

FIG General Assembly 2021 – Session 3 on FIG Governance

Breakout sessions outcome

Outcome and recommendations:

Session 1: Branding:

- Focus is important FIG is about the bridge between policy and tech/science- in the context of geospatial this will be between IAG and government policy.
- We are the 'doers'
- History is part of our brand: we have a proven history of respect from others.
- We do very well; but we can always do better. Geospatial societies will refer to FIG; but do other sectors? (e.g Valuation)
- We provide technical expertise at a high level
- FIG as an umbrella organisation brings likeminded professionals together enabling us to leverage into a cohesive and impactful whole. And
- Has the ability to pull relationships together with sister organisations. FIG enables ideas to cross pollinate
- FIG produces high quality best practice documents
- Global membership brings diversity and operates like a family

- Noting that country level implementation is the responsibility of member's and their Associations. This means FIG approach is top-down.
- FIG could operate at the continental level, bearing in mind each region has its own nuances
- Our profession speaks to People, i.e. SDGs with a spatial reach in what we do; but to all people at the country level?

Session 2: Young Surveyors' Transitioning and Integration

The recommendations were given in two parts – from the level of the national/regional levels, and at the level of FIG

FIG Level

- Having Young Surveyors as observers in the commissions in order for these to be the linking pins to suggesting YS for working groups in the commissions, with some focus from the engagement committee.
- Developing a mechanism for maintaining contact between YS and seasoned surveyors, especially after the working week.
- Encourage the involvement of YS in the commission work, as key technical contributors, and not as assistants, to enable YS to be taken seriously in the technical work.

National and Regional Levels

- Recognizing the value of YS volunteering at workplaces.
- Encouraging YS to take up roles at the national and regional levels, with seasoned surveyors stepping aside to make way.

Session 3: The benefits of being a member of FIG

Three questions discussed:

- What are the benefits of being a member?
- How do we make the benefits visible?
- How do we keep the benefits relevant?

Different perspectives for each membership categories

Member Associations (MA)

- Many are members per tradition – the relevance should be kept to keep up the tradition
- It is important that a MA becomes engaged – the more engaged, the more the relevance is clear
- Communication is crucial
- Networking is keyword and very important for MAs
- How can MAs be activated
- Regional bodies have an important role but should be more clear

Academic Members (AC)

- Enhance collaboration between universities
- AC – needs a place to publish – how can FIG support this

Corporate members (CM)

- Enhance the role of corporate members
- Consider giving CMs voting right

General comments:

- Interaction with people
- Share information
- FIG is attracting passionate people
- Nationally, many do not know what FIG is – knowledge of FIG needs to be increased (FIG can only do this with the help of the national members...)
- “once you get to know FIG you are addicted...”