Last Remarks from the Past

President

FIG handover ceremony, FIG headquarters, Copenhagen, 26 November 2010

The FIG Work Plan 2007-2010

Final Progress Report

- Presenting key achievements
- Evaluating the specific work plan items
- Listing the activities
- Documenting the history
The FIG Agenda 2007-2010

"Building the Capacity"

Flying High
- Global partnership with the UN-agencies incl. the World Bank in support of the global agenda such as the MDGs

Keeping the feet on the ground
- Professional and institutional development at regional, national, and local level in support of the needs of our member associations and individual surveyors.
• Focus on the Global Agenda
  - Developing the recognition of the surveying profession at the UN agency level as the key professionals in dealing with the land issue in relation to global agenda (MDGs)

• Focus on Projects with the UN Agencies
  - Commitment to the UN-Habitat Global Land Tool Network. Projects on gender equity, informal development, and security of tenure in slums and customary tenure areas

• Focus on Young Surveyors
  - Establishing a Network for Young Surveyors to enhance activities and interactions between “experienced” and “younger” surveyors including surveying students.

• Focus on Regional Development and Cultural Diversity
  - Increasing the interaction with surveying organisations sharing common values with FIG such as CLGE, ASEAN Flag, Arab Union of Surveyors, FGF,…and Latin America

• Focus on Africa
  - Task Force 2009-2014 to enable the surveying profession in Sub-Sahara Africa contribute to achieving the MDGs. Focus on peri-urban development, environmental resilience, and involvement of young surveyors and women.

• Focus on professional development
  - Enhancing the interaction with the global surveying community through the annual and regional conferences. Focus on quality and introduction of peer review papers.

• Focus on publications and communication
  - Provision of guidance and documentation of new knowledge through the council, task forces and the commissions. All publications are available on-line at the FIG website.
The Commissions

The heart and engine of FIG

- Highly successful work plans
- Annual meetings and workshops
- Allows in principle everyone to participate in the FIG activities
- National delegates ensure interaction with the wider FIG membership
- A powerful concept for professional development
- High level publications on key professional issues
- Providing the technical programme for the FIG conferences

Available on-line FIG.net
FIG Conferences 2007-2009

- FIG Working Week, April 2007, Hong Kong
- FIG Regional Conference, Nov. 2007, San José, Costa Rica
- FIG Working Week, June 2008, Stockholm, Sweden
- FIG Working Week, May 2009, Eilat, Israel

The XXIV FIG International Congress 2010

The biggest FIG Congress ever
100+ countries, 2000+ participants, 800+ papers, 150 sessions

Sydney Declaration – General Policy Statement
Sydney Agenda for Action – Small Island Development States, Pacific Region.
...Key FIG Achievements – managerial issues

- Promoting FIG and the benefits of being a member
  - Improving information material
  - Forum for CEOs of Cadastre/Mapping Agencies
  - Forum for Corporate Members

- Sustaining FIG Administration and Finances
  - Reorganising the FIG Office and introducing a professional office management system
  - Ensuring transparent and sustainable finances.

Looking to the Future – Three Key Trends

From Measurement to Management
- From land surveying to land management.
- From land surveyors to land professionals

From Cadastre to Land Governance
- From security of tenure to governance of the people to land relationship

From Local to Global
- Contributing to the global agenda
- Big challenges ahead such as Climate Change, MGDs, Sustainability.
An exciting journey – a wonderful experience

We have come a long way

But there is still so much to be done

On that further journey, I am happy to say that…

… FIG is in good shape .....and stronger than ever.