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EUROPEAN SPECIAL

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hello y'all! (As they say in Texas!)

And welcome to the latest edition of our FIG Young Surveyors Newsletter! If you're like me, you'll be struggling to cope with the fact that it is August already, and that we're already more than half way through 2013! How did that happen!? But there have been some amazing events so far and we are glad to have so many contributors to this edition!

First off the block was the FIG event in Abuja, Nigeria - and huge congratulations are due here to the hosts for showing us a spectacular Working Week! You'll find many photos online at www.fig.net and an article in this newsletter on the Social Tenure Domain Model training. Then in June we saw the first ever young surveyors meeting in Manila, Philippines! I was fortunate enough to attend and was so inspired by the drive and enthusiasm of the young Filipino surveyors - I am very much looking forward to seeing more contributions from this region in the future!

Finally, just to highlight an event quite close to my heart, we also have a short article on the first 'GeoRabble' to be held in South Africa! What is a GeoRabble? It's a fun networking night with short, fun presentations and lots of time to chat and explore the exciting and dynamic aspects of our profession. It was started by a few friends and colleagues in Australia - and it's great to see it go global!

So what's coming up? Commission 1 is hosting a one day workshop in Melbourne, Australia on September 11th - keep an eye on our Facebook and the Commission 1 LinkedIn page for details on how to get involved both now online and in September in Melbourne. The FIG is also hosting a Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Symposium which the FIG YSN has taken a lead role in organising. For the Europeans, we're excited that Portugal is hosting a European YSN meeting in October - see the special European section in this newsletter for more news on this. And of course, keep an eye out for news of Malaysia in late September, as we will be posting lots of updates on a special STDM briefing for Malaysian young surveyors, the International FIG workshop on the Land Administration Domain Model (LADM2013) and the International Symposium and Exhibition on Geoinformation (ISG 2013).

Until then, stay involved online through our Facebook group or contact us to take a leading role in developing our next newsletter edition! Keep Calm and Carry On Surveying.... !

Kate Fairlie, Chair FIG YSN

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The FIG Working Week 2013 turned out to be the biggest FIG Working Week ever if counted by number of participants. More than 2,000 Nigerians and close to 250 International participants from 40 countries attended. The Working Week brought together participants from different cultures, diverse surveying traditions and varying professional experiences and is the global forum for surveyors, practitioners, land professionals and FIG partners. The technical programme comprised of 80 technical sessions, workshops and special forums. The total number of presented papers was almost 200 including peer-review papers. The Working Week was held at the Nicon Luxury Hotel and the International Conference Center which was next door to the hotel. The exhibition took place at both sites and included altogether 32 exhibitors. The social events showed the colourfulness and hospitality of the local host starting from the welcome reception to the FIG Foundation Dinner and the conference dinner which were impressive and lively. Also the many Surveyors Wives gave extra flavour to the Working Week with their fantastic dresses and cheerfulness.

A full Report of the FIG Working Week 2013, including the speeches can be found on the FIG website. <https://www.fig.net/news/fig2013/index.htm>



"I had the privilege to attend different plenary and technical sessions held by the commissions within FIG. This gave me the opportunity to network and interact with other surveying professionals from all over the world. I also had an opportunity to learn a few things about the wonderful nation of Nigeria like how they add

"peppe" (English translation is chilli) to almost each and every one of their dishes including stews, vegetables etc. In conclusion, I would like to say the FIG 2013 Working Week was very fruitful and it exceeded my expectations. I am very grateful to the FIG Foundation Team for affording me an opportunity to attend this outstanding event. My experience at the working week made me realise that a hand of help can go a long way in putting a smile on someone's face. I hope that in the very near future I will be one of those people who put a smile on someone's face."

by Thandinkosi Dewah (Zimbabwe)



"From 6 to 10 May we started the Working Week with around 2,000 participants. I also had the opportunity to make a presentation about the floods in Senegal which is a phenomenon that has disrupted the lives of many people in the suburbs of Dakar. It was not easy in the beginning for me because it was my first presentation during a FIG first presentation during a FIG's Working Week but also because I had to do it in English. I was happy to see French speaking sessions and to be able to participate in it. This meeting gave me the opportunity to be in direct contact with professionals of international fame, to meet new young friends and to interact with members of the FIG YSN. Finally, I thank once again the FIG Foundation, the GLTN hosted by UN/HABITAT, the Young Surveyors Network (YSN), the NIS (Nigerian Institute of Surveyors), ONGES (Ordre National des Géomètres Experts du Senegal), all young surveyors with whom I was together and all those who participated in FIG WORKING WEEK 2013 IN ABUJA NIGERIA."

by Adama Sarr (Senegal)



FIG Working Week 2013

6-10 May, Abuja, Nigeria

"Environment for Sustainability"



STDM Training of Trainers

Held on 4th - 6th May 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria



Seventeen young land surveyors recently gained hands-on experience in the use and application of Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) in Abuja, Nigeria, 4-6 May 2013. Directly preceding the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Working Week conference, the Training of Trainers (TOTs) was organised by the Global Land Tool Network Secretariat which is hosted by UN-Habitat, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), FIG Foundation and Young Surveyors Network (YSN).

"The key lesson was that STDM is not just a software but a concept and a way of thinking," a remark from a participant from Nigeria.



The training first allowed participants to appreciate concepts behind STDM, its contribution in addressing key land issues, partnerships behind its development and how land surveyors could work together with the poor. Further, trainers engaged participants as they broke down the element of database management and the software itself- among other facets, how to enter, manipulate and analyse data.

Participants took the opportunity to give their view of the STDM concepts and its accompanying information system and shared how STDM could fit in their own work and country context.



"I will try to contact the Slum Dweller Association to see how my students can contribute to STDM work and participate in enumeration activities," said a participant currently working with a University in Uganda.

In the end, the participants were challenged to redefine their land surveying profession to meet the challenging needs of communities both now and in the future. Organisers expressed confidence in the new breed of STDM champions and future trainers STDM.



"I have a gratifying sense that that these young participants were not merely equipped with this tool but that they sense they are part of something bigger and they have the possibility to contribute," remarked FIG President Teo CheeHai in an interview with GLTN. You can find the text and pictures on the GLTN Website: <http://www.gltn.net/index.php/our-news/gltn-news/236-young-land->

"The major lesson I learnt is the approach of allowing the practice of surveying to be participatory. Involving community in the enumeration process is something quite new to me. Shifting from concentration on accuracy to it's actual management is realistic to me."
by Pamela Ibikunle (Nigeria)



"The key lesson on the training is that the STDM is not just a software but a concept and a way of thinking."
by Chucks (Nigeria)

"Will try to contact the slum dweller association to see how my students can contribute to STDM work and participate in enumeration activities. Future projects and Training of Trainers will follow."
by Ronald (Uganda)



South East Asia Survey Congress 2013

Held on 18th – 20th June in Manila, Philippines

Manila must have been the proud host to the thousands of surveying and mapping professionals from the ASEAN region and worldwide on June 18-20, 2013 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Roxas Boulevard, Manila. After all, we have served as the host, for the very first time, to one very significant and very engaging 'geospatial' event. This Congress is indeed a rare opportunity for the geodetic engineers and geomatics practitioners in our country. Kudos to the Steering and Organizing Committee of the NAMRIA and PHILGEGS!

The learning experiences gained in the technical sessions and the presentation of the latest technological trends in the surveying, mapping, and geomatics industries were overwhelming and had served as a wakeup call. We have seen that our technology may not be at par with other Asian countries, yet our perseverance and skills would always enable us to integrate all means in acquiring spatial information so that we can measure mountains.

We cannot overemphasize the impact this Congress had on us, however, the wide range of technical sessions and networking had truly allowed each eager participant to increase their awareness in as far as geomatics and geodetic engineers are concerned. In my case, as a young Geodetic Engineer, the Young Surveyors Forum, particularly, comes as a welcome addition to the many learning activities lined up in the Congress. It has actually motivated all the young participants to join and participate in the Forum which gave us the chance to speak our minds.

Indubitably, there is usually a 'stigma' that goes with a joint forum of the young and the 'not so young' attendees. We tend to just yield to the expert and shake off uncertainties on some issues and concerns. If this happens, this is defeating the very purpose of such Forum of becoming a venue in addressing concerns on "geospatial cooperation towards a sustainable future".

by Joey C. Lim



... SAVE THE DATE...

"FIG Congresses are celebrations, honouring the culmination of its four-year long work plans."

by CheeHai Teo, President International Federation of Surveyors, FIG

The XXV Congress of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, in the shadows of the famed PETRONAS Twin Towers will be held from 16th to 21st June 2014.

A strong Young Surveyors programme will be a key feature of this Congress, with Young Surveyors sessions hosted each afternoon.

The theme, *"Engaging the Challenge, Enhancing the Relevance"* is also the theme of the FIG's current four-year Work Plan.

24th SaGES (Surveying and Geomatics Educators Society)

Held 17 – 21 July 2013, Tyler, Texas (USA)

Hello from Tyler, Texas! Here in Texas that is Hello Y'all! June can be beautiful in central Texas where the Surveying and Geomatics Educators Society (SaGES) recently met. FIG co-sponsored the 24th biennial SaGES colloquium on the beautiful campus of the Tyler Junior College. FIG Commission 2 and the Surveying and Mapping department at Tyler Junior College partnered to host a three-day event which brought together many professors of geospatial higher education programs; including land surveying engineering, GIS, hydrographic surveying and others geomatics specialties.

The professors presented papers on a variety of topics including the current state of the profession, serious issues facing surveying in higher education including bursts of changes in geomatics technology, expanding the program at East Tennessee State, creating a hydrographic surveying program in the United States, and developing collaborative education methods (online classes) for undergraduate Geomatics students. Bigger picture talks included how the land surveying profession is in the midst of a tectonic shift, the future of the profession, and how to successfully sustain a university surveying department during an economic recession. And since we were in Texas, the lectures wouldn't have been complete without several great presentations on surveying in Texas, Spanish land grants, restoring boundaries along the hurricane-hit Texas gulf coast, and surveying Texas water boundaries. Steve Frank, our current chairman of FIG Commission 2, graciously offered to allow me to speak to the SaGES group about the FIG Young Surveyors program. Although Young Surveyors is rapidly growing, our membership in the United States is still relatively low. This forum allowed me to introduce Young Surveyors to many leaders in higher education who also serve as advisors to university student chapters of the national organization in the U.S., National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS), and these leaders could be our persuasive advocates in growing Young Surveyors membership.

My presentation included the mission and vision of the Young Surveyors, upcoming conferences and events, the ways professors in the U.S. can help recruit new members and an outline of our success to date.

Although membership in NSPS student chapters is not unusually high, a core group of university students enrolled in surveying programs in the U.S. attend monthly meetings, generate revenue for their local groups through fund raisers and compete in an annual national competition hosted by NSPS. Since NSPS student members have already demonstrated their commitment to participating in our professional group at the local and nation level, these members would be ideal to recruit into the Young Surveyors. The SaGES members can educate students about Young Surveyors and pump-up our membership. After my presentation, many in the audience were enthusiastic to learn more about the FIG Young Surveyors program, how we operate and what they could do to help raise enrolment. Literature was available to everyone and both John Hohol and I are positive about the prospects of gaining new members of Young Surveyors.

Fun social events, before and after the day's presentations, supplemented the three-day agenda. Breakfast and snacks throughout the colloquium allowed old friends to catch-up as well as newer members of FIG to introduce themselves and meet liked-minded people. The highlight of the week was a special dinner at a beautiful local mansion where the Tyler Junior College student band played some great tunes, everyone got to tell their favourite stories since the last SaGES meeting in 2011, and a delicious three-course dinner was served.

Overall, everyone in attendance left with new perspectives about the profession, excitement about the new developments in higher education and a sense of purpose.

By Tony Nettleman



Group Picture SaGES



Steven Frank, FIG Commission 2 Chair



Tony Nettleman

GeoRabble

Held on 10 July 2013, Cape Town, South Africa

The first Cape Town GeoRabble event, sponsored by AAM Group, took place at the Mowbray Golf Club in Cape Town. Approximately 20 people from various industry spheres including government, academia, engineering, geo consulting, software development and internet start-ups attended the night.

The first presentation entitled, 3D Modelling, was delivered by Chris Tanner. He provided the audience with an amazing bird's eye view on the level of detail and accuracy that can be achieved in 3D models created by combining aerial photography and LiDAR data. This was followed by another 3D orientated topic titled, Low-cost 3D mapping of an urban environment using Structure from Motion, presented by Sebastien Wenger. Mike Steyn entertained the audience with a summarized view into the past, current and future development in GIS through a presentation topic titled, The Moore's affect in GIS. This thought provoking presentation highlighted the rapid growth in technology in general and how the geo world is following this trend. The last formal presentation was delivered by Chlodwik Rossouw who asked the question, 'Is GIS a profession or a tool?'

The night was concluded with quite a few open discussions on how we can build on this first GeoRabble Cape Town event in order for it to appeal to the wider geo community.

by Bosiu Lefulebe



Newsletter Editor Remarks:

Hej hej to all of you!!!

As you may know and also recognize it's always a great pleasure putting this Newsletter together and bringing it to live. But I have to admit I am getting older... hahaha NO! But new challenges are coming up for me! And most of you may know I had the great honour in Abuja to be announced as the chair – elect for the upcoming term 2015-2018! Therefore we are searching for a Young Surveyors Team of creative, motivated Young Surveyors who would like to take over that great role and be part of the Newsletter Editors Team!

*Are you willing?
Interested?
Creative?*

*Write me an e-mail:
unger_eva@outlook.com*

*Cheerio
Eva-Maria Unger*

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9th – 11th September, Nottingham, UK
Joint FIG/IAG International Symposium on Deformation Monitoring (JISDM)
Website: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/engineering/conference/jisdm/index.aspx>

11th September, Melbourne, Australia
FIG Commission 1 Meeting, The Changing Role of the Surveying Professional – Looking towards 2020
Information Flyer:
<http://fig.net/commission1/news/Commission%20%20Workshop%20in%20Melbourne%20-%20invitation%20flyer.pdf>

18th – 20th September, Suva, Fiji
FIG Pacific Small Island Development States Symposium – Policies and practices for Responsible Governance
Website: <http://www.fig.net/fiji/>

23rd September Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
STDM – An introduction to a pro-poor land information system
Information Flyer:
http://wiki.tudelft.nl/pub/Research/ISO19152/TrainingSTDM/STDM_Introduction_KL.pdf

24th – 25th September, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
International FIG Workshop on the Land Administration Domain Model (LADM2013)
Information Flyer: wiki.tudelft.nl/bin/view/Research/ISO19152/LADM2013Workshop
Website: wiki.tudelft.nl/bin/view/Research/ISO19152/LADM2013Workshop

10th – 18th October, Lisbon, Portugal
V International and Professional Training Course in Topography for Young Surveyors
More information: http://fig.net/news/news_2013/cng_ys_course_pres.htm

17th – 18th October, Lisbon, Portugal
1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting
Website: <http://figysn.ordemengenheiros.pt/pt/>

21st – 25th October, Yaoundé, Cameroon
FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting and Land Policies and Land Governance International Symposium and Workshop
Website: <http://fig2013-c7.jimdo.com/>

7th – 8th November, Sofia, Bulgaria
The XXIII International Symposium on Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice in Geodesy and Related Fields
Website: <http://geodesy-union.org/>

13th – 16th November, Skopje, FYROM
International Scientific Conference on "Spatial Data Infrastructure & Spatial Information Management 2013"
Website: conf2013.geo-see.org



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Welcome to the European Special of our August Newsletter!

We are so excited to be partnering with the Portuguese surveyors Ordem Dos Engenheiros to host this first-of-its-kind event, and would like to sincerely thank them for their support. Special thanks also to FIG Foundation, Esri, Trimble and CLGE who continue to go above and beyond to support us. Other sponsors of this event include Dravosa, FENO Survey Markers, Kadaster and Leica.

This is the first of many regional young surveyor-led meetings that we hope to hold, but we really need your support so please do contact us with your ideas and inspirations! After this event we will be looking towards the FIG 2014 Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia .. and psst! Do keep checking our Facebook page for news on how to apply for the next round of FIG Fellowships to support your attendance! We also hope to be supporting a meeting of young African surveyors at AfricaGEO2014 ...but will need your support to make it happen!

Finally - a huge round of applause (don't be shy now!) needs to be given for our FIG YSN chair-elect Ms Eva-Maria Unger and her marvellous co-conspirators Ms Paula Dijkstra and Mr Gustavo Palma for all of their hard work in bringing this European special edition together, and putting together the fantastic program for the European Young Surveyors Meeting. So much work goes in behind the scenes in order to achieve constructive conference outcomes, so many thanks to you all for making it happen. I'm looking forward to hearing the outcomes from this meeting!

See you all online soon!
Kate

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Dear friends and colleagues,

.... the FIG Young Surveyors Network is going further!!!

After the great success of the 1st FIG Young Surveyors Conference held in Rome in May 2012 with more than 120 young surveyors joined representing over 40 countries the European Young Surveyors want to take the next step! This international coverage was particularly impressive given that nearly three-quarters of those attending had never been to an FIG event before! But now is the time to get the European Young Surveyors moving and having a special European Young Surveyors meeting.

The European Young Surveyors Network was keen to organise a meeting and so get the possibility to come together again and spread the power and continue with the momentum started in Rome. Therefore we are proud, happy and excited to announce our

1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting in Lisbon from
17th - 18th October 2013

and we can't wait to work together for the future of our profession in Europe.

European Young Surveyors together for tomorrow's challenges is the theme of the meeting and will cover various topics announced in the program.

All young surveyors attending are encouraged to participate: firstly, by submitting and presenting a meeting paper, and secondly by contributing to the many discussions, including the final session where we collectively will form the outcomes of the meeting and publish it to make the outcome more visible.

For the conference presentations, topics of focus include starting up your own business, the current challenges and future needs of Young Surveyors, new technology applications and perspectives across Europe. Sessions will vary from presentation to discussion and break-out workshops, with keynote speakers including FIG president CheeHai Teo, CLGE president Jean-Yves Pirlot and FIG Foundation president John Hohol. We will try to give all European Young Surveyors the opportunity to present a technical paper, as well as opportunities to chair break-out sessions, or contribute to panel discussions.

The main three ambitions of the meeting can be summarized as followed:

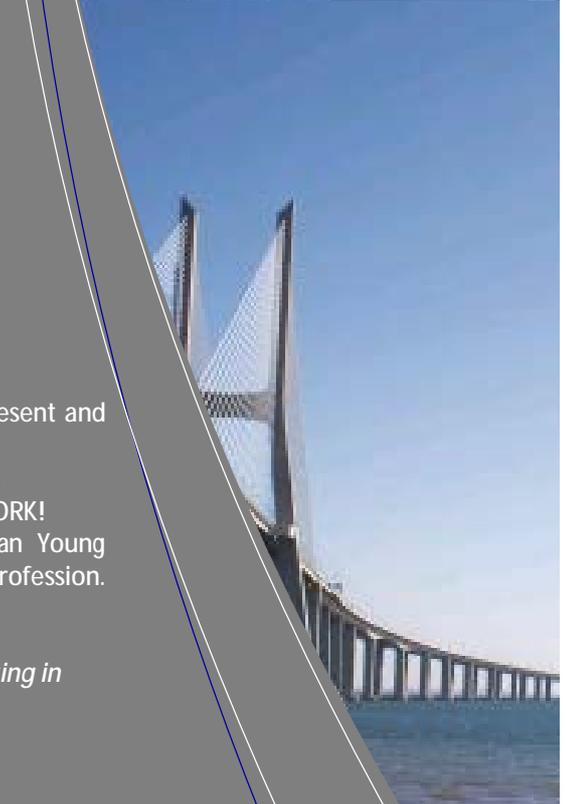
- To provide a voice for Young Surveyors in Europe
- To offer a more informal and relaxed platform for Young Surveyors to present and discuss
- To promote and increase participation in the leading surveying associations

This meeting will be the kick off event of the EUROPEAN YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK!

We are looking forward to the development of a strong network of European Young Surveyors, willing and able to contribute to a resilient European surveying profession.
European Young Surveyors together for tomorrow's challenges!

We are looking forward to see loads of European Young Surveyors at the Meeting in Lisbon!!!

Website: <http://figysn.ordemengenheiros.pt/pt/>



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Here on the next 2 pages you will find an overview of the program for the 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting

We, the Young Surveyors (Eva-Maria Unger, Paula Dijkstra and Gustavo Palma), put a lot of effort into the program to make it let's say... special. We are young and we are curious therefore we want to try out new forms of presentation styles. You wanna know more about it? Just have a look here:

Additional you can find some comments (highlighted in blue) by the Newsletter Editor Team.

Day 1 | October 17

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| 08.00 – 09.00 | Registration
"Let's get the meeting started – better to be there earlier" |
| 09.00 – 10.00 | Opening Ceremony
Welcome addresses by CheeHai Teo (FIG), Teresa Sá Pereira (OE), Jean-Yves Piriot (CLGE) and John Hohol (FIG Foundation)
"This is your chance to meet these people and have a chat with them from face to face – don't miss it!!!" |
| 10.00 – 11.00 | Future Risks, Challenges and Expectations
"Do you know what the future has in mind?" |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Coffee Break
"Networking Networking – get to know your colleagues!" |
| 11.30 – 13.00 | Future Technology & Innovation
"Keyplayers in our professions share their thoughts and vision, get a sneak preview!" |
| 13.00 – 14.30 | Lunch
"Enjoy your delicious lunch and take the opportunity to sit next to somebody you haven't met before but are keen in getting to know her/him" |
| 14.30 – 16.00 | Work Session 1 – Meeting Our Future Network
"You have ideas how – tell us this ideas!" |
| 16.00 – 16.30 | Coffee Break
"Networking Networking – there is surely somebody you haven't talked to yet" |
| 16.30 – 16.50 | Future Technology & Innovation
"Another sneak preview into the future!" |
| 16.50 – 18.00 | Technical Session – Get Inspired
"No we are not riding a bike – we are going further with the Network and take over some actions!" |
| 18.00 – 19.00 | Dynamical Session – Challenges Throughout Europe
"Take the opportunity and start saying Good-bye to your colleagues and maybe your new friends" |
| 20.00 – ??? | Dinner and Social Event
"Yeah!" |

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Day 2 | October 18

- 09:00 – 10:00 Europe and the Future
"What has our continent to offer and how can we contribute?"
- 10:00 – 10:30 Future Technology and Innovation
"The last sneak preview of today, won't you miss them?"
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
"This coffee break will be balm for your body as we would guess some of you may have stayed out longer at the Social event"
- 11:00 – 11:30 FIG/CLGE – How can I contribute?
"Now the ball starts rolling – what can you do to be part of it?"
- 11:30 – 12:45 Work Session 2 – Shaping Our Future
"You have ideas how – tell us these ideas!"
- 12:45 – 13:00 Outcome of Working Session 2
"Summarising always is important – the outcome will also be published in the next Newsletter"
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
"Another delicious lunch to recover from all the information and discussions. And after lunch get ready for the big finale!"
- 14:30 – 16:00 Technical Session – Accelerating To The Next Gear
"No we are not riding a bike – we are going further with the Network and take over some actions!"
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
"Take the opportunity and start saying Good-bye to your colleagues and maybe your new friends"
- 16:30 – 18:00 Plenary Session
"Things need to get organised!"
- 18:00 – 18:30 Closing Ceremony
"Cheerio and see you soon!"

You are interested and wanna take part in the meeting? Don't hesitate - register here: <http://figysn.ordemengenheiros.pt/pt/registration/>
Or even better you are not just interested you also want to present? PERFECT: First register and then submit your presentation here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xNfglhp4HqLhOrRqyJnAOshnzSA7MTrgHHzhz-lbZcY/viewform> <http://figysn.ordemengenheiros.pt/pt/registration/>

If you need some inspiration and motivation don't worry just contact us (Eva, Paula and Gustavo) and no doubt WE WILL INSPIRE YOU!

by Eva-Maria Unger



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That's exactly the way we like it to spread the news and gets recognised by other organisations and countries. The FIG YSN was asked by the Croatian Newsletter editor, Diana Bečirević if we would like to contribute to their Newsletter. And yes of course we would like to!!!

So here you can find the result:

http://hrcak.srce.hr/index.php?show=toc&id_broj=8415

And also we would like to say special thanks to Diana for her patience and her great work she is doing with the Croatian Newsletter!

Therefore we are encouraging all of you that if you have any questions or if you want to publish something about the FIG YSN just contact us and we will send you all the information needed. Probably you have to be a little bit patient with us but especially close to deadlines WE ARE DELIVERING.

And also of course if anybody of you want to publish something in the upcoming Newsletter issues just let us know. The contact details you can find on page 1.

After participating in the successful first Young Surveyors Conference in Rome, Alex de Jonge, Sanne Broekhof and I decided to set up a network for young professionals in the Netherlands. In 2012 we launched the 'JongGeo' platform through social media using LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook. Our goal is to have a platform where young (future) geo professionals meet to exchange knowledge and experience. This refers not only to surveyors but topographers, geodesists, GIS Specialists and planners too. In short everyone who works with geo-information.

There have been three meetings with young professionals. It is great to experience that like minded geo professionals share the same ideas and concerns about the future. Together with participants we are creating our platform, making flyers and mapping our network (companies, universities, colleges etc) to reach as many young professionals as possible. We have also discussed cooperation with the Dutch FIG member association, GIN. They have welcomed the initiative and we are exploring how we can support each other.

In the near future we hope that JongGeo will have a solid base from where we can grow. Our goal for the future is to influence and take part in the debate about developments and challenges. One challenge we take very seriously is the need for well educated geo-professionals. We think that JongGeo can play an important role in getting the next generation motivated to work in the geospatial industry.

by Paula Dijkstra

V International and Professional Training Course in Topography for Young Surveyors

Will be held from 10th – 18th October 2013 in Lisbon, Portugal

The Italian association Consiglio Nazionale Geometri e Geometri Laureati will hold the V International and Professional Training Course in Topography for Young Surveyors, under the patronage of the FIG, CLGE, EGoS and UMG. The course, arranged by Cng in cooperation with Geoweb and the local support of Ordem dos Engenheiros will take place in Lisbon from 10th to 18th.

During the last 2 days of the course, the participants will attend the 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting. This course for Young Surveyors has been already organised four times in different countries and always with great success.

You can read about the previous Training course held in Madrid here: http://fig.net/ys/Newsletters/ys_Newsletter_nov_2012.pdf

This year the application process is already over but don't miss the opportunity for the upcoming ones! For more information please contact: m.scorza@cng.it



2nd Seminar of Albanian nationwide geodetic association – Karl Gega

Held on 27th – 28th April 2013 in Struga, Macedonia

On 27-28 of April 2013 in the beautiful city of Struga - Macedonia was held the second seminar of Albanian nationwide geodetic association - Karl Gega with title "Challenges of Albanian nationwide geodesy", followed by professional workshops for young surveyors about using the new technology (hardware and software applications) in different geodetic works.

In this seminar were present more than 50 participants from different fields like professors, experts in surveying field, a big number of young surveyors and students from Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania, Montenegro and other European countries.

The opening speech was held by the minister of Environment and Physical Planning of the Republic of Macedonia Mr. Abdulaqim Ademi which appointed the important role of geodesy in overall development of a the country. He was followed by the mayor of the city of Struga Mr. Zijadin Sela, rector of the State University of Tetova Mr. Vullnet Ameti, president of the Albanian National Association PhD. Bashkim Idrizi and also this seminar was honoured with the speech of his Excellency the Ambassador of Austria Mr. Thomas Michael Baier who's speech was about the life and work of genius engineer Carl Ritter von Ghega who's name holds the Albanian National Geodetic Association.

Some of the topics which were elaborated during the seminar were:

- Automated geodetic monitoring of dams in Kosovo;
- Calculation and accurate valuation with different software for computing the volume of different objects;
- Geodetic monitoring of mount façades on skyscrapers (practice from work in Sweden);
- Theoretical - practical aspects of establishing of SDI etc.

Since I was a participant in the IV International Training Course for young surveyors in Madrid 2012, in this seminar I had a presentation about my experiences from this course. In short terms I tried to present the benefits for young surveyors from attending this kind of international course such as meeting many colleagues from all over the world, exchanging professional and other experiences, learning from the best professors from many countries, becoming familiar with the latest achievements of technology in the geodesy field in software also in hardware applications. The next day of the seminar was planned a group visit of the UNESCO city of Ohrid in southwest of Macedonia and also a closing dinner with all participants of this seminar.

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