

**FIG (INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS)
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Introduction

FIG continues to play an active part in the work of ISO/TC211, 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

Given the very limited time since the last Plenary meeting, there is little new to report on the work on FIG with regard to standards. The following may, however, be relevant:

- FIG has provided input to a number of recent draft standards, particularly CD.2 19130. Members of the Federation also continue to be involved in the development of a number of the draft documents;
- Work on a core model for the cadastral domain continues, with the comments of Finland to N1859 noted and currently being incorporated into the working model. In the coming weeks, further papers on the model will be published in various journals, attempting to stimulate further debate. A secure cadastre is a fundamental underpinning of national and international development, and standardisation will, FIG believes, bring benefits to this area as it has already to many other areas. FIG therefore encourages further delegations to comment on the model presented in N1859, to allow consensus on an appropriate model, and how best to progress it within a standardisation concept, to develop. Further information on this work is currently being linked from the Standards Network area of the FIG website (www.fig.net).

Final words

FIG is pleased to be playing a role in developing the profile of standards, including those of ISO/TC211, 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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