



FIG Member Association Forum

Minutes

Chair: Dipl. Eng. Angel Krumov Yanakiev

Tuesday, 19 May

The forum took place at the FIG Working Week 2015, 17-21 May, Sofia, Bulgaria. The President of the Chamber of Graduated Surveyors in Bulgaria was chairing it. Minutes – Kremena Boyanova and Alexander Yanakiev. About 30 delegates took part in the meeting. Find list of participants that provided their names and organisations in [Annex 1](#).

AGENDA

The following agenda was suggested for discussion:

1. Proposal for establishment of Global Surveyors Day.
2. Possible improvements in the established relations between the member associations.
3. Recommendations for changes and improvements in the management of FIG.

The agenda was accepted.

1. Proposal for establishment of Global Surveyors Day.

It was suggested that, following the example of the CLGE for establishment of European Surveyors Day, the establishment of Global Surveyors Day should be suggested to the FIG Management. The delegate from the National Society of Professional Surveyors (USA)– John Hohol, have suggested this already on the FIG Working Week 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, considering the tendency for establishment of worldwide celebration days in many fields – GIS day, Museums Day, Water Day, etc. Many benefits from the establishment of Global Surveyors Day were mentioned:

- Will promote the profession;
- Will highlight the importance of the profession to the society;
- Will increase the awareness among surveyors and society about FIG and their national organisations.

The Surveyors Day should be on the same date for all national, regional and global organisations and should be celebrated simultaneously by all surveyors and institutions around the world. The organization of the event should happen on national level by the local authorities. For example,

the European Surveyors Day is celebrated by CLGE every year in Brussels. In Bulgaria there are also big celebrations for the Surveyors Day, but on a different day.

In addition to the Global Surveyors Day, the celebrations should be dedicated to a selected Surveyor of the Year, again following the practice of CLGE. For example, 2015 is Euclid Year in Europe. Also, all topics of survey should be embraced as topics of the celebrations, not only the most applied ones, like land management.

There are no criteria yet for the choice of Surveyor of the Year and the celebrations' topic. Such criteria should be established, if the proposal gets accepted by the General Assembly. The task should be addressed to the history group, which can suggest topics, surveyors and support the organization of the events.

The proposal should be submitted for consideration at the General Assembly on Thursday, 21 May, so the decision can take place at the General Assembly in New Zealand 2015.

2. Possible improvements in the established relations between the member associations.

An improvement of the established relations within FIG is needed, in order the collaboration and support between the members to be increased. Surveyors are not equally distributed around the world – there are countries in which the number of specialists exceeds the demand and such, in which there are not enough specialists. Such issues should be addressed within the community. There were three suggestions made for the improvement of the relations between the FIG members:

- i. Short information for every member association should be provided in English in addition to the title of the association on the FIG website. A template for this information should be developed and all institutions should use it.
- ii. Additional to the information template on the website, each organization should provide a link to their website, preferably to its English version, if it is available.
- iii. Since many of the members of the national organisations don't speak English, all the template information for the national organisations should be provided in all FIG languages, in order to be available for all member surveyors.

3. Recommendations for changes and improvements in the management of FIG.

It was pointed that the outreach program of FIG should be improved and better managed. The benefits from the membership in the organization should become more visible, since there are many members of the national organisations that don't see the benefits from the membership and the role of FIG in their country. This outreach should happen not only by internet but also through other activities, since there are still many countries that don't have good access to internet.

In addition to the communication issues, it was also pointed out that FIG should provide support for countries with little experience in certain survey practices. Professional support and guidelines are needed for the developing countries and countries in crisis.

PROPOSALS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

- 1) Global Surveyors Day to be established. It should be same for all national, regional and global organisations.
- 2) Celebrations to be dedicated to a Surveyor of the Year and a topic from the broad field of survey activities. The choice should be addressed to the history group, which can suggest topics, surveyors and can support the organization of the events.
- 3) Short information for every member association should be provided in English in addition to the title of the association on the FIG website. A template for this information should be developed and all institutions should use it.
- 4) Each organisation should provide a link to their website, preferably to its English version, if it is available, again for the list of member associations on the website.
- 5) All the information for the member institutions and national organisations should be provided in all FIG languages, in order to be available for all member surveyors that don't speak English.
- 6) The outreach program should be better managed and improved and the benefits from FIG should be more visible by the members of the national organisations.
- 7) FIG should provide support for countries with little experience in certain survey practices. Professional support and guidelines are needed for the developing countries and countries in crisis.

Annex 1. List of participants

	Name	Organisation	Country
1	Angel Yanakiev	Chamber of Graduated Surveyors	Bulgaria
2	Alexander Yanakiev	Chamber of Graduated Surveyors	Bulgaria
3	Kremena Boyanova	Chamber of Graduated Surveyors	Bulgaria
4	Ivan Kaltchev	Union of Surveyors and Land Managers in Bulgaria	Bulgaria
5	Jan Hardos	Chamber of Surveyors and Cartographers	Slovakia
6	Maria Joao Henriques	Laboratorio Nacional de Engenharia Civil	Portugal
7	Teresa Sa Pereira	Porto de Lisboa	Portugal
8	Murtala Aliyu	Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors	Nigeria
9	Akin Oyegbola	Nigerian Institution of Surveyors	Nigeria
10	Isa Sani Mohammed	Nigerian Institution of Surveyors	Nigeria

11	Bern Omo Akhigbe	Nigerian Institution of Surveyors	Nigeria
12	Kunle Ogunbadewa	Nigerian Institution of Surveyors	Nigeria
13	Olumide Adewebi	Nigerian Institution of Surveyors	Nigeria
14	Yoshiro Nakahori	Japan Association of Surveyors	Japan
15	Trinh Anh Co	Vietnam Association of Geodesy – Cartography – Remote Sensing	Vietnam
16	Tran Bach Giang	Vietnam Association of Geodesy – Cartography – Remote Sensing	Vietnam
17	Karl-Friedrich Thöne	German Association of Geodesy, Geoinformation and Land Management	Germany
18	Eberhard Ziem	German Association of Geodesy, Geoinformation and Land Management	Germany
19	John Hohol	National Society of Professional Surveyors	USA
20	Julius Ernst	Austrian Society for Surveying and Geoinformation	Austria
21	Moha El-Ayachi	Ordre National des Ingénieurs Géomètres Topographe	Morocco
22	Thomas Glatthard	Swiss Organisation for Geoinformation	Switzerland
23	Martti Pietikäinen	National Land Survey of Finland	Finland
24	Lopang Maphale	Botswana Surveying and Mapping Association	Botswana
25	Mark Straughan	South African Council for Professional and Technical Surveyors	South Africa