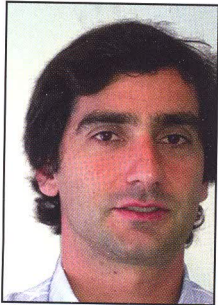


FIG YSN's European meeting

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THE Fédération Internationale des Géomètres Young Surveyors Network (FIG YSN) is a membership body that fosters engagement and networking amongst young surveying professionals and students across Europe. It seeks to promote the profession as an attractive career option, to represent the interests of young surveyors, facilitate their professional development and involvement on the committees of regional and national surveying and geospatial bodies. It also strives to improve the recognition of surveying in local communities by championing an international voluntary Young Surveyors Without Borders code.

Exchange platform

FIG YSN serves as an exchange platform promoting international opportunities (jobs, traineeships, courses, PhDs, conferences, and so on) for young surveyors with the aim of improving the global image of surveying. FIG YSN began life in 2006 as a joint working group within commission 2 and has since been represented at a variety of FIG events, including the 2006 congress in Munich, and 2010 congress in Sydney as well as FIG led working weeks in Eilat, Marrakesh, Rome and Abuja. In October 2013, the first FIG Young Surveyors European meeting was held in Lisbon, Portugal.

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Meeting report

There was much expectation ahead of the inaugural YSN meeting as first events always set the standards and references that will govern and guide the organisation in future. For the organisers of the meeting (Ordem dos Engenheiros Portugal and FIG YSN) and its supporters (FIG Foundation and the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors) the primary aim was to support young surveyors to develop activities that will further enhance their careers across Europe and the world.

For Ordem dos Engenheiros this was an excellent opportunity to welcome FIG to Portugal, to showcase the quality of its professionals and to promote the country. The meeting also combined an international training course in topography for young surveyors (in partnership with the Consiglio Nazionale Geometri).

Goals

Although this was a European meeting, the main goal was to gather young surveyors from around the world; enhance and promote the network, share knowledge and experiences, and contribute new projects and ideas for the global network. Above all, the meeting sought to inspire young surveyors to start their own business and national networks. The programme was developed to give all participants an opportunity to get involved in the meeting activities, work and plenary sessions and to seize the opportunity to brainstorm new YSN projects.

It was particularly important to the organisers that the meeting programme encouraged participants to consider their role and create awareness of the surveyor's role in the world (whether in the political, economic or social context).

Delegate map illustrating the places from where the participants travelled.



