YSN interests and ensure a dedicated youth social and technical programme where possible.
- Identifies linkages and reaches out to similar organisations, including, but not limited to, ISPRS, UN-Habitat, YGNSS, etc. under guidance of the Council.

Vice Chair (Regions)
2011-2014: Chris McAlister (Australia)
- Coordinates regional representatives, hosting skype catch-ups as necessary and informing both YSN Committee and Regional representatives of developments
- Develops generic help documents to assist new representatives, new committees and/or unrepresented young surveyors
- Continues to seek regional representatives (where positions are vacant), promotes the FIG and YSN to unrepresented regions and
- Supports and represents Chair as necessary.
- Seeks articles for YSN e-blasts
- Sources opportunities for YSN promotion and representation

Vice Chair (Commissions)
2011-2014: Cemal Ozgür Kivilcim (Turkey)
- Coordinates Commission representatives hosting skype catch-ups as necessary and informing both YSN Committee and Commission representatives of developments
- Ensures the YSN is represented on each Commission, and that Commission members are aware of joint-project opportunities with young surveyors
• Develops information leaflets and/or systems to share information between Commissions and Young Surveyors
• Collects information from commissions and other working groups to communicate to YSN
• Supports and represents Chair as necessary.
• Seeks articles for YSN e-blasts
• Liaise with Commission 1 to identify and participate in (or ensure YSN participation in) professional education and profession marketing activities
• Sources opportunities for YSN promotion and representation
• Supports and represents Chair as necessary.

Secretary
2011-2014: Eva-Maria Unger (Austria)
• Documents YSN meetings, coordinates agenda items and sends through meeting agendas and minutes in a timely manner
• Coordinates membership lists, email contacts and group memberships
• Emails new members an introduction to the role and aims of FIG and the YSN.
• Coordinates e-blast (formerly newsletter) material, together with Vice-Chairs, and emails e-blast to YSN quarterly and/or more frequently
• Together with Communications Coordinator, develops new ways and/or a strategy to promote and deliver information on the YSN. Ensures that existing communication methods are appropriate and aligned.
• Chief contact person for new and existing members

Treasurer
2011 – 2014: Jens-Andre Paffenholz (Germany)
• Manages FIG funds (2010 - EUR 3000) and develops a yearly budget
• Explores further sponsorship opportunities, both of and by the YSN, to ensure the YSN continues to build its profile and achieve its goals
• Advises YSN members and regional bodies on funding and sponsorship opportunities
• Liaises with national bodies and employer groups to encourage greater local sponsorship of young surveyors and students.

Communications coordinator
2011 – 2014: ?
• Ensures FIG webpage for YSN becomes available in 2011, and forms material for update as necessary
• Manages existing YSN accounts:
  o Twitter
  o Google
  o Facebook
  o LinkedIn
• Explores, and actively contributes to, other avenues of YSN promotion and information distribution, including blogs and podcasts.
• Liaises with other YSN committee members, in particular secretary (as eblast coordinator) to determine short newsworthy items
• Ensures FIG and FIG working weeks and congresses are adequately discussed in media, and key information is accessible to young people

Regional Coordinators
• Regions are currently distinguished as:
  o Africa 2011 Rep: Benedicta Ugwulebo
  o Australia and Oceania 2011 Rep: ?
  o South East Asia 2011 Rep: ?
  o U.S.A. 2011 Rep: Daniel Helmricks
  o South America and Caribbean 2011 Rep: ?
  o Europe 2011 Rep: ?
• Make contact with national bodies within the regions and ensure young surveyors are represented
• Feed information through to national young surveyor networks, and enable these networks to become established
• Together with other committee members, produce a document outlining successful activities and strategies for local young surveyor bodies and start up groups

Commission Representatives
• Become an active part of allocated Commission and feed information between YSN and the Commissions
• Engage in a Commission working group
• Identify YSN opportunities within Commissions (eg. For YSBH)

  2011-2014 Commission Representatives: tba

Working Week and Congress Representatives:
2011 FIG Working Week (Morocco): ?
2012 FIG Working Week (Rome): Paola Ronzino and Andrea Massaro (Italy)
2013 FIG Working Week (Abuja): Benedicta Ugwulebo (Nigeria)
2014 FIG Congress (Kuala Lumpur): ?

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