

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEODESY (IAG)
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS (FIG)**

1. Background

The International Association of Geodesy (IAG) and the International Federation of Surveyors (Fédération Internationale des Géomètres FIG) both recognise that each is an international organisation with many complementary activities serving similar professional constituencies involving research and development into varied aspects relating to surveying, engineering surveying and surveying techniques.

FIG specialises in technical and professional areas such as positioning and measurement, engineering surveys, hydrography, geographic information systems, infrastructure development, land and environmental planning, development and management, property valuation, and construction economics and procurement.

IAG specialises in scientific and professional areas such as positioning, advanced space technology, determination of the gravity field, general theory and methodology and geodynamics. IAG furthermore coordinates the work of a number of international services such as the International GPS Service.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide an effective framework for a continuing liaison between the two organisations, for maintaining and increasing the opportunities of technical exchange between their members through a continuing programme of co-operation leading to mutual sharing of knowledge and expertise to the advantage of the membership of both organisations.

3. Programme of Activities

In accordance with the background and purpose as described above, both organisations agree to endeavour to intensify their co-operation for mutual benefit. By way of implementation, the following steps will be taken, among others:

1. Regular contact should be established between the secretariats of both organisations and their elected leaderships to introduce and maintain continuing liaison between the two organisations.
2. Each organisation should inform the other of all Commissions, Working Groups etc. that it has established and invite representation from the other on to each of these groups where it is agreed that it would be appropriate and sensible.
3. The themes of mutual interests identified at the moment are:

- reference frames and observing systems
 - positioning, measurements and applications
 - hydrographic surveying, marine geodesy
 - geoid determination, height systems
 - special applications of geodesy to engineering
 - education
 - history of surveying and geodesy
 - cooperation with other international organisations (e.g. UN, ISO)
4. Each organisation should inform the other of its programme of proposed schools, seminars, workshops, etc. to enable consideration as to whether joint participation would be of mutual benefit and further inform its members on these events when appropriate (e.g. on its home page on Internet).
 5. Both organisations should study possibilities to organise specialised seminars or workshops under the both banners.
 6. Each organisation should invite a representative from the other organisation to attend each respective Congress.
 7. Decision on joint or co-sponsored events which are covered by the subjects listed under 3.3 will be made at a meeting between the IAG Secretary General and the Director of the FIG Office.

4. Financial Commitment

It is understood that neither organisation can commit the other to any expenditure, save that from administering this agreement, without the specific written agreement of both organisations.

5. Legal Status

This Memorandum does not create a legal link between the two organisations who will maintain their mutual independence.

This Memorandum of Understanding is valid until IAG or FIG proposes changes to it. Each organisation has the right to propose changes to this Memorandum at any time. Any changes shall be subject to the agreement of both organisations.

Neither IAG nor FIG will make any agreements with associations which may conflict or compete with this Memorandum of Understanding before giving advance notice and securing the agreement of the other organisation.

On behalf of IAG

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Appendix to the Memorandum of Understanding between IAG and FIG

Events and activities of joint interest in 2001 – 2003

2001

6–11 May, Seoul, Korea

FIG working week and XXIV General Assembly

- Hosted by FIG
- www.fww2001.or.kr or www.fig.net

22 – 24 May, Wuhan, China

Monitoring of Constructions and Local Geodynamic Processes.

- Workshop organised by IAG WG2 and WG3 and Special Commission SC4.
- <http://info.tuwien.ac.at/ingeo/sc4/wuhan01.htm>

5-8 June, Espoo, Finland

Workshop and Seminar - Virtual Academy.

- Organised by FIG Commission 2 Working Group 2.2
- http://ns.foto.hut.fi/fig/FIG_Helsinki_2001/fig4.pdf

5-8 June, Banff, Alberta, Canada

International Symposium on Cinematic Systems in Geodesy, Geomatics and Navigation KIS 2001.

- Sponsored by IAG and FIG Commission 5
- <http://www.geomatics.ucalgary.ca/KIS2001>

2–8 September, Budapest, Hungary

IAG Scientific Assembly

- Hosted by IAG
- Also meeting of Presidents and Secretary Generals of former IUSM members
- <http://www.sztaki.hu/conferences/iag2001/>

1 – 3 October, Vienna, Austria

5th Conference on Optical 3D Measurement Techniques

- Co-sponsored by IAG Special Commission 4 and FIG Commissions 5 and 6
- <http://info.tuwien.ac.at/ingeo/optical3d/o3d.htm>

2002

19–26 April, Washington DC, USA

The XXII FIG Congress and XXV General Assembly

- Organised by FIG, ACSM and ASPRS
- <http://www.fig2002.org>

August, TBA

Hotine-Marusse Symposium

- Hosted by IAG
- <http://www.gfy.ku.dk/~iag/symposia.html>

2003

19–23 May, Eilat, Israel

FIG working week and XXVI General Assembly

- Hosted by FIG
- <http://www.fig.net>

August, Sapporo, Japan

IUGG 23 General Assembly

- Hosted by IAG
- <http://www.gfy.ku.dk/~iag/symposia.html>