



# CLGE is looking for Young Talent:

The 2nd FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting was held in Berlin, Germany on the 7th October 2014. Around 140 young surveyors from 20 countries gathered, not only to share ideas and experiences, but also to strengthen the European Network of Young Surveyors, which was established last year in Lisbon, Portugal.

*Eva-Maria Unger, Chair Elect FIG Young Surveyors Network*

The meeting started with the Opening Ceremony, where the participants had the opportunity to learn more about the various surveying organisations and associations. They were introduced to Susanne Lunz (representative of KonGeoS), Clemens Kiepke (delegate of DVW and vice president of BDVI), Maurice Barbieri (president of CLGE), Rudolf Staiger (vice president of FIG), John Hohol (president of FIG Foundation) and Eva-Maria Unger (incoming chair of the FIG Young Surveyors Network & Young Surveyors representative at the CLGE board), all of whom encouraged the participants to get involved and be active.

The morning session focused on inspiring topics; national as well as European networks and the ideas behind them were introduced.

After this the young participants were invited to join forces and work together to answer questions and discuss issues relating to each of the keynote topics. In doing this the young surveyors participated in shaping their own future by sharing their thoughts and ideas.

The afternoon session was dedicated to our sponsors. Representatives of Trimble, esri, Leica and Topcon were invited to give presentations on their latest technology updates.

Another entertaining activity in the afternoon was the challenge of creating a model satellite out of 3 pieces of paper and 3 straws. Participants showed considerable creativity and the best 4 satellites were chosen and their creators invited to outline the ideas behind their models.

As the FIG Young Surveyors Network strongly encourages all European Young Surveyors to take part in the CLGE Students' contest each year, the next session was given over to the successful participants of that contest. The best six applicants were invited to present their papers.



*Maurice Barbieri (left), newly appointed CLGE President and Dieter Seitz, Treasurer, hand over the Award for the best work in the field of Young Surveyors Engagement. Franka Grubišić (HR) is holding the certificate and Eva-Maria Unger is enjoying the moment. Find all the details about the CLGE Students' and Young Surveyors Contest, including the papers, on [www.dlge.eu](http://www.dlge.eu).*

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The day was brought to a conclusion with a podium discussion, where six speakers were invited to discuss whether the educational system's relationship with the labour market was a major obstacle to the progress of young professionals.

After a hard and full day of working, collaborating and networking, CLGE, DVW and BDVI invited the participants onto the rooftop of the TU Berlin to enjoy an informal reception with friends and colleagues.

The next day the participants at the 2nd FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting had the opportunity to enjoy INTERGEO. All the participants had a chance to stroll around the exhibition area and make contact with companies from all over the world. In the afternoon, at the Trend und Medien Forum, the Young Surveyors gathered once again. The Satellite winners were commended for their creativity, but most importantly, the CLGE Students' Contest winners were presented with awards by Maurice Barbieri, the new CLGE president and by Dieter Seitz, CLGE treasurer.

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The event was organised in close cooperation with KonGeoS and the FIG Young Surveyors Network. Of course, this event would not have been possible without the help and support of the sponsors, supporters, participants and keynote speakers. We would like to take this opportunity, therefore, to thank our sponsors and supporters: Trimble, Esri, Leica and Topcon as well as FIG, FIG Foundation, CLGE, DVW and BDVI.

Not only are these types of meetings essential to the future of the FIG Young Surveyors Network, but they are also helpful in supporting the development of young surveyors in creating a platform for the exchange of ideas. The meeting was a great success and we are delighted to have been able to spread news and ideas of the European Young Surveyors Network.

