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Report to the 47th General Assembly FIG Working Week 2024, Accra, Ghana

FIG Foundation Report of Activities 2023

1. Administration

The FIG Foundation is located in and administered by the FIG Office in Copenhagen.

A Board of Directors chaired by the President of the FIG Foundation makes the decisions of the Foundation. The Board of Directors are appointed by FIG Council.

The Board of Directors for 2023 was as follows:

Bryn Fosburgh, President of the FIG Foundation (USA)

Enrico Rispoli, Director (Italy)

Chief Lecturer Winston Ayeni, Director (Nigeria)

Jennifer Whittal, Director (South Africa)

FIG Vice President representative Winnie Shiu

John Hohol, FIG Foundation Emeritus President (USA)

FIG Foundation web site

FIG Foundation web site, www.fig.net/figfoundation reflects the work of the Foundation, announced grants, highlights stories written by previous FIG Foundation grant recipients.

How to donate

Many thousands of people have supported the Foundation through their FIG conference registration fees and attendance at FIG Foundation dinners. Some supporters have also generously donated hundreds and even thousands of euros in additional donations over the years in support of the Foundation and its activities. Thank you to all!

It is possible to make direct donations via credit card: <https://www.fig.net/payform/index.asp?id=1> (EUR) and <https://www.fig.net/payform/index.asp?id=7> (USD)

Or by contacting FIG Office at: FIG@fig.net

2. Purpose of the FIG Foundation

In terms of the Foundation Statutes, the purpose of the Foundation is the funding of educational and capacity building projects and scholarships.

3. FIG Foundation at FIG Working Week 2023

After more than 20 years of being President of FIG Foundation John Hohol decided to step down from this position at the FIG Working Week 2023. FIG Council accepted this decision and thanked John for his faithful and extensive work over the years. FIG Council appointed Mr Bryn Fosburgh, who was appointed one of the Directors of FIG Foundation in 2022, to take over this position with effect from 2023. The succession was planned to take place gradually over the next year and finalised by the Working Week 2024.

At the Working Week 2023 John Hohol was accorded the title of FIG Foundation Emeritus President. This is a one-time only and extraordinary token of appreciation by FIG and FIG Council.



FIG President Diane Dumashie hands over a certificate of appreciation to John Hohol for his service for over 20 years on the FIG Foundation



Incoming President Bryn Fosburgh taking over from John Hohol

FIG Foundation president John Hohol handed out FIG Foundation plaque to Cromwell Manaloto for his many years in helping to collect and organize applications received for FIG Foundation Young Surveyor Grants. Also, during the second General Assembly of FIG Working Week 2023 President John Hohol presented two other plaques. One, to Kengo Okada, for a personal donation of US\$1000 and the second to Kengo Okada, CEO, representing RIPRO Corporation, for a donation of US\$5000. These generous donations were made in 2022 but Kengo Okada was unable to attend the XXVII FIG Congress in Warsaw to receive recognition and receive the plaques.

The Young Surveyor FIG Foundation Grant recipients attending the FIG Working Week 2023 were:



Angel COLLADO MURILLO
Spain



Darion David MAHADEO
Trinidad and Tobago



Hilda STEEN
Sweden



Milani THARUKA
Sri Lanka

Milani Tharuka should have attended the FIG Congress in 2022, but was not able to attend in Poland, and her attendance was therefore moved to 2023.

One of the four grant recipients for 2023 was Angela Omamuyovwi Anyakora, Nigeria. Unfortunately, she could not get visa to attend the Working Week in the USA, hence her participation has been moved to 2024.

One of the main income sources for FIG Foundation is the main yearly FIG events. Per tradition FIG Foundation receives 10 EUR per registered and paid participant for the Working Week and the Cultural Evening.

The final result from the Working Week 2023 showed a disappointing deficit which resulted in the fact that FIG did not get any fee for its work on the Working Week and had to cover the loss jointly with the national association. This meant that there were no funds to FIG Foundation, too.

Further to this, when using the FIG registration system, each attendee has a direct possibility to support FIG Foundation through their registration. Many have over the years contributed to FIG Foundation through this. Unfortunately, in 2023, the FIG registration system was not used, and the local system did not allow for the option to add a donation. This means that there was no extra support from participants.

4. Programmes with Corporate Members

FIG Foundation Partners

Charter Foundation Partner Trimble Navigation continues to support the FIG Foundation by sponsorship of the FIG Foundation Dinner at the FIG Working Weeks/Congresses since 2010 and providing other support directly through the Foundation. With the lack of income from the Working Week, this continuous support was highly appreciated.

The FIG Foundation flyer was again in 2023 distributed to companies at Intergeo, Germany.

http://fig.net/figfoundation/news/FIG_Foundation_Flyer_2019.pdf

5. Meetings 2023

The board held a meeting during the FIG Working Week 2023.

Furthermore, the board has been in contact through emails.

6. Grants 2023

In 2023, two different FIG Foundation grants were offered, an academic research grant and a PhD grant.

The **FIG Foundation Academic Research Grants** provide grant of up to 40,000 EUR spread over four years. The conditions are that applicants shall be based in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle, or upper-middle income economy.

FIG Foundation received one application for this grant however, the information provided was not considered sufficient for the application process to continue to the second round. The applicant was encouraged to apply again, but did not re-send any amended application.

The **FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships** will be provided of up to 4,000 EUR to PhD students. Successful applicants will qualify for a further grant of up to 3,000 EUR to attend and present a peer reviewed paper at a FIG conference. Conditions are that applicants shall be studying for a PhD degree and

registered solely in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle, or upper-middle income economy.

No applications were received.

FIG Foundation President John Hohol introduced in 2019 a new and exciting cooperation with Aubrey Barker Foundation for a grant up to 20,000 EUR spread over two years with the objective of building the capacity of academic institutions teaching surveying in developing countries, and of providing support in teaching and developing their curriculum more effectively.

https://fig.net/figfoundation/2019_aubrey_barker_grant.asp

The Aubrey Barker/FIG Foundation grant accepted in 2020:

Trias Aditya, Indonesia, Faculty of Engineering, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia for his work on: A Blended Learning Course Design in Fit for Purposes' Cadastral Survey.

This project has been partly postponed by the Covid19 pandemic and continued during 2022 and 2023. At the FIG Commission 7 meeting in the Netherlands Trias Aditya attended with a presentation.

In 2023 the FIG Foundation had selected grants in cooperation with FIG Young Surveyors to support participation to attend the FIG Working Week 2023 in Orlando, Florida. Three of the four participants could attend. The funds for the fourth participant has been moved to 2024, as no visa was granted to the US. One grant recipient from 2022 attended in 2023 instead.

The total costs were **14,866 EUR**

Further grants that were given in 2023 are:

- € 5,000 International Geodetic Student Meeting IGSM organised by International Geodetic Student Organisation IGSO. FIG Foundation has sponsored this yearly event for the past 9 years
- € 5,000 XIV International Training Summer School, organised by the Italian association CLGeGL
- € 2,358 Mentornity software for mentoring programme – Africa Regional Network, ARN. ARN had submitted an application to FIG Foundation for the covering of the software costs for the use of 6 out of 12 month. The board of directors agreed to support this project each year for the coming 5 years – 2023 - 2027
- € 9,165 Mapping the plastic – proposal from FIG Commission 4 working group 3
- € 1,500 VCSP yearly grant
- € 9,020 Young Surveyors event in Korea – 8 young surveyors from the region were supported to attend this event.

A total of € 46,910 has been spent on grants in 2023.

Further to this there were costs for plaques for € 63,56

7. Donations in 2023

As mentioned earlier unfortunately there were no donations, nor other income from the FIG Working Week 2023.

FIG Foundation has received personal donations from Bryn Fosburgh 10.000 USD earmarked to projects related to AI, one donation of 200 USD (175 EUR) and a donation of 100 EUR, in total 9,182 EUR. A very big thanks to the donators.

In addition to the personal donations, the FIG Foundation has received 10.000 USD (8,911 EUR) from Trimble.

In 2021 Trimble gave a special donation of 15,000 USD to print the 7 volumes of ***The History of Surveying - covering Three Milleniums of Measurement of Earth.*** These seven books include a life-long research and work of Jim Smith and Jan De Graeve on the History of Surveying. Only a 100 Special Edition Sets of the seven volumes have been printed.

The income from the sold books are reported in the 2023 and amounts to 9,855 EUR

All income from the books are donated in full to FIG Foundation. It is still possible to reserve a copy. Read more: https://www.fig.net/news/news_2021/08_History-of-Surveying.asp



8. Advertised Grants for 2024

Grants that have been published in 2024 are:

- FIG Foundation Grant to attend the FIG Working Week and FIG Young Surveyors Meeting
- FIG Foundation Grant for Young Surveyors' educational and training activities
- FIG Commission Publication Author Support Grant

9. Expected income 2024

FIG Working Week 2024 will take place in Accra, Ghana. It will be expected to get back to receiving an income of 10 EUR per paying participant and also an income from the Cultural Evening/FIG Foundation Dinner. The FIG registration system is used, so it is possible to add personal donations to the registration, too.

10. Accounts 2023

The audited income statement for 2023 and the balance sheet at 31 December 2023 are attached to this report.

The total income in 2023 was € 28,256 (in 2022: € 63,634). The income includes the sales of the 7 volumes of the History of Surveying over the past years. Total expenses in 2023 are € 46,910 (2022: € 33,067). Bank interests and dividend amount to € 6,010. This gives a net result of € -12,708.

The total assets are 256,533 EUR.

The FIG Foundation would like to thank those who have generously donated in 2023 in support of the FIG Foundation.

The FIG Foundation would also like to sincerely thank **Trimble Navigation** for their generous contribution and support of the FIG Foundation over these many years.

Please consider making a donation on the FIG Foundation webpage to help the Foundation continue to *Build a Sustainable Future*. Please visit the [FIG Foundation website](#) for more information or to donate.

Bryn Fosburgh
President of the FIG Foundation
April 2024

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