## **Building the Capacity**

Contributing to professional development and the global agenda

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# FIG Highlights 2009-2010

- FIG Working Week, Eilat, Israel
  - Highly successful conference
  - Well focused and managed by the Israeli hosts
  - Strengthening the FIG brand in the global surveying community
- FIG Regional Conference, Hanoi, Vietnam
  - Highly successful conference
  - Clear focus on the key regional issues
  - Strengthening co-operations with FAO
  - Publication on Land Acquisition contributing to the regional and global agenda







#### President Schedule 2009 - 2010

02-08 May 24-26 May FIG Working Week, Eilat, Israel PCGIAP Conference, Tehran , Iran

15-19 June 29 June–01July GSDI-11 Conference, Rotterdam, the Netherlands Arab Union of Surveyor's Conference, Beirut, Lebanon

05-07 August Nordic Surveyors Congress, Aalborg Denmark

24-25 Sept. Norwegian Surveyors Annual Conference, Oslo, Norway

08-09 October 12-16 October 19-22 October 26-27 October Conf. of Fed. of French-speaking Countries, Prague, Czech Republic FIG Com 7 Annual Meeting and Symposium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia FIG Regional Conference, Hanoi, Vietnam UN RCC-AP Conference, Bangkok, Thailand Alumide Annual Lecture, Abuja, Nigeria

28-30 October

UN-HABITAT GLTN Partners' Meeting and IAB Meeting, Nairobi, Kenya 04-06 Nov.

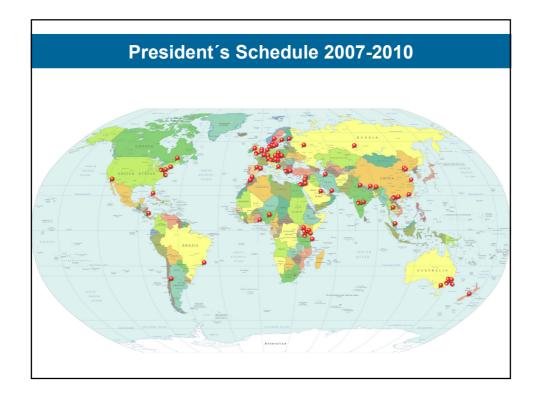
UN-HABITAT Meeting, and Meeting with OGE, Paris, France Meeting with RICS London, United Kingdom. 08-09 Dec.

10-11 Dec.

25-26 January FAO Consultation on Voluntary Guidelines on Tenure of Land and other Natural Resources, RICS, London, United Kingdom

DdL Annual Meetng, Nyborg, Denmark GhIS/CASLE/FIG Conference, Accra, Ghana 05-06 February 24-26 February

22-26 March UN-HABITAT World Urban Forum, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil XXIV FIG International Congress , Sydney, Australia. Annual Land Conference, World Bank, Washington, USA 09-16 April 26-27 April



### Information and communication

#### Web site

The key means of communication in a global organisation. An actual, factual, interesting, informative, updated, complete, accessible, source of information and knowledge.

#### **President's letter**

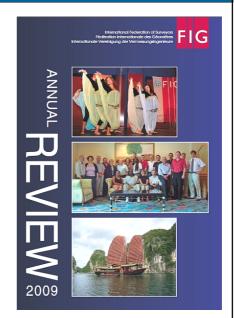
Biannual communication president to president

#### **Annual review**

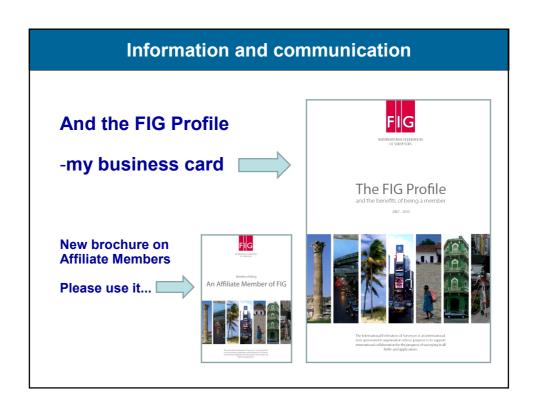
Annual overview of the FIG activities in an easy accessible presentation

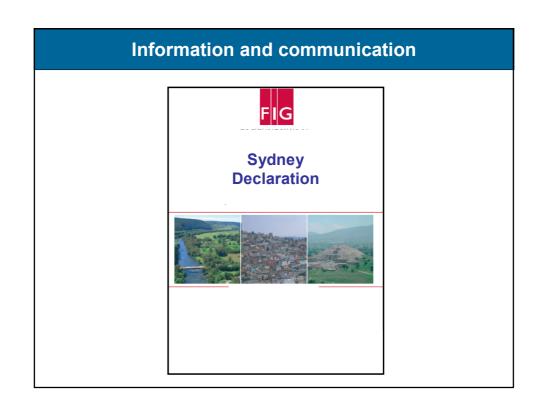
#### **Publications**

FIG publication series with four groups of policy statements, guides, reports, and FIG regulations.









### **Transition period completed**

- Direct democracy provides a political mandate for the President and the council.
- •Direct democracy provides opportunities also for minor countries
- •FIG holds the responsibility for the Congress
- •Globally elected council (rather than nationally appointed) requires a strong FIG Office





### Management and administration

#### **FIG Office**

General administration; financial management, member services; council and commission support and services; general communication; event management.

- •The high level of activity and development in the Federation can only be sustained by highly professional administrative support.
- •A small administration is vulnerable just like any small company. Documented sustainable procedures are crucial to safeguard against any staffing problems that may occur no matter how professional they are.
- •A lot of efforts has gone into building a highly professional Office delivering high level services to our members.
- •A complete office business plan following ISO standards should be ready by the end of 2010 when I step back as President.









### **Professional Development – the Commissions**

### The heart and engine of FIG

- ·Highly successful work plans
- Annual meetings and workshops
- •Commission newsletters and high level publications on key professional issues
- Allows in principle everyone to participate in the FIG activities
- •National delegates ensure interaction with the wider FIG membership
- •A powerful concept for professional development





## **Building the Capacity – Institutional Development**

### **Capacity Building**

A broad concept – including societal. Institutional and individual level.

Addressed through FIG activities at all levels, council, task forces, commissions. Providing guidance for government, members associations and individual surveyors on capacity development.

#### **Peer Review**

Has been introduced at FIG Working weeks since Stockholm 2008. Formalised process for quality enhancement and recognition in academia.

A proper balance between peer reviewed and professional papers must ensured. Around 100 peer reviewed paper in Sydney out of around1000.

Peer reviewed papers will appear at a special section of the FIG web site that will function like an on-line journal.



Thanks to Chryssy, Rudolf – and the Office

### Institutional Development - more highlights

#### **Africa Task Force**

Enabling the surveying profession in Sub Saharan Africa to better deal with social responsibility in terms of contributing to the MDGs

### **Regional Co-operation**

FIG is supportive to regional structures like CLGE, FGF, AUS, ASEAN Flag etc..they hold a lot of potential.

#### **Director General's Forum**

Has been very well received as an opportunity of interaction between the CEOs and professional practice. Improving Affiliate Membership of FIG

#### **Young Surveyors**

This new initiative has been very successful and highly appreciated. The engagement and encouragement of the young surveyors must be sustained and improved. The interaction benefits both the young surveyors and the Federation as a whole.





### Global Development – more highlights

#### FAC

Close co-operation on projects within capacity building, good governance, land economics...

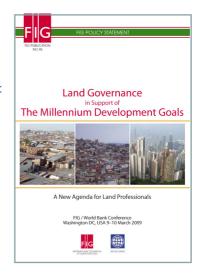
#### **UN-HABITAT**

Strong partner in the Global Land Tool Network: Continuum of rights, STDM, Chrit Lemmen Informal development, Chryssy Potsiou Gendered land tools, Diane Dumashie

#### **World Bank**

Strong partnership and recognition on Land Governance in support of the MDGs Partnership on the global agenda ahead

Global partnership is the link that drives development for achieving the MDGs



Global recognition



national recognition



local recognition

### President's slogan

### **Flying High**

- Contributing to the global agenda



- Driving professional development

Was that possible? Yes - we can



### **Looking to the Future**

Contributing to the Global Agenda
The big challenges ahead such climate change;,
natural disasters; urban growth; poverty
reduction; environmental degradation; etc...will
require continuous attention. FIG should still fly
high.

Identity and recognition
This will depend on well we can continue to contribute to the global agenda and show the value of the land professionals as a key player.

#### The Commissions

Professional development and innovation in all areas of surveying will always be in the heart of the Federation. The Commissions are the key driver of this in cooperation with national delegates. This is a very powerful concept to be further enhanced in the future. .

#### Outreach

There is a need for better explaining the relevance of the FIG activities to the wider membership. This is a big challenge that can only be met through kind of partnership between FIG and the national member associations.



