International Geodetic Students Meeting 2004
Welcome Address

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International Federation of Surveyors, FIG
- Only international body representing all surveying disciplines (land surveyors, quantity surveyors and appraisers) – new definition
- Established in 1878
- Federation of national associations
- UN-recognised non-governmental organisation (NGO) – co-operation with ECOSOC, FAO, UN-HABITAT, UNEP etc.

Members
- More than 110 countries represented in 2004
- 230,000 individuals in member associations
- 91 member associations from 79 countries
- 14 affiliates
- 14 correspondents
- 71 academic members from 45 countries
- 22 corporate members

Commissions
- Professional Practice
- Professional Education
- Spatial Information Management
- Hydrography
- Positioning and Measurement
- Engineering Surveys
Commissions
- Cadastre and Land Management
- Spatial Planning and Development
- Valuation and the Management of Real Estate
- Construction Economics and Management

Commission 2 - Professional Education
Chair Pedro Cavero, Spain
- Education and teaching methods
- Continuing professional development and training
- The interaction between education, research and practice
- Encouragement of the exchange of students and personnel between member countries.

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Commission 2 – Professional Education
Working Groups 2002-2006
- Virtual Academy
- Curricula Models and CPD
- Mutual Recognition
- Knowledge in Spatial Information Management
- Capacity building in Land Management

Surveying Education Database

Surveyors Reference Library
Challenges and opportunities for surveyors

- Big number of surveyors will retire in the next few years
- Lack of students in many European countries
- Implications of the Bologna process
- Competition between disciplines at European universities – well-grounded specialized generalists
- Free movement of labour - qualifications
- Privatization
- Role of the profession (geomatics, geodesy, surveying)

Students and young surveyors in FIG

- Under-represented groups in surveying
- Students at the conferences
- Students in Commission work
- Students network
- Co-operation between FIG and IGSO
Joint Commission Working Group on Under-represented groups in surveying

- Enhancing professional development opportunities for women and young surveyors
- Encouraging equal opportunities for individual members within FIG, not depending on gender or native language or other cultural characteristics
- Facilitating professional contacts for women and young surveyors, as well as for linguistic minorities, within the FIG community

Students at the FIG conferences

- Networking with students and international surveyors
- Reduced fees and grants to attend (universities)
- Special meetings and events
- Students group within Commission 2 until 2006
- Working opportunities – Congresses and Working Weeks

Students in Commission work

- National delegates – correspondents
- National associations and academic members
- e-Newsletters
- FIG web site: Surveyors Reference Library; Education Database; Proceedings
- Virtual Academy

Students network

- FIG web site: Academic members
- Discussion groups
- International studies and working opportunities
- Events

Co-operation between FIG and IGSO

- FIG interested to co-operate with IGSM in the future
- events
- projects
- more formal co-operation (MoU, universities, databases)
- Problems in closer co-operation (continuity, funding, formal structure/social networking)
- What is the role of IGSO in the future?
- Open for discussions
- Support from FIG in the future
Next Events

- Jakarta, Indonesia, October 3-7, 2004
- Cairo, Egypt, 16-21 April 2005
- Cuba / Brazil September/October 2005
- Africa, February/March 2006
- Munich, Germany, XXIII Congress, 15-21 Oct. 2006
- Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China, 1-6 July 2007
- Stockholm, Sweden, June 2008

Information delivery

- Annual Review
- Monthly e-Newsletter
- Commission newsletters
- Publications
- Congress and working week proceedings
- Web site: www.fig.net