

**FIG (INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS)  
LIAISON REPORT TO ISO/TC 211 PLENARY  
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Introduction

Standardisation activity across the field of surveying remains important to FIG, and the Federation is keen to assist where possible in ensuring that timely and workable standards are developing. The next few months are a key planning period for FIG, with the new Council and Commission Chairs now elected, to take up their positions for a 4-year term commencing on 1 January 2011.

Update

The following update may be of interest to ISO/TC 211:

- The 2010 FIG International Congress was held in Sydney in April. It was the largest FIG Congress ever, with over 2,000 participants and more than 800 technical papers (around 80 of which were peer-reviewed). Standards were a theme appearing in many papers, and members of the TC211 community were present during the Congress.
- The FIG Standards Network will continue during the next term of office, under broadly the same arrangements as now. At its meeting in Sydney, the Network agreed that its focus for the next year would be on:
  - Continuing FIG's leading work in the field of official standards for testing and calibrating survey instruments, particularly in ISO Technical Committee 172 Subcommittee 6. The key focus in this area will be to ensure that standards for new technologies (including laser scanners) are created at an appropriate time. FIG will also liaise with ISO/TC 172 SC6 and ISO/TC 211 to ensure that there is appropriate liaison, consistency and avoidance of overlap in the work of the two Committees;
  - Building FIG's relationship with the International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC), determining how FIG can most effectively contribute coherently under the new IVSC governance arrangements;
  - Influencing the development of good practice in the area of construction economics, working with the International Cost Engineering Council and others, and in spatial planning and developments. These are areas to date not covered to any extent by official standards;
  - Remaining an active contributor to ISO/TC 211 (Geographic Information), with a particular focus at present on the completion of ISO 19152, Land Administration Domain Model.

Final words

FIG is pleased to be playing a role in developing the profile of standards, including those of ISO/TC 211, seeing standardisation as a vital component in developing the services provided by surveyors to their various clients. It intends to continue to work closely with TC211, and is happy at any time to receive further ideas on areas and ways in which this might be achieved. **FIG requests that ISO/TC 211 considers agreeing a formal liaison with ISO/TC 172 SC6, or at least engages with the SC to agree areas of work.**

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