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FIG Young Surveyors Network



Purpose

The FIG Young Surveyors Network is a continuation of the work the FIG Young Surveyors Working Group (WG 1.2) that was formed at the FIG Congress in Munich in 2006. The Young Surveyors Working group was established in response to the low number of students and young surveyors participating at FIG events and to the fact that FIG was largely unknown among young surveyors. Further, many of FIG member organisations are reporting difficulties in attracting and retaining young people to the surveying profession.

The goal of the FIG Young Surveyors Network is to increase the number of active young surveyors within FIG and to create connections between “experienced” and “younger” surveyors. The first work plan for this group was developed in Cairo in October 2007. In the FIG administration structure the network will be a Working Group under Commission 1.

Terms of Reference

Building and maintaining relationships between young surveyors and FIG by:

- Proposing and performing activities during FIG events to attract and promote FIG as an organisation for network and knowledge creation;
- Establishing necessary liaison relationships with other young surveyors organisations;
- Establishing and maintaining lead contacts to Commission Chairs etc and securing that the working relations are in place;
- Maintaining an information flow on the Young Surveyors Network to FIG members through the FIG website and FIG e-Newsletter, and more directly to relevant Commission Officers;
- Publishing the FIG Young Surveyors Newsletter quarterly with information about what is happening in the YS community.

The Young Surveyors Network is the hub of FIG Young Surveyors activities, making the necessary linkages and providing the necessary advice to commissions and others.

Progress and Plans

Until now the Young Surveyors Network has completed a range of activities with the aim to create interaction between generations. The most recent achievement was at the FIG Working Week 2008 in Stockholm where two sessions were held one technical and one more informal with a very large number of participants. Speed-mentoring sessions were additionally held

during lunch breaks and they became very popular both among the “young ones” as well as among the “experienced ones”.

Beneficiaries

The target groups of this network are Master- and PhD Students, young professionals and commission delegates.

Further Activities until 2010

1. Further engagement with the FIG Council, and other parties to determine sustainable sources of funding for:
 - Marketing of the group
 - Annual face-to-face meeting of the Young Surveyors Network, to coincide with FIG Congress/WW/intermediate event to further market the YS Network
2. Young Surveyors Beyond Horizons – project to coincide with FIG 2010 to further enable young surveyor attendance and sponsorship.
3. Young Surveyors Network website – creation of a more functional and accessible website, with more relevant information to young surveyors, including job information, young surveyor testimonials, university links, FIG links, etc.
4. Event documentation – ‘How-to’ documents and event and marketing ideas for implementation in national young surveyor organisations. To assist and to create ideas on how young surveyors can become more involved in their profession, and to develop models how they can help and support the FIG Young Surveyors Network and each other.
5. Career Pathways – research into how key surveying professionals have achieved their current roles, for use in identifying generalised career pathways for young surveyors and for targeted marketing of the profession.
6. The Young Surveyors Beyond Horizons Project, Phase 2. Pending success of phase one, the Young Surveyors propose phase 2 of YSBH, where worthwhile projects will be undertaken by Young Surveyors around the globe, similar to the work of groups such as Engineers without borders.

Assisting in the planning of upcoming FIG events by assisting in making contacts with local young surveyors and involving them in the planning process. In this way local knowledge can be used and the knowledge about FIG will be spread.

Young Surveyors Network can organise international scientific, technical and social events for young surveyors in cooperation with regional bodies and FIG members under the supervision of the FIG Council.

Links to related pages

Facebook: FIG Young Surveyors

Mailing list: sign up by sending an email to kcemalozgur@hotmail.com

<http://www.argeos.de/>

<http://www.ichemeoncampus.org/index.asp>

<http://www.imeche.org/ye/>

http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/learned-groups/interest-groups/youngengineers-australia/young-engineers-australia_home.cfm

http://www.aia.org/yaf_default

If you would like further information on any of the above, or would like to join this network, please contact Cecilia Lindén.

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The Network will appoint a contact person for each of the ten FIG Commissions.

Further reading

Papers related to the Young Surveyors Network

Fairlie, K. (2008) "Young Surveyors Beyond Horizons" Presented at the FIG Working Week in Stockholm, Sweden 14-19 June 2008. Available at:
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Kıvılcım, C.O., & McAlister, C. (2008) "A role-model for Integrating Generations: The Young Surveyor's Working Group" Presented at the FIG Working Week in Stockholm, Sweden 14-19 June 2008. Available at:
http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2008/papers/ts02f/ts02f_01_kivilcim_mcalister_3103.pdf