

**Report to the 31st General Assembly
FIG Working Week in Stockholm, Sweden, June 2008**

Report on Liaison with International Professional Organisations

1. Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JB GIS)

President Enemark attended the meeting of the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies during the XXIII International Cartographic Congress in Moscow, Russian Federation, 4–10 August 2007. At the Joint Board meeting the report from the ad hoc Committee on Capacity Building in Africa was discussed. The main activity in the committee has been development of the GI Knowledge Portal for Africa. The Joint Board has organised sessions on capacity building at the AARSE Conference in Cairo and at the Map World Forum in Hyderabad. Prof. Ian Dowman from ISPRS was elected as the new chairperson of the Joint Board.

There was also an informal meeting of the Joint Board in conjunction to GSDI-10 in Trinidad 25-29 February 2008 where FIG could not attend. The next meeting of the Joint Board will be organised in conjunction to ISPRS Congress in Beijing, China P. R., 3-11 July 2008, where President Enemark will attend and also present a keynote on “Building the Capacity”.

2. IAG/IUGG

Prof. Rudolf Staiger, Chair of Commission 5, attended the 24th General Assembly of IUGG (International Union for Geodesy and Geophysics) in Perugia, Italy 2–13 July 2007 and represented FIG at the IUGG General Assembly 4–8 July. IUGG consists of seven international unions all dealing with earth sciences, from which IAG (International Association of Geodesy) is directly related to FIG. The General Assembly was attended by about 4,000 scientists from all over the world, and 450 were registered as IAG participants. Prof. Staiger was very well received by Chris Rizos, the outgoing President of IAG Commission 4 (Positioning & Applications) and the incoming Vice-President of IAG. He also attended several technical IAG sessions, which were mainly related to positioning and applications. During his stay he had the occasion to have discussions with the leaders of IAG.

3. International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)

Andrew Leyzack, Chair of Commission 4 represented FIG at the XVII IHO Conference in Monte Carlo, Monaco, 7–11 May 2007.

4. International Society of Mine Surveying (ISM)

Prof. Alojz Kopáček represented FIG at the XIII Congress of the International Society for Mine Surveying in Budapest, Hungary, 24–28 September 2007.

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