ANGEL COLLADO (SPAIN) FIG FOUNDATION YOUNG SURVEYOR GRANT RECIPIENT EXPERIENCE ATTENDING FIG WORKING WEEK 2023 ORLANDO, FLORIDA

To summarize in a few paragraphs the experience I had during a week at FIG Working Week 2023 in Orlando (USA) is complicated, rather apotheosis, but here is the attempt, which I offer you with love and care below.

Within the framework of the FIG Working Week, the 1st FIG Young Surveyors Americas Meeting was held with the slogan "Moving Beyond Boundaries" in which during two days I was able to meet and establish a great friendship with a magnificent youth from all over the world. A FIG Young Surveyors Network (YSN) full of young geomatics with enthusiasm and capacity to be the future of FIG. Thanks to Trimble Inc. and Bryn Fosburgh for the Charity BINGO, in which I was lucky enough to win one of the games; and to Leica Geosystems and Craig Hill for the superb dinner and bowling at Splitsville.

Now FIG Working Week 2023 began, with a spectacular Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception in the gardens of the Signia by Hilton Bonnet Creek which allowed me to have a first contact with all the FIG world delegates. This allowed me to attend countless technical sessions in the following days in which I was able to broaden my knowledge and especially to observe what are the current research topics. Also, I was able to present in one of these sessions the progress of my doctoral thesis in the field of sociological geomatics and land management and administration in Spain.

Undoubtedly, one of the achievements of this experience has been to strengthen my collaboration in FIG Commission 7 and for this I thank its Chair Rohan Bennet for appointing me as Social Media Officer of this commission. Likewise, I thank Rosario Casanova, Vice-Chair of Commission 2, for her invitation to be part of this commission, as well as Kwame Tenadu for his offer to be an active part of the Academic Association Forum for my contribution in Educational Geomatics as a university professor.

I could not fail to mention the wonderful evening we had at Mango's Tropical Café, an exquisite dinner, unbeatable company and a sensational show. We ended up dancing all together for a while, including a conga. Without thinking about it, I can say that it was the moment when I felt the most relaxed and fun, although I must also highlight the meal at the Aquamarine with John Hohol and Bryn Fosburgh, which was very intimate, close and productive.

All of this culminated in my attendance at the second session of the FIG General Assembly, the first one I had the honor of attending. I was honored to be able to take the podium and say a few words of thanks to the entire FIG Foundation, especially to John Hohol, for having been awarded this scholarship, as well as for the excellent treatment I received during the whole unrepeatable experience I lived together with my colleagues Hilda, Darion and Milani. But without a doubt, my experience can be summed up in the following sentence, which I pronounced with great personal satisfaction in front of all the FIG world representatives and in line with the motto "Protecting our World, Conquering New Frontiers": "Remember my name, remember my face, because I am sure we will see each other in the coming years".







