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# **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS**

# FIG 32<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY 4 and 8 May 2009 Big Blue Hall, Dan Hotel, Eilat, Israel

# **PROGRAMME**

Monday, 4 May 2009						
Dan Eilat Hotel, Eilat, Israel						
Monday	09:00-12:00	General Assembly, First Session				
4 May	13:30-15:00					
	Big Blue Hall, Dan Eilat					
Monday	15:30-17:30	Commission Annual Meetings				
4 May	See programme					
Monday	20:00	Welcome reception				
4 May	Dan Eilat	(all participants)				
Tuesday, 5 May – Thursday, 7 May 2009						
FIG Working	g Week 2009					
Dan Eilat Ho	tel, Eilat, Israel – <mark>www.fig.n</mark>	net/fig2009				
Friday, 8 Ma	y 2009					
Dan Eilat Hotel, Eilat, Israel						
Friday	09:00-11:00	Presidents' Meeting				
8 May	Tarshish A, Dan Eilat	for Presidents of Member Associations (or their				
		representatives), by invitation only				
Eridov	11:30–12:30					
Friday		General Assembly, Second Session				
8 May	Big Blue Hall, Dan Eilat	Clasing Coromony				
Friday	12:30-13:30	Closing Ceremony				
8 May	Big Blue Hall, Dan Eilat					

# FIG 32<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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24. PRESIDENTS' MEETING

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- 28. DECISION ON THE VENUE OF THE FIG WORKING WEEK 2013
- 29. 7th FIG REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN HANOI, VIETNAM, 19-22 OCTOBER 2009
- 30. REPORT THE CONGRESS 2010 IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, 11-16 APRIL 2010
- 31. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

# FIG 32<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# **AGENDA**

for the meetings to be held in the Big Blue Hall at the Dan Eilat Hotel, Eilat, Israel on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, 2009

# **MONDAY 4 MAY**

Monday, 4 May, 09:00-12:00 and 13:30-15:00 Big Blue Hall, Dan Eilat Hotel, Eilat, Israel General Assembly, First Session

#### 1. OPENING PROCEEDINGS

President Stig Enemark to open the 32<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Vice President Matt Higgins to take the roll call.

Please note: The roll call will be done for member associations and affiliate members only. Delegates representing academic members, corporate members and correspondents as well as honorary presidents and honorary members will be entered in the records but they shall register before the meeting starts at the meeting place to the FIG officers. Member associations are asked to inform the FIG Office by 30 April 2009 about their attendance and at the same time to submit the names of their delegates and to inform who the leader of the delegation is. That only member associations that have paid all their membership fees to the end of 2008 are allowed to vote at the meeting, a list of member associations that are not allowed to vote will be published on the FIG web site 20 April 2009.

Appendix to items 2 & 25: Roll Call.

**Motion**: That present members are recorded in the minutes.

Decision:

#### 3 APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

**Motion**: The General Assembly shall appoint two persons as tellers following the principle adopted at the 22<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly so that the tellers will represent member associations hosting the preceding (the Swedish Association of Chartered Surveyors, SLF – from 1.1.2009 ASPECT – Association for Chartered Surveying, Property Evaluation and Transactions) and the current General Assembly (the Association of Licensed Surveyors in Israel, ALSI). That the General Assembly appoints Ms. Cecilia Lindén from ASPECT and Mr. Yoav Tal from ALSI as a teller for the two sessions of the General Assembly.

#### 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion: That the agenda be adopted.

#### Decision:

# 5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 31st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Minutes have been circulated previously.

**Appendix to item 5:** Minutes of the General Assembly in Stockholm, Sweden, June 2008, without appendices.

**Motion**: That the minutes be adopted as recorded.

#### **Decision**:

#### 6. MEMBERSHIP

# 6.1 Acceptance of new members

# 6.1.1 Association des Géomètres Experts du Niger (AGEN)

Association des Géomètres Experts du Niger (AGEN) (Association of Niger Surveyors) has submitted an application to become a member association of FIG from Niger. The association has been constituted in January 2006 by a law on the order of surveyors. The association has currently 50 members. The application meets the criteria for membership in FIG as a member association. The Council has considered the application and believes that the association meets criteria for membership of FIG as a member association.

**Appendix to item 6.1.1**: Membership application from the Association des Géomètres Experts du Niger (AGEN)

**Motion**: That the General Assembly admits the Association des Géomètres Experts du Niger (AGEN) to become a member association of FIG.

# **Decision**:

#### 6.2 Other membership issues

# Affiliate membership

Nepal was expelled from FIG affiliate membership in Stockholm because of unpaid membership fees. After the meeting Survey Department, Government of Nepal wanted to restore the membership after changes in the structure of the Nepalese government and has paid most of the arrears. The Council has therefore restored the affiliate membership the Survey Department, Government of Nepal.

After this change the number of affiliate members is 28.

# Corporate members

The Council has admitted the following three companies to become a Corporate Member of FIG:

Magellan Navigation, USA (Corporate level C)

- REIDIN.com, United Arab Emirates (Corporate level F)
- ORBITS Engineering Firm, Saudi Arabia (Corporate level F)

The number of corporate members is now 37.

#### Academic members

The Council has admitted the following six universities and institutions to become an academic member:

- Institute of Land Administration, Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia
- School of Civil Engineering and Geosciences, Newcastle University, United Kingdom
- Palestine Polytechnic University, Hebron, Palestine Authority
- National Research Institute of Astronomy & Geophysics, Egypt
- Technion Israel Institute of Technology, Mapping and Geo-Information Engineering, Israel
- Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Topography Department of the Civil Engineer Institute, Mexico

The Council has decided to expel following academic members because their membership fees are more than two years in arrears:

- Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Faculty of Agronomy, Guatemala
- Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Department of Geomatics Engineering, Malaysia
- Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, Geomatic Sciences Department, Puerto Rico, USA
- Istanbul Technical University, Civil Engineering Faculty, Department of Geodesy and Photogrammetry, Turkey
- Ferris State University, Surveying Engineering, USA

The number of Academic Members after these changes is 81.

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes the actions that the Council has taken with other membership matters.

#### Decision:

#### 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President has prepared a report on the activities of the President and the Council between the General Assembly in Stockholm and Eilat. The President will give a subsequent report orally at the meeting.

Appendix to item 7: President's report.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly accepts the President's report.

#### 8. CHANGES IN THE FIG COUNCIL AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS

The General Assembly elected Mr. Iain Greenway from United Kingdom and Mr. Teo CheeHai for a Vice President of FIG for 2009-2012. At the same time the term of office of Mr. Ken Allred from Canada and Prof. Paul van der Molen from the Netherlands finished at the end of 2008.

The Council has agreed on responsibilities of the Council members after the new Vice Presidents Teo CheeHai and Iain Greenway took the office 1 January 2009. The revised list of responsibilities responds to the professional qualifications of the Council members as well as to their regional distribution.

**Appendix to item 8**: Responsibilities of Council members 2009-2010

**Motion**: That the General Assembly records it thanks to Mr. Ken Allred and Prof. Paul van der Molen for the services that they have provided for the Federation over many years as Council members. That the General Assembly further records the new Vice Presidents and admits them the FIG officer badges. That the General Assembly further endorses the list of responsibilities for the Council members for 2009-2010.

#### Decision:

#### 9. HONORARY MEMBER

The Canadian Institute of Geomatics has proposed to the Council that Mr. Ken Allred would be awarded with the Honorary Membership of FIG. Ken Allred is an immediate past Vice President of FIG (2005-2008) and has been active in FIG for more than 25 years. In addition following contributions from Ken Allred to FIG should be mentioned:

- Commission 1 Chair 1994-1998 and Vice Chair 1990 1994
- Canadian delegate on FIG Commission 1 Professional Practice from 1981 until 2005
- Member of the organizing committee for the FIG Symposium on the Decision Maker and LIS in Edmonton in 1984
- Member on the FIG Task Forces on the Exchange of Surveying Personnel; on Constituting Professional Associations; and on Cultures and Languages
- Chair of the Task Force on FIG Governance Structure
- Director of the FIG Foundation (2005-2008)
- regular attendee at FIG congresses since 1977 to which he has presented numerous papers and participated in various workshops.

**Appendix to item 9**: The nomination letter from the Canadian Institute of Geomatics and CV of Mr. Ken Allred.

According to the Statutes paragraph 3.1.7 an individual who has materially assisted the development and promotion of the surveying profession at the international level can be appointed as an honorary member. Nomination for this appointment shall be made by a member association or the Council, which will consider it and submit it to a vote of the General Assembly.

The Council has considered the proposal and decided to propose to the General Assembly that it appoints Mr. Ken Allred as an Honorary Member of the Federation for the outstanding services he has provided to the Federation in different positions and functions.

Motion: That the General Assembly appoints Mr. Ken Allred an Honorary Member of FIG.

#### **Decision**:

10. ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR ELECT FOR COMMISSION 8 AND 10 FOR 2009-2010

According to the FIG Statutes and Internal Rules the General Assembly appoints Commission Chairs Elect at its meeting two years prior to the Congress. These Chairs Elect will then automatically become Chairs of the Commissions for the next term of office. At the meeting in Stockholm all other Chairs Elect were appointed except Commission 8 and 10.

The Council has asked for nominations for candidates to these two commissions. For Commission 8 two nominations were received:

- Mr. Wafula Nabutola, Kenya (ISK)
- Dr. Richard Sliuzas, the Netherlands (GIN)

**Appendix to item 10 and 22**: Nomination templates of candidates to Commission 8 Chairs Elect for 2009-2010:

- Mr. Wafula Nabutola, Kenya (ISK)
- Dr. Richard Sliuzas, the Netherlands (GIN)

The Council has evaluated the nominations and considers that both candidates are well qualified to chair Commission 8 in the future and thus decided to propose to the General Assembly that it makes the election between these two candidates.

At the first session of the General Assembly each candidate will be given 3 minutes to introduce himself and his agenda how to develop the Commission if he will be elected. The election will take place at the end of the first session of the General Assembly, 4 May 2009.

As there are no nominations for Commission 10, the Council has decided that it will propose to the General Assembly in Sydney that Commission 10 will be terminated unless there will be a candidate by the end December 2009. In the case that Commission 10 will be closed, its activities will be moved to appropriate Commission(s) as to be agreed with ACCO and decided by the General Assembly.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly notes the presentations and decides to make the election at the end of the first session of the General Assembly on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

#### Decision:

- 11. REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF PERMANENT INSTITUTIONS
- 11.1 International Office of Cadastre and Land Records (Office International du Cadastre et du Régime Foncier) OICRF

Prof. Paul van der Molen, Director of OICRF has prepared a report on the OICRF activities since the General Assembly in Stockholm. He will make a short subsequent report orally at the General Assembly.

**Appendix to item 11.1**: Report from the International Office of Cadastre and Land Records (Office International du Cadastre et du Régime Foncier) OICRF.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the report and records its thanks to the Director and the members of the permanent institution for their past year's work.

#### **Decision**:

# 11.2 International Institution for the History of Surveying and Measurement, Permanent Institution of FIG

Mr. Jan de Graeve, President of the IIHSM has prepared a report on the IIHSM activities since the General Assembly in Stockholm.

An FIG Publication on the IIHMS and its achievements is under preparation and expected to be launched at the General Assembly in Eilat.

**Appendix to item 11.2**: Report from the International Institution for the History of Surveying and Measurement, Permanent Institution of FIG.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the report and records its thanks to the Director and the members of the permanent institution for their past year's work.

#### **Decision**:

## 12. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FIG FOUNDATION

Mr. John Hohol, President of the FIG Foundation has prepared a report on the FIG Foundation activities from June 2008 to February 2009. He will make a subsequent report orally at the General Assembly.

The FIG Council has appointed Mr. Warwick Watkins from Australia as a new Director in the Board of Directors for 2009-2010 after Ken Allred's term of office in the Council and in the Board was concluded at the end of 2008. The new Council representative in the Board of Directors is Vice President Iain Greenway.

Appendix to item 12: Report of the FIG Foundation activities June 2008 – February 2009.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the report of the President of the FIG Foundation and records its thanks to the President and members of the Board of Directors of the FIG Foundation for their past year's work. That the General Assembly records its thanks to Ken Allred as Director in the FIG Foundation and endorses the appointment of Warwick Watkins as new Director for 2009-2010.

# Decision:

# 13. REPORTS OF CURRENT TASK FORCES

At the moment FIG has two Task Forces: 1) Institutional and Organisational Development, chaired by Iain Greenway; and 2) Developing Global Land Tools for Pro Poor Land Management, chaired by Paul van der Molen (including the FIG/UN-HABITAT co-operation in Global Land Tool Network and developing Social Tenure Domain Model).

Iain Greenway has prepared a report on the progress of the Task Force on Institutional and Organisational Development. He will make a subsequent report at the meeting.

Appendix to item 13: Report on the Task Force on Institutional and Organisational Development

The tasks of the Task Force on Developing Global Land Tools for Pro Poor Land Management (http://www.fig.net/tf/landtools/index.htm) have in fact been taken over by the President because of

change in the policies of UN-HABITAT. The FIG activities with UN-HABITAT are now concentrated in the Global Land Tool Network where President Enemark is representing FIG in the International Advisory Board and in the project on Social Tenure Domain Model. The President reports on these under agenda item Co-operation with the United Nations.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly records the reports and its thanks to the Chairs of the Task Forces and their members.

#### Decision:

#### 14. NEW TASK FORCE ON SPATIALLY ENABLED SOCIETIES

The Council has decided in February 2009 to establish a new short term Task Force with the aim to explore the issue of Spatially Enabled Societies (SES) from a cadastral and surveyor's point of view. Dr. Daniel Steudler from Switzerland has been appointed to chair this task force with following members: Dr. Abbas Rajabifard (President elect of GSDI), Kari Strande (Norway), and Teo CheeHai (Vice President, Malaysia). The results of the Task Force will be published in a report that will be launched at the FIG Congress 2010.

**Appendix to item 14**: Terms of Reference for the FIG Task Force on Spatially Enabled Societies.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the establishment of the FIG Task Force on Spatially Enabled Societies and endorses its terms of reference.

#### Decision:

#### 15. NEW FIG AFRICA TASK FORCE 2009-2014

The Council established in February 2009 a new FIG Africa Task Force for the term of office 2009-2014. The Task Force focus is on the African Surveying Profession and how it can best contribute to meet the key challenges of poverty alleviation, economic growth, and environmental sustainability. The key purpose is to enable the surveying profession in Sub Saharan Africa to deal with social responsibility in terms of contributing to achieving the MDGs. The Council appointed Dr. Diane Dumashie, current Chair of FIG Commission 8, United Kingdom, to chair this Task Force. Members of the Task Force will include key persons anticipated to be representatives from East, South, Central and Western African countries.

**Appendix to item 15**: Terms of Reference for the FIG Africa Task Force.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the establishment of the FIG Africa Task Force for 2009-2014 and endorses its terms of reference.

#### Decision:

# 16. YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK

The Young Surveyors Working Group under Commission 1 has made a good progress and achieved great results at the Working Week in Stockholm in June 2008 including special programme for students and young surveyors and speed mentoring. Some of these activities were proposed to be included as permanent components in future FIG events. The Council decided in February 2009 to give the Young Surveyors Working Group a more visible role on the FIG agenda and therefore established the Young Surveyors Network. The Network would give the group more independency and recognises its cross commission nature. Formally the Network will stay as a working group under

Commission 1 in the same way as the Standards Network has today. The Council also recognised that to develop the work of the Young Surveyors Network to more professional and consistent level some financial support will be needed. This can be partly arranged through the proposed special reserves in the budget, but it is equally important to get the member associations to understand their role and responsibility in this respect.

**Appendix to item 16**: Terms of Reference of the Young Surveyors Network.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the establishment of the Young Surveyors Network and endorses its terms of reference and the appointment of Cecilia Lindén from Sweden as the chair of the Network until the end of 2010.

#### Decision:

## 17. CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WORLD BANK

As part of the Work Plan 2007-2010 the Council has established the UN Liaison Committee – FIG Responses to the Millennium Development Goals to coordinate co-operation with the United Nations and the World Bank. The Liaison Committee is chaired by the President. The Council appointed in February 2009 Prof. Paul van der Molen, the Netherlands, as the FIG Liaison Ambassador for the United Nations for 2009-2010.

President and the Liaison Committee have prepared a report on the co-operation between FIG and the United Nations including the World Bank since the General Assembly in Stockholm.

The main issues in the co-operation with the United Nations and the World Bank during this period have been:

- Attendance to the 4<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum organised by UN-HABITAT in Nanjing, China, 4-8 November 2008 including the meetings of the Global Land Tools Network
- Co-operation with UN FAO including the joint FIG/FAO/CNG International Symposium in Verona, Italy, 9-10 September 2008
- The Joint FIG/World Bank International Conference on Land Governance in Support of the Millennium Development Goals: Responding to New Challenges, Washington DC, USA, 9-10 March 2009
- Participation to the work of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG)

**Appendix to item 17**: Report on the co-operation between FIG and the United Nations and the World Bank.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the report on the co-operation between FIG and the United Nations, its agencies and the World Bank and records its thanks to the members of the Liaison Committee and all those who have contributed to this co-operation.

#### Decision:

## 18. LIAISON WITH INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The Joint Board of Spatial Information Societies JB-GIS was formally established during the FIG Working Week in Cairo in 2005 and meets annually during a major conference. The meeting of JB-GIS in 2008 was held in conjunction to the XXI ISPRS Congress in Beijing, China in July 2008. The meeting included some fruitful information on current activities and discussions on future cooperation and collaboration between the organisations. A key issue was development of the Geographic

Information Knowledge Network (GIK Network) that is a huge common project led by GSDI to serve the global geographic information community at large. The goal of this facility is to enhance communications and sharing among geospatial specialists and organisations from all nations. Another key project is about establishing an ad hoc committee on Risk and Disaster Management.

FIG has further bilateral agreements of co-operation with several other international associations like ISM, IFHP, CIB, ION, ICEC, FIABCI and IFHS. Some of the partners are also working together in the Habitat Professionals Forum. President Stig Enemark has been acting as Chairperson of the Habitat Professionals Forum until the end of 2008 when the chairmanship was moved over to the President of IFHP

FIG is a member of the International Council for Science (ICSU) and working together with ISO and International Valuation Standards Committee (IVSC) on standards.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly confirms the report on the liaison with other international associations.

#### Decision:

## 19. CHANGES TO THE FIG INTERNAL RULES

The FIG General Assembly endorsed the FIG Statutes and Internal Rules in Stockholm in June 2008. After the meeting geosuisse from Switzerland has sent the Council a letter proposing two changes to the FIG internal rules related to nominations for elections. These proposals are: 1) Candidate shall decide clearly for which function he/she will apply and to omit multiple choice applications; 2) Same association should not lead more than one commission at the same time.

The Council has considered these proposals and decided to propose to the General Assembly to add a new Internal Rule 9.4 § and to change Internal Rules 11.4 § and 11.8 § that take into account the proposals of geosuisse. In addition to the geosuisse's proposal the Council decision includes a change into the Internal Rules so that it will not be possible for a current Commission Chair or Chair Elect to stand up as a candidate for the Council or other position in the Federation so that the terms of office would overlap.

Appendix to item 19: Changes to Internal Rules.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly approves the proposed new Internal Rule 9.4§ and proposed changes to Internal Rules 11.4 § and 11.8 §.

#### Decision:

20. FIG ACCOUNTS FOR 2008 AND AUDITOR'S REPORT, AND BUDGET FOR 2009, 2010 AND 2011

Vice President Iain Greenway and General Manager John Neel have prepared a report on the FIG Financial Issues. Iain Greenway will present the report to the General Assembly. This report includes summary of 2008 accounts, an updated budget for 2009 and proposals for budgets 2010-11 with notes.

The Auditors Report includes the auditors report from 2008, official accounts (income statement 2008) and balance sheet 31 December 2008.

**Appendix to item 20:** Report on Financial Issues (including 2008 accounts and budgets 2009-2011) **Annexes:** 

**20A** Auditor's Report, Income Statement for 2008 and Balance Sheet at 31 December 2008.

**20B** Financial reporting template

**20**C FIG Budgets 2009-2011

List of member associations whose membership fees are in arrears for 2008 and earlier and that are not allowed to vote, to be published on the FIG web site **20 April 2009**.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly approves following motions from the finance report:

- changes to the financial reporting template, presented as Annex 21B
- creation of general and specific reserves for FIG, as described in section 5 of the finance report (including commission reserves; office development activities; support for very poor member associations; support for Task Forces; and activities with young surveyors
- that the General Reserve will be managed by the Council in the range 90-100% of regular annual expenditure, and that Council will review this range every two years (when agreeing the work plan for each new Council, and at the mid-term review of the work plan.

That the General Assembly adopts the audited accounts for 2008 and budgets for 2009–2011.

#### Decision:

## 21. SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2010

The General Assembly has to set levels of fees for member associations two years in advance of the year in which they become payable. Fees are payable in respect of each individual member up to a maximum of 4,000 members; member associations with more than 4,000 members are paying fees in accordance with a sliding scale. Membership fees have been discussed as part of the finance report, appendix to item 20.

The 2008 General Assembly approved membership fees for 2010 as follows:

Year	Per capita fee	Minimum fee	Maximum fee
2009	4.18 € per member up to a maximum of 4,000 members.  Member associations from countries listed by the World Bank as lowincome economies or lower-middle-income economies shall pay 2.09 € per member up to a maximum of 4,000 members.	200 EUR	136 per cent of the fee payable by an association with 4,000 members
2010	4.30 € per member up to a maximum of 4,000 members  Member associations from countries listed by the World Bank as lowincome economies or lower-middle-income economies shall pay 2.15 € member up to a maximum of 4,000 members.	200 EUR	139 per cent of the fee payable by an association with 4,000 members (equal to 5,440 members).

The World Bank lists of the low-income economies and the lower-middle-income economies are available at:

http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/DATASTATISTICS/0,,contentMDK:20421402~pagePK:64133150~piPK:64133175~theSitePK:239419,00.html

On consideration of the table above, and in light of comments by a number of (small and large) member associations, the Council proposes two structural changes:

- To fix the sliding maximum scale for subscriptions at 5,500 members from 2010;
- To reduce the minimum number of members used in calculating the subscription to 20, and the minimum annual subscription to €50 (whichever of the two figures is the greater). This is to address particular concerns raised by some African countries.

In addition, the Council has reflected on the size of the FIG reserve, and the current financial situation. The Council believes that the finances of the Federation are healthy enough to freeze 2010 subscriptions at 2009 levels. Recognising the impacts of the current economic situation on all members, Council therefore proposes that the General Assembly amend the subscription rates for member associations for 2010, and sets 2011 subscriptions as in the table below:

<u>Year</u>	Per capita fee	Minimum fee	Maximum fee
2009	4.18 € per member up to a maximum of 4,000 members.  Member associations from countries listed by the World Bank as lowincome economies or lower-middle-income economies shall pay 2.09 € per member up to a maximum of 4,000 members.	200 €	136 per cent of the fee payable by an association with 4,000 members
2010	4.18 € per member up to a maximum of 5,500 members.  Member associations from countries listed by the World Bank as lowincome economies or lower-middle-income economies shall pay 2.09 € per member up to a maximum of 5,500 members.	20 members or 50 € (whichever is greater)	5,500 members (22,290 €)
2011	4.30 € per member up to a maximum of 5,500 members  Member associations from countries listed by the World Bank as lowincome economies or lower-middle-income economies shall pay 2.15 € member up to a maximum of 5,500 members.	20 members or 50 € (whichever is greater)	5,500 members (23,560 €)

The Council intends to follow the same principle of freezing 2010 subscriptions at 2009 levels when setting subscription levels for other categories of members.

The Council proposes to the General Assembly to increase membership fees for member associations for 2011 with 2.9 per cent to 4.30 € per member from 2010.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts following membership fees payable by member associations in 2010 and 2011:

<u>Year</u>	Per capita fee	Minimum fee	Maximum fee
2010	4.18 € per member up to a maximum	20 members or 50 €	5,500 members (22,290
	of 5,500 members.	(whichever is greater)	€)
	Member associations from countries		
	listed by the World Bank as low-		
	income economies or lower-middle-		
	income economies shall pay 2.09 €		
	per member up to a maximum of		
	5,500 members.		
2011	4.30 € per member up to a maximum	20 members or 50 €	5,500 members (23,560
	of 5,500 members	(whichever is greater)	€)
	Member associations from countries		
	listed by the World Bank as low-		
	income economies or lower-middle-		
	income economies shall pay 2.15 €		
	member up to a maximum of 5,500		
	members.		

#### Decision:

#### 22. ELECTION OF COMMISSION 8 CHAIR ELECT 2009-2010

The General Assembly has listened to the presentations of the two candidates for the position of Commission 8 Chairs Elect earlier at this session. The election will take place in this session. The term of office of the elected Chair Elect will be 4.5.2009-31.12.2010. Under normal circumstances the Chair Elect will be automatically elected as Chair of his Commission for the term of office 1.1.2011-31.12.2014. According to the Internal Rules the election will take place with blind ballots.

The election will take place on the following candidates:

- Mr. Wafula Nabutola, Kenya (ISK)
- Dr. Richard Sliuzas, the Netherlands (GIN)

**Appendix to item 10 and 22**: Nomination templates of candidates to Commission 8 Chairs Elect for 2009-2010:

- Mr. Wafula Nabutola, Kenya (ISK)
- Dr. Richard Sliuzas, the Netherlands (GIN)

**Motion**: That the General Assembly elects the Chair Elect to Commission 8.

#### **Decision:**

#### 23. COMMISSION REPORTS

Vice President Matt Higgins, Chair of ACCO will make an oral presentation on behalf of the ACCO on the Commission activities and on results of the ACCO meeting to be held in Eilat. In his oral presentation he will raise a few questions that will be discussed with the FIG members at the meeting. In the first session of the General Assembly 1-1.5 hours will be reserved for a podium discussion with Commission chairs chaired by Matt Higgins. The discussion will focus on 3-4 topics of common interest following the concept that was successfully implemented at the General Assembly in Hong Kong; each Commission will present two slides; one on Commission highlights and one on challenges to implement the current Commission work plan.

Each Commission Chair has submitted a written report on their Commission activities since the FIG Working Week in Stockholm. These reports include progress reports of the Commission working groups. Each Commission will hold an annual or other meeting during the Working Week in Eilat.

# Appendices to item 23: Commission reports:

- Commission 1
- Commission 2
- Commission 3
- Commission 4
- Commission 5
- Commission 6
- Commission 7
- Commission 8
- Commission 9
- Commission 10

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the reports of the Commission chairs and records its thanks to the chairs and other officers of the Commissions for their past year's work. That the General Assembly endorses following changes in the Commission work plans and Working Groups:

- Commission 1: David Martin will take the position as Chair of the FIG Standards Network during 2009
- Commission 1: Young Surveyors Working Group will be turned to Young Surveyors Network and will be chaired by Cecilia Lindén to the end of 2010.
- Commission 9: Dieter Kertscher from Germany has taken over the chair in Working Group 9.5 –
   GIS-analyses in Real Estate Market Analyses and Valuation
- Commission 10: New chair is sought for Working Group 10.2 Commercial Management That the General Assembly records the discussion with the Commission Chairs at the ACCO podium discussion and gives the follow-up action to the Council and ACCO.

# **FRIDAY 8 MAY 2009**

Friday, 8 May, 9:00-11:00
Tarshish A, Dan Eilat Hotel
Presidents' Meeting (by invitation only)

## 24. PRESIDENTS' MEETING

Separate invitation to Presidents of the Member Associations.

Friday, 8 May, 11:30–12:30 Big Blue, Dan Eilat Hotel General Assembly, Second Session

## 25. ROLL CALL

Vice President Matt Higgins to take the roll call.

**Please note**: The roll call will be done for member associations and affiliate members only. Delegates representing academic members, corporate members and correspondents as well as honorary presidents and honorary members will be entered in the records but they shall register before the meeting starts at the meeting place to the FIG officers. That only member associations that have paid all their membership fees to the end of 2008 are allowed to vote at the meeting, a list of member associations that are not allowed to vote will be published on the FIG web site **20 April 2009**.

To be noted that the General Assembly has appointed Ms. Cecilia Lindén from ASPECT, Sweden and Mr. Yoav Tal from ALSI, Israel as tellers to this session of the General Assembly.

**Appendix to items 2 & 25:** Roll Call.

**Motion**: That present members are recorded in the minutes.

**Decision**:

# 26. MEMBERSHIP

The Council will decide on other membership issues in Eilat and bring them for the General Assembly for decision or information as necessary.

**Motion:** That the General Assembly decides on the membership issues based on the proposal of the Council.

#### Decision:

#### 27. CO-OPERATION WITH THE FIG CORPORATE MEMBERS

A traditional meeting for FIG Corporate Members will be organised in Eilat. A report on the FIG Corporate Member policy and co-operation will be given at the meeting.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly records the report.

#### 28. DECISION ON THE VENUE OF THE FIG WORKING WEEK 2013

According to the statutes the venue of the FIG Working Weeks and Congresses will be decided four years prior the event. For hosting the FIG Working Week 2013 the only bid received was made by the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors (NIS). NIS proposes to organise the FIG Working Week 2013 in Abuja, the capital city of Nigeria. FIG General Assembly has been organised earlier in Ibadan, Nigeria in 1976, when the PC Meeting was for the first time held in Africa.

In the NIS's bid it is stated that NIS shall be hosting the Working Week in co-operation with all FIG accredited member organisations in Nigeria. All the relevant Federal Government of Nigeria Ministries/Para-statals such as Presidency, Foreign Affairs, Transport, Housing, Tourism, Federal Capital Territory, Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation, Surveyors Council of Nigeria, Oil & Gas Multinational Companies, etc. are to partake in sponsoring the Working Week.

The Council has considered the proposal and made the conclusion the NIS is well prepared and able to host the Working Week. It is also on of the most active member associations to attend and contribute to the FIG conferences. The Council further stated that meeting and other facilities in Abuja will satisfy the needs of FIG and its meeting requirements. The Council however stated the NIS's bid requires some clarifications so that it will fit to the concept of FIG Working Weeks, and guarantees right split of responsibilities between FIG and NIS. The Council is working on these open issues, so that a preliminary agreement on the arrangements can be signed in Eilat before the final decision will be made by the General Assembly.

**Appendix to item 28**: Bid from Nigerian Institution of Surveyors to host FIG Working Week 2013.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly decides to adopt the bid from the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors to host the Working Week 2013 jointly with FIG in Abuja, Nigeria.

#### **Decision**:

# 29. 7<sup>th</sup> FIG REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN HANOI, VIETNAM, 19-22 OCTOBER 2009

The 7<sup>th</sup> FIG Regional Conference will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam 19.22 October 2009. It will be organised jointly by the Viet Nam Association of Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and FIG. Representatives of VGCR will give the General Assembly a report on the arrangements of the Regional Conference. The conference web site is available at: <a href="https://www.fig.net/vietnam">www.fig.net/vietnam</a>.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly records the report for information.

#### Decision:

# 30. REPORT THE CONGRESS 2010 IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, 11-16 APRIL 2010

The hosts of the FIG Congress 2010 (ISA, Australia) will give the General Assembly a report on the preparations of the next FIG Congress to be held in Sydney, Australia, 9-16 April 2010. Conference web site: www.fig2010.com.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly records the report for information.

# Decision:

# 31. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

### CLOSING CEREMONY