

During the FIG working week in Rome, from 6 to 10 May 2012, Bruno Razza, board member of the organizing Surveyors' association Consiglio Nazionale di Geometri e Geometri Laureate and long-time CLGE delegate for Italy, was appointed as incoming FIG Vice President. A few days after the start of his mandate, he gives us his first impressions and priorities.

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# Bruno Razza, incoming FIG Vice President, from Italy, takes our questions

**Mr. Razza, please tell us about the challenges you will face as a FIG Vice President and how this will impact on your work for CLGE?**

On 1st January 2013, I started my work as Vice President of FIG. Personally this is an important position that I hope to be able to perform with energy, enthusiasm and dignity. I have always had a particular interest in surveyors in the private sector, especially young surveyors, who live and work for their profession.

Work in the private sector is difficult. To be successful, you need courage and passion, as well as a high level of technical competence. This is particularly apparent now, because many economies are in a situation of global crisis.

Therefore, it is imperative that, at national and international level, we can find common synergies, which will help all surveyors in their work.

CLGE in Europe and FIG, within the world, can work together, with ideas and initiatives that will help to standardise the rules, regulations and procedures that guide the role of the surveyor.

**How do you see this role of the surveyor and how it develops?**

This is a role that has become historically irreplaceable and even more important as technology develops.

For this reason, the work of the surveyor, both in bygone times and in the present, has the best of historical features and also advanced techniques in technical achievement and cultural development. Also the focus of the surveyor is on the land, the property, the utili-



Bruno Razza, addressing the FIG General Assembly gathered in Rome

ties and the people who live there. All of these are identified in the overall determination of a modern cadastre, based on geo-information and the production of a universal database; moreover it is a technology which complements and provides for the service of citizens and society.

**You spoke about standardization. Is there a real need for standardization and what are the chances of achieving this worldwide?**

In Europe, CLGE is already working to standardise rules and procedures, helping to improve and intensify the free movement of labour in the world, the knowledge and competences, facilitating and promoting new business opportunities for young surveyors. So, this is a priority for European surveyors.

Then, since I am deeply convinced that this dream could become a reality, I hope to bring this commitment and these perspectives of global participation and sharing, within FIG, with the support of my Italian fellows, and especially with the support of other European surveyors.

By combining ancient topography mapping and modern Geomatics we can produce maps and specialised data sets and land management systems at every level and for every need.

But this can only be achieved with the skills and knowledge of highly trained surveyors on the land and amongst the people. The surveyors' expertise will be required everywhere to ensure proper representation of the places, the built infrastructure, the borders, the human resources and territorial development opportunities. More importantly, the work we do should complement the recognition of the rights that allow the improvement of the quality of life of every citizen.