

**Report to the 29th General Assembly
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Bids to host FIG Working Week 2011

Summary of the evaluation

Rome, Italy

Region: Europe. The previous conferences: Congress 2006 in Munich, Working Weeks 2000 Prague, 2003 Paris, 2004 Athens, 2008 Stockholm.

Country: Italy has hosted a PC meeting or congress four times (1933, 1938, 1955 and latest a Congress in 1965). Italy can be considered safe in international standards – both in terrorism, street safety and natural disasters.

Member association: The bid is made by the Consiglio National Geometri (CNG). Italy is one of the six founding members of FIG. CNG was established in 1929 and joined FIG in 1930. CNG belongs is the second biggest of FIG member associations. More information about CNG from the bidding document and at www.cng.it.

Supportive organizations:

City: The Working Week will take place in Rome which can offer great opportunities for cultural and social programme and historical sights.

Venue: Proposed three hotels: Sheraton Rome Hotel and Conference Centre, Grand Hotel Parco dei Principi Roma and The Westin Excelsior Rome. Meeting facilities etc. need to be checked before a decision on the conference venue can be taken.

Access: Rome is one of the international hubs in Europe. As EU member the European requirements for visas apply.

Safety: Safe.

Time of the conference: April/May 2011. The time of the conference is spring when the weather will be nice and warm.

Technical programme: Proposal is following the bidding documents. Some clarifications are needed on the sessions, rooms etc.

Technical tours: Included in the programme, details to be negotiated.

Social programme: Includes welcome reception, reception at the Rome City Hall a banquet. Excellent options for social tours. First class pre- and post-conference opportunities.

Attendance: Additional events and partners not mentioned in the bid.

Hotels: Big variety of hotels in different categories close to the proposed conference venues.

Finances: Draft budget is delivered and based on total number of 520 participants, fees vary 450-660 € including lunches and coffees. The budget shows surplus but needs further negotiations so that all income and expenditure is included.

Attractiveness: Rome is very attractive.

Other comments: An agreement on the split of responsibilities between CNG and FIG is required before the General Assembly in Munich to guarantee that the FIG policy on organising Working Weeks will be applied.

Possible pros and cons:

Issues supporting Rome

- One of the oldest and biggest member associations
- There has not been a congress or working week in Italy since 1965
- Rome is very attractive destination in Europe and globally

Issues against Rome

- The bid is not complete which may cause some changes in the budget and plans

Marrakech, Morocco

Region: Africa.. Previous working weeks in Africa: Cairo, Egypt 2005, Sun City, South Africa 1999. Regional Conferences in Accra, Ghana in 2006, Marrakech in 2003 and in Kenya in 2001.

Country: Morocco has hosted a successful Regional Conference in December 2003. Morocco and Marrakech can be considered safe in international standards – both in terrorism (some countries have had travel warnings, latest bomb attacks in 2003), street safety and natural disasters.

Member association: The bid has been submitted by the National Order of Surveyors and Topographers (ONIGT) is established by law in 1993 and has been a member association of FIG since 2001. ONIGT has 800 members representing private and public surveyors. More information about ONIGT from the bidding document and at www.onigt.ma.

Supportive organizations: ONIGT is a member of the Arab Union of Surveyors (AUS) and the Federation of the French-speaking Surveyors (FGF). ONIGT is also holding Vice Presidency of both AUS and FGF.

City: Marrakech, which is the major tourist destinations and the old city belong to the UNESCO list of world heritage. Venue of the FIG Regional Conference in 2003.

Venue: No detailed information. Marrakech can offer several options for the conference venue (congress centre / hotels).

Access: No detailed information. There are limited number of direct flight to Marrakech from Europe, other options include flights to Casablanca and flight/drive to Marrakech.

Safety: Can be considered safe (last bomb blast in 2003 in Casablanca).

Time of the conference: April/May 2011. The time of the conference is spring when the weather is pleasant (25 degrees).

Technical programme: No detailed programme, but will follow the bidding document. Some clarifications are needed on the sessions, rooms etc.

Technical tours: No detailed information, details to be negotiated.

Social programme: Excellent opportunities based on the experiences from the Regional Conference. Good pre- and post-conference opportunities.

Attendance: Additional events and partners not mentioned in the bid.

Hotels: Big variety of hotels in different categories close to possible conference venues.

Finances: Draft budget is delivered and based on total number of 800 participants, fees vary 600 €/international and 300 € /local participants including lunches and coffees. The budget shows surplus but needs further negotiations so that all income and expenditure is included.

Attractiveness: Marrakech is very attractive for its historical and cultural background and social functions..

Other comments: An agreement on the split of responsibilities between ONIGT and FIG is required before the General Assembly in Munich to guarantee that the FIG policy on organising Working Weeks will be applied.

Possible pros and cons:

Issues supporting Marrakech

- Successful Regional Conference in 2003
- There has not been an FIG working week in Morocco
- Marrakech is very attractive destination

Issues against Marrakech

- The bid is not complete which may cause some changes in the budget and plans

Abuja, Nigeria

Region: Africa.. Previous working weeks in Africa: Cairo, Egypt 2005, Sun City, South Africa 1999. Regional Conferences in Accra, Ghana in 2006 and in Nairobi, Kenya in 2001.

Country: Nigeria has hosted a PC Meeting in 1976 in Ibadan.

Member association: The letter of interest has been written by the Nigerian Institute of Surveyors (NIS) which is willing to host the Working Week together with the Nigerian Institute of Quality Surveyors (NIQS). NIS had a large group of delegates attending the Regional Conference in Accra and is interested to host an FIG event in Nigeria. NIS has been a member of FIG since 1968 and has 160 members. NIQS has been a member of FIG since 1999 and has 350 members.

Supportive organizations: The conference will also be supported by the Office of the Surveyor General of Nigeria, academic members of Nigeria in FIG and other partners.

City: Abuja is the capital of Nigeria and considered safe in the regional context.

Venue: No detailed information.

Access: No detailed information.

Safety: Nigeria has been considered unsafe and there have been travel warnings to certain parts of the country (Delta region). Suggested to avoid traveling alone because of robberies. Abuja is considered much safer than e.g. Lagos.

Time of the conference: As proposed by FIG (April/May 2011).

Technical programme: No detailed information.

Technical tours: No detailed information.

Social programme: No detailed information.

Attendance: No detailed information. Strong local participation.

Hotels: No detailed information.

Finances: No detailed information.

Attractiveness: No detailed information.

Other comments: An agreement on the split of responsibilities between NIS and FIG is required before the General Assembly in Munich to guarantee that the FIG policy on organising Working Weeks will be applied.

Possible pros and cons:

Note: No bidding document received only a letter of interest that does not allow proper evaluation.

Issues supporting Abuja

- There has not been an FIG working week in Nigeria or West Africa

Issues against Abuja

- There is not a formal bid which may cause some changes in the budget and plans
- Safety compared to the other candidates

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Region: Caribbean / America (USA). The previous conferences: Congress 2002 in Washington DC, USA. Regional Conference planned for Latin America in 2007.

Country: Puerto Rico has never hosted a FIG Congress or Working Week. It hosted a small commission meeting 2001 which was considered successful. Puerto Rico is part of USA. Puerto Rico can be considered safe in international standards – both in terrorism, street safety and natural disasters (proposed time is out of hurricane season).

Member association: The bid has been made by the Colegio de Ingenieros y Agrimensores de Puerto Rico (CIAPR). CIAPR has been a member of FIG since 2001 and has 475 members.

Supportive organizations: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico Convention Bureau.

City: San Juan / Puerto Rico is known as a resort with culture and nature.

Venue: There are two options for the venue: Puerto Rico Convention Centre or Condado Plaza Hotel and Casino.

Access: Most air connections to Puerto Rico are via USA and the US visa regulations apply (Puerto Rico has special office in the US government that helps with the visas).

Safety: Safe.

Time of the conference: May 2011. Pleasant with temperatures 25-30 degrees.

Technical programme: No detailed information.

Technical tours: No detailed information.

Social programme: No detailed information, see bidding document.

Attendance: No detailed information.

Hotels: Variety of hotels in different categories.

Finances: Draft budget is delivered and based on total number of 650 participants, basic fee 500 USD including coffees. The budget is in balance showing small surplus but needs further negotiations so that all income and expenditure is included.

Attractiveness: Puerto Rico is attractive for Caribbean destination.

Other comments: An agreement on the split of responsibilities between CIAPR and FIG is required before the General Assembly in Munich to guarantee that the FIG policy on organising Working Weeks will be applied.

Possible pros and cons:

Issues supporting San Juan

- There has not been an FIG working week in the Caribbean
- Puerto Rico is an attractive destination
- Good facilities

Issues against San Juan

- The bid is not complete which may cause some changes in the budget and plans
- FIG Congress in Washington DC in 2002, is Puerto Rico considered as US destination in this respect?