

IIHS & M report for Orlando meeting 2023

Dear colleagues,

John Brock is to report on the General assembly on the IIHS&M activities over the last years.

We have to regret the death of FIG honorary member James Smith, our dedicated secretary and of David Wallis, our honorary treasurer. For the first time I am the only survivor of our group starting in 1976 in Brussels.

Thanks to the FIG team and John Hohol director of FIG foundation, together with the financial support of FIG sponsor TRIMBLE, we could see our OPUS MAGNUS printed in 100 sets covering the history of size and figure of the Earth in all civilizations from -800 to 1950 in 7 VOLUMES and covering 3000 pages. All income goes to the FIG foundation, the authors Jim and I renounced of any authors fees. Until now half of the special sets have been so you can still secure your special set.

We firmly recommend this editions to all colleagues, as it gives you a great oversight of your history of your profession, and it is tax deductible.

JAN had a couple of difficult years, he had spine surgery and tries to walk again, this explains why he is not here today and was excused for Poland and Holland meetings. But his brain is still working, so for the last 10 years he has reconstituted and bought most of the books of the Gerard Mercator scientific library in original 16th C editions. This has absorbed the savings of a lifetime and his 300p book will be edited this year in English.

We are looking for young colleagues to join the IIHS&M and John Broch will report on his latest activities on history of surveying.

We wish you all to attend the history session and enjoy your participation to FIG conferences

Yours sincerely

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