

Commission 1 2016 report

A Commission Newsletter was sent out from the Chair and Vice Chair (Administration and communication) through the FIG office in Copenhagen in 2014 and the Chair has had regular contact with the team of Working Group Chairs.

The Working Groups progress report is as follows:

WG 1.1 - International Ethics Standards

The International Ethics Standards Coalition (IESC), comprising 63 professional bodies and non-governmental organisations, have published the IES consultation draft written by an independently appointed Standards Setting Committee (SSC) of experts. It sets out the first set of high level global business ethics principles for practitioners operating across land, property, construction, infrastructure and related professions. As part of the consultation process the IESC want to hear what everyone thinks about the first set of universal truly global ethics principles. The FIG Ethics Working Group would be grateful for any participation and assistance in the consultation process, so that all sectors and subsectors participate in the consultation, so that the resultant IES meets market needs. Once the IES is published, the Working Group will turn its attention to updating the existing FIG Ethics document to align with or adopt the wording of the IES. At the FIG Working Week in Christchurch, the Commission 1 Ethics Working Group will be running a roundtable workshop discussion on ethics and the draft standard.

WG 1.2 Women in Surveying

The WG is preparing a survey based on one created in Australia a few years ago, that will be circulated amongst FIG member associations and all other interested surveying contacts in mid 2016. The findings will be analysed in 2016 and the WG will report back on the findings at the Working Week in Helsinki. The Christchurch Working Week Organisers have arranged for a breakfast meeting in the Programme, for which an international speaker is being organised. It is hoped that this will provide a springboard for the development of a forum for the discussion of topical and relevant issues.

WG 1.3 International Boundary Settlement and Demarcation

There one a paper relating to boundary definition being presented in Christchurch, and small workshop for discussion on how to progress the activities of WG1.3 will be organised with a view to having a session / symposium at FIG Working Week 2017 in Helsinki. An aim of this working group will be to investigate the long term definition and demarcation of international boundaries - in particular considering the effects of earth deformation and changes in international reference frames. Other topics of interest to delegates will also be addressed and there will be liaison in Christchurch with delegates from Commissions 4, 5 and 7 on common interests.

WG 1.4 Forum on Engagement of Private Practitioners

An open discussion session has been arranged by the WG for the Christchurch Working Week with the objective of beginning to discuss issues and set an agenda for ensuring a continued level of private practice participation in future FIG Working Weeks and Congresses. It is hoped that as many as can contribute will participate in the Forum so that attractive programmes can continue to be arranged that engage surveyors in private practice or in business.

WG 1.5 Forum on Mutual Recognition

The Mutual Recognition WG/Forum will host a session during the WW that includes experiences from Australia, ASEAN, Europe and Africa on key challenges. The ASEAN work in particular is linking to the Cadastral Template (with new entries/updates from Brunei, Cambodia, Philippines) on the basis that mutual understanding is a critical precursor to mutual recognition agreements. An

Education Template and Professional Profile Template have been developed, drawing on Europe's experience to assist countries to identify commonality and regional needs, and the application of this will be discussed during the session. Outcomes from the WW will guide future action - in particular, any updates to the FIG Publication.

It is anticipated that all of the Working Groups will advance their agendas during the Working Week in Christchurch.

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