

**Report to the 25th General Assembly
FIG Congress in Washington, 19-26 April 2002**

**FIG FOUNDATION
ADDITIONAL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES AT
THE FIG CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON, DC**

Dear delegates,

My report of the FIG Foundation 2001 has been distributed to you, so I would not like to repeat it.

Let me instead report on the activities during this Congress. I am still deeply impressed by the financial figures and results that the Board of Directors of the Foundation received yesterday. I would like to thank all those of you who have made – depending on their personal or official possibilities – remarkable or even very impressive donations to our fundraising campaign.

I am very pleased to report that we have made a big step toward a sustainable Foundation due to your participation to the fundraising dinner or through the voluntary donations in conjunction to your congress registration.

Special thanks belong to Jack Dangermond, President and Founder of ESRI, for his contribution to the Foundation. Jack has accepted to act as an Honorary Chair of the Foundation Fundraising Campaign. In addition to an inspiring financial start up incentive last year Jack Dangermond at the our successful Foundation Dinner on Monday evening announced that ESRI will support 25 academic institutions by donating software licences and training grants to a total value of US\$ 7,000,000. Furthermore he promised to donate to the Foundation US\$ 25,000 if the other donators can match the same amount.

I am proud to report to you that your contributions in conjunction to this Congress already nearly match this sum. We are short only a couple of hundred dollars. Perhaps some of you are willing to fill the gap already today.

The fundraising from this congress consist of:

- your donations through participating the Foundation Fundraising Dinner – 51 delegates participated this first ever Dinner each paying US\$ 150 to the Foundation
- your voluntary donations in conjunction to the registration. 5 delegates donated US\$ 100, 13 delegates US\$ 50 and 15 delegates US\$ 25
- Bigger donations were further made by our corporate member Trimble Navigation Ltd. that gave US\$ 2,000 and John Hohol who has donated US\$ 1,000
- From the Congress registrations Congress Director Mary Clawson budgeted US\$ 5 for each delegate to the Foundation. The total amount from this donation is US\$ 12,425 which is equal to 2,485 delegates.

With this result we intend to start this year with giving grants in addition to the ESRI/FIG special software grants. The information about these grants will be posted on the FIG web site and you can ask for more details from the FIG office.

I would like to return to the FIG Foundation Dinner. It took place for the first time – and it worked. It is obviously becoming a tradition. All those who attended have asked us to organise it from now on during every Working Week. I look also forward to honour then again members of the surveying community. At this first dinner the first FIG plaques were given to the donators. The first platinum plaque was presented to Jack Dangermond. The first silver plaque was presented to Mary Clawson and the first two bronze plaques to Trimble and John Hohol. Congratulations!

I would like to inform you that the new Board of Directors from 2003 will be chaired by John Hohol as the President and Prof. Stig Enemark, Iain Greenway, Prof. Ralf Schroth and Prof. Ian Williamson as Directors.

Finally I would like to thank my four Directors in the Board, Stig Enemark, Iain Greenway, John Hohol and Ian Williamson for their inspiring visions and activity in making this dream come true.

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