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FIG Honorary Membership for Jürg Kaufmann

Dear members of FIG Council,

As a member association of FIG, the Swiss Association for Geomatics and Land Management (geosuisse) would like to propose its long-time member **Jürg Kaufmann** to be awarded with the Honorary Membership of FIG.

The board members of geosuisse think that the contributions of Jürg to the profession on the national as well as the international level are manifold and considerable:

- Jürg has been for many years (1990-2003) a long time delegate in Commission 7; in this period he chaired twice a working group, each time with significant contributions in terms of organizational, social and professional development; the first working group from 1994-98 focused on visions for the cadastre, resulting in the publication of "Cadastre 2014", and the second working group from 1998-2002 focused on "Benchmarking the Cadastre", also resulting in a publication.
- Jürg organized the annual meeting of Commission 7 in 1992 in Switzerland, where he contributed considerably not only from a personal but also financial point of view;
- the publication of "Cadastre 2014" as a result of the 1994-98 working group "Vision cadastre" was a major contribution to the profession; it has been translated into over 25 languages and still is a reference nowadays and talked about prominently in the profession worldwide;
- on the national level in Switzerland, Cadastre 2014 also stood at the beginning of discussions and developments, which will soon be culminating in the new Law on Geoinformation, which very likely will entail the development of a cadastre of public rights and restrictions; Jürg contributed to these developments in many considerable and on-going ways;
- within Switzerland, Jürg committed himself for many years to the surveying profession, its development and credibility by participating in uncountable workshops, working groups, commissions and by producing many reports and publications;
- since June 2003, Jürg serves as our president; he introduced several changes in our association and is constantly pushing the members for renewal and an open mind based on sound experience. Jürg represents geosuisse in the steering committee e-geo.ch for the national geodata infrastructure.

We, the board members of geosuisse, strongly endorse Jürg Kaufmann's nomination and believe that he is a very worthwhile candidate and would deserve the honorary membership from FIG. We also think that the nomination for Jürg would come as a timely deed for the up-coming FIG congress in Munich.

We therefore would like to kindly ask the FIG Council to consider such a nomination.

Thank you very much and with kind regards,

Thomas Glatthard
Vice-President of geosuisse

Rudolf Küntzel
Board member of geosuisse.

PS As Jürg is our current president, the board members of geosuisse took the initiative of this writing without the knowing of Jürg. We therefore would like to ask the FIG Council to keep a possible nomination of Jürg as a surprise to him, as far as that is possible.

For any further communication, we therefore would like to ask you to contact the undersigning Thomas Glatthard directly (Thomas Glatthard, Museggstrasse 31, CH-6004 Luzern, SWITZERLAND, thomas.glatthard@geosuisse.ch).

Annex: Curriculum Vitae of Jürg Kaufmann

Curriculum Vitae of Jürg KAUFMANN

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Jürg Kaufmann was born in Switzerland in 1942 and graduated from the Department for Rural Engineering and Surveying of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zürich) with additional studies in economics and commerce. After many years of surveying practice in Switzerland, he founded his own company KAUFMANN CONSULTING, working for public and private institutions in the field of cadastre and geomatics on a national and international level. Among many other involvements in public and private consulting projects, Jürg Kaufmann was a main consultant to the management board of the reform project of the Swiss cadastral surveying system from 1982-1994. Since 1995, he also got involved in international projects in Liechtenstein, Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia and Kosovo. From 1994-1997, he was main consultant for the implementation of a modern cadastral system in Belarus, commissioned by the Swiss Federal Office for Foreign Affairs and in 1998, he was commissioned by UN-DESA as Chief Technical Advisor for the cadastral project in Georgia.



From 1990-2003, Jürg Kaufmann represented Switzerland in the FIG-Commission 7, where he twice chaired working groups resulting in the publications 'Cadastre 2014' and 'Benchmarking Cadastral Systems'.

LANGUAGES

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