

**FIG (INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS)
LIAISON REPORT TO ISO/TC211 PLENARY
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Introduction

FIG continues to play an active part in the work of ISO/TC 211, and expects to continue to do so into the future. The Federation remains keen to continue to develop its strong relationship with TC211. Efforts within FIG to raise the profile of standards and standardisation issues are continuing to bear fruit, with most of FIG's 10 technical commissions now involved in aspects of standardisation work.

Update

The following update may be of interest to ISO/TC 211:

- The FIG Congress in Munich in October 2006 was extremely successful, with over 1,100 participants (aside from many thousand more attending the InterGEO event). There were about 500 technical papers presented (all can be accessed via www.fig.net), with a good number referencing standards matters. Indeed, the first line regarding Commission matters in the closing address by the FIG President was 'standards are fundamental to data integration'. Professor Stig Enemark from Denmark was elected President of FIG for the 2007-10 period.
- Work on a core model for the cadastral domain continues; a telephone meeting in the coming weeks will decide how best to progress it (including considering how and when to introduce it to the ISO/TC 211 arena).
- The FIG Standards Network has completed the revision the FIG Guide on Standardisation to reflect necessary changes since its publication in 2002, and it will shortly be loaded to the FIG website (it is FIG publication number 28).
- The FIG General Assembly agreed that the FIG Standards Network should continue, in much its current shape and with Iain Greenway as Chair. The exact details and workplan are being developed.

Final words

FIG is pleased to be playing a role in developing the profile of standards, including those of ISO/TC 211, seeing standardisation as a vital component in developing the services provided by surveyors to their various clients. It intends to continue to work closely with TC211, and is happy at any time to receive further ideas on areas and ways in which this might be achieved.

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Chair, FIG Standards Network and Lead Liaison with ISO/TC211

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