FIG Age Structural Survey

Why should such a survey be made?

To know what the situation really looks like in order to create a plan moving forward.

To share experiences and information among member organizations…
Background

The Survey-National Members

- FIG has got national associations representing one or more of the disciplines of surveying. In March 2011 there were 104 member associations from 89 countries.
The Survey - Affiliates

- FIG has got groups of surveyors or surveying organizations undertaking professional activities but not fulfilling the criteria for member associations (39 affiliates in March 2011).

The Survey – Corporate Members

- FIG has got organizations, institutions or agencies which provide commercial services related to the profession of surveyor (31 Corporate members in April 2011);
The Survey – Academic Members

- FIG has got organizations, institutions or agencies which promote education or research in one or more of the disciplines of surveying (91 academic members from 54 countries in March 2011).

The Survey

2011 – North and south America
2012 – Europe
2013 – Africa
2014 – Asia, Australia, Oceania
The Survey

- The member organizations will be asked to answer questions about their member base how many members they have, and specify the number of member that they have within the following age intervals:
  - Below 20
  - 20 to 30
  - 30 to 40
  - 40 to 50
  - 50 to 60
  - 60 to 70
  - Above 70

In addition to the above there will also be questions about if the age structure is something that the member organization is concerned about and if so how they are working with it.

The aim with this survey is to really pin down to what parts of the world the age structure is an issue and to start the discussion within FIG if this is an issue of interest and how this should be approached.

Does the FIG member organizations believe or have they experienced that the surveying profession in their country have been marginalized by other professions such as lawyers, economists and programmers as the job still needs to be done?

Or will this give the profession a higher status as salaries are likely to go up if there are fewer people with the accurate knowledge to do the job?
The Survey

Another important question is legal requirements, e.g. in the US a licensed surveyor is only allowed to work in the state for which he is licensed, are there other legal requirements that holds back the mobility and development?

... additional questions

The processing

- Collecting information from the member organizations about their member base will require some work from their side why it is of outmost importance to have their understanding why this work should be done. It is also important that the input is honest as what can be done with it may help out the ones where there is as shortage of surveyors as they will find out how others have worked and achieved good results.
The Output

- As the work proceeds it will be presented partly at each FIG Working Week until the congress in 2014. Then the summary and finalization of the survey will be presented. And this together with what could be the base for the work moving forward within this question.

Questions?
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