FIG Working Week 2021
Kraków, Poland
Welcome letter

Dear colleagues and friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the beautiful and historical Krakow. It would be a great honour for us to host the FIG Working Week 2021 in Poland. We are convinced that Poland may offer many attractions for you, both, as for surveyors, as well as during the days before or after the working. We do hope that you will enjoy your visit to Poland and will be willing to come back in the future. Poland is a very interesting country: it is the country of Copernicus, who stopped the Sun and moved the Earth, it is also the country of John Paul II, who was born close to Krakow, in Wadowice. It is also the country where the Solidarity movement was initiated, which then - within a decade - resulted in the collapse of the "old, good" communist system. And finally, Poland is also the country of beautiful nature, beautiful mountains, lake districts and beaches over the Baltic Sea.

Within the social programme of the Working Week you will be offered the opportunity to visit very interesting places located close to Krakow and take part in cultural events presenting the Polish traditions. Krakow is one of the oldest cities in Poland and the seat of the Jagiellonian University, the oldest one in Poland. Krakow is well known as the former capital of Poland and the present capital of Małopolska region; it is filled with treasures of the past satisfying the expectations of even the most demanding admirers of architecture and art. Taking advantage of being there, particularly in the summer, you will have the unique opportunity to visit the very famous Krakow Historic Centre, as well as the Wieliczka and Bochnia Royal Salt Mines. If you decide to arrive earlier or to stay longer in Poland, you may go to the south, to see beautiful Tatra Mountains, the "Polish Alps" with their landscapes, shelters, you may take the cableway and reach Kasprowy Wierch with its meteorological observatory. In Zakopane, being the winter capital of Poland, you will enjoy good food, you will listen to the folk music and rest. But if you decide to go the north, you will be able to visit Warsaw, the capital of Poland, with it many attractions, including Żelazowa Wola, the Chopin's house, and then go to Gdansk, and further, to the Baltic seaside. If you have more time you may visit the Białowieża Forest, the oldest forest in Europe, you may visit many national parks, many historical places, palaces, castles. Whenever you go you will enjoy your stay and you will feel at home.

We are convinced that Poland and Krakow are the perfect places to exchange the scientific and professional knowledge in surveying, and also to enjoy cultural and social events - by the participants and by the accompanying persons.

Hope to see you all in Krakow!
Letters of support
Association of Polish Surveyors (SGP)

Historical background

1916 The first surveyor’s organization was established at the Polish territory under the name “The Union of Surveyors”.
1926 Professional Organization of Polish Surveyors joined International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
1927 Polish surveyors hosted the FIG Permanent Committee Meetings in **Warsaw**
1959 Polish surveyors hosted the FIG Permanent Committee Meetings in **Kraków**
1985 Polish surveyors hosted the FIG Permanent Committee Meetings in **Katowice**

Organization

- a voluntary organization of individuals being professional surveyors due to the diploma certifying education in land surveying
- SGP has its own “Statute” and “Code of Ethics”
- SGP has regional branches coinciding generally with provinces of the country
- SGP Convention takes place every three years
Towards the excellence in measurements

- excellence in measurements in the field of: hydrographic surveys, engineering surveys, cadastral surveys...
- excellence in measurements of: land, forest, constructions...
- excellence in measurements in: villages, cities, mega cities, areas of informal settlements...
- excellence in measurements using modern technologies: GNSS, precise instruments, laser scanners...
- excellence in measurements from: ground (GNSS, Total stations...), air (UAV...), underground (LIDAR platforms...)

- Covering the scope of All FIG Commissions’ activities.

- Creating a platform of exchanging of information between The Highest Level of Professionals from FIG family and Friendly Organizations like FAO, World Bank, UN-Habitat GLTN...
Why Poland

- Rapidly growing economy
- High standard of services
- Rapidly growing economy
- Rich history
- Great location and accessibility
- Affordable prices
- Perfect accommodation
Facts about Poland

- **Area:** 312,679 square km
- **Population:** 38 mln inhabitants
- **Economy:** 6th largest in UE
- **UNESCO list:** 14 sites
- **Member of European Union:** since 1.05.2004
- **Currency:** Polish Złoty
- **HDI (Human Development Index):** 36th on the world

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES**

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The National Bank of Poland, 20.06.2016

**CLIMATE IN POLAND**

Institute of Meteorology and Water Management, www.imgw.pl
Famous Poles

Nicolaus Copernicus

Frederic Chopin

Maria Curie-Skłodowska

Ignacy Paderewski

John Paul II

Donald Tusk

Roman Polański

Agnieszka Radwańska

Robert Lewandowski

Lech Wałęsa
Why Krakow

- UNESCO heritage
- Tasty cuisine
- Affordable hotels
- Flight connections
- Nice weather
- Living culture
Tourist attractions

- WAWEL HILL
- JEWISH DISTRICT
- AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU STATE MUSEUM VISIT
- POLAND’S WINTER CAPITAL: ZAKOPANE
- RAFT RUN DOWN THE DUNAJEC RIVER
- WIELICZKA SALT MINE
FLIGHTS TO Krakow

Easy to access!

- 2nd largest airport in Poland
- 10 km and 15 minutes from the city centre
- 80 scheduled flights to 20 countries
- 388 airports reachable with one change
- Cooperating with 20 airlines
Krakow Accessibility

Modern Balice Airport with regular connections to over 50 airports around Europe

Numerous connections to cities in Poland and Europe

Can be also easily reached by car through net of highways and expressways

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WORLDWIDE HOTEL CHAINS

[Logos of various hotel chains, including ibis, Sheraton, Holiday Inn, Novotel, Radisson Blu, Radisson, Park Inn, Qubus Hotel, and others.]
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HOTELS IN THE ICE KRAKÓW'S NEAREST SURROUNDINGS

PARK INN by RADISSON KRAKOW

Q PLUS KRAKOW

HILTON GARDEN INN
Option 1
ICE Krakow Congress Centre

The spacious foyer of the ICE Congress Centre is situated on the eastern side of the building (with a view of the Old City and Kazimierz) on three floors: F0 – 1800 m² (including the Theatre Hall), F1 – 1000 m² and F2 – 650 m².

With impressive illumination it can perfectly play the function of an elegant public space with nice viewing area for standing cocktails.
Option 2
Sukiennice Cloth Hall

Sukiennice - market hall build in 13th century, now one of the landmarks of Rynek Główny (Main Square) and Krakow Royal City.

On the first floor of Sukiennice there is National Art Museum located with exceptional paintings on the walls.

The cocktail is to be organized within the premises of this museum.
Option 1
Zalesie Manor

Completely different world, located in Beskidy Mountains just 25 km away from the Main Market in Krakow.

The buildings of the complex are surrounded by forests, fields and meadows. The Zalesie Manor has 200 year long history and is a place where buildings were erected subsequently to form interesting rural architecture. The halls combined on one level can accommodate 700 persons in a sit down style, with a free dance room.
Option 1  Old Tam Depot

This unique place is a former tram depot, established in 1913 with the launch in Kraków broad-gauge tram line.

It belongs to the group of architectural objects which is lawfully secured and in 1985 inscribed to the book of records of stunning monuments of the UNESCO list.
Social Venues – Gala Dinner

Option 2
Niepołomice Royal Castle

The is located 25 km out of Krakow city centre. For centuries the castle was a royal residence. Beautifully restored is the real jewel of Renaissance architecture with beautiful cortyard that is usually a place for splendid and unforgettable galas.
ICE Congress Centre

Twice awarded as the best Congress Center in New Europe in 2015 & 2016

Capacity & functionality
Three main halls at disposal: Auditorium Hall, Theatre Hall and Chamber Hall, which can accommodate a maximum of 2000, 600 and 300 persons, respectively. Additionally it has 32 multifunctional rooms.

Location & accessibility
Located in the very heart of Kraków. The nearest bus and tram stop is located only 50 meters away from the entrance, with 5 tram lines and 20 bus lines providing access to the facility.

Opened in 2014.
ICE Congress Centre

FOYER
2650 sqm on 3 floors
AUDITORIUM HALL
2000 pax, exceptional acoustics.
ICE Congress Centre

THEATRE HALL
600 pax, multifunctional
ICE Congress Centre

CHAMBER HALL
300 pax or 2x150 pax
Let's make Władysław Surmacki's dream come true

Władysław Surmacki - facts

• Co-founder and President of the Polish Measuring Association

• Vice President of FIG within 1938-1942

• Poland entrusted the organization of the 7th Congress of FIG, which was supposed to take place in Warsaw in 1942. Unfortunately, the outbreak of World War II caused that the congress did not take place there.

• Shot in a mass execution in the Sękocimski forest near Warsaw on May 28, 1942

• FIG Permanent Committee at the XXI Congress in Brighton in 1998, passed a resolution on honoring posthumously Władysław Surmacki the title of FIG Honorary President.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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