

FIG Commission 2 Newsletter

June 2014

What to expect in this newsletter:

1. Report of the XXV FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2. FIG Commission 2 Workshop in Nepal in 2015
3. New FIG Commission 2 members



Report of the XXV FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur, 16 – 21 of June 2014

- Commission 2 Annual Meeting
 - On Tuesday 17 the FIG Commission 2 Annual Meeting was held attended by 9 enthusiastic delegates and friends (including the chair and incoming chair).
 - Steven Frank presented his report of the last year.
 - Incoming chair thanked Steven for his efforts for FIG Commission 2 in for him difficult times.
 - It was for Steven probably his last Annual Meeting as chair.
 - The incoming chair, Liza Groenendijk, presented her ideas for the new term 2015 – 2018 and welcomed suggestions from the audience.
- Technical Sessions (4) Commission 2
 - Commission 2 organised four technical sessions, TS01I, TS02I, TS03I and TS04I), with 15 papers presented.
 - The attendance to the sessions was quite good; it varied from 25 – 50 (some full rooms!!); it indicates an interest in Professional Education.



- Presentations and papers were of good quality resulting in an active response from the audience.



- Chair and reporters of the sessions: Prof. Alias Abdul Rahman, Ass. Prof. Kamaluddin Mohd Omar, Prof. Murad Meha, Ass. Prof. Juazer Rizal Abdul Hamid and Dr. Behnam Alizadehashrafi, Prof. Steven Frank and Mrs. Liza Groenendijk. Thanks you for your support.



- Please go the Congress website for the proceedings of the technical sessions:
<http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2014/>

- Technical Sessions joined with Commission 1
 - Three technical sessions were organised together with Commission 1 (TS071, TS091 and TS111)
- FIG Academic Members Forum
 - The FIG Academic Members Forum is traditionally organised with FIG Commission 2.
 - Wednesday 18 of June the Academic Members Forum met under the chairmanship Commission 2 chair-elect Liza Groenendijk and with Steven Frank as rapporteur.
 - Academic Members discussed the Academic responsibilities and the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT).
 - The Academic Forum consisted of two sessions: session 1 with presentations from FAO and four key speakers and session 2 with breakout sessions and final presentations and formulation of main responsibilities and future actions.
 - The session was attended by 19 representatives of academic members from 15 countries.
 - Richard Grover summarised the outcome of the Forum and prepared the draft report to be presented at the General Assembly and to be send to FAO.

- Commission 2 Diner
 - The commission diner took place on Wednesday night; the venue was arranged by our Malaysian delegate Prof. Alias Abdul Rahman.
 - The diner was organised together with FIG Commission 1. This was a good idea as only 4 four Commission 2 delegates took part in the diner. Several delegates, although confirmed, could not attend. However, the Commission 1 delegates were good company.
 - It was a pleasant get-together with beautiful performances of traditional dances from Malaysia. Prof. Alias did a good job, for which many thanks.

- Young Surveyors Workshop
 - FIG Commission 2 has close links with the FIG Young Surveyors Network and, if possible, contributes to their conference(s) and workshops. The YSN had their second conference.
 - On Thursday 19th of June FIG Commission 2 contributed to the Young Surveyors Workshop: Surveying Education – are we meeting the needs of the present and future? The workshop intended to discuss new educational paradigms to meet the needs of the future survey profession with a particular focus on the following three discussed themes: 1. Educating surveying students, 2. Supporting and promoting successful young academics and 3. Providing access to continuing professional development.
 - The incoming chair of FIG Commission 2 gave one of the three presentations for the workshop as input for breakout sessions by the Young Surveyors. The outcome of the sessions was presented by the participants on flipcharts. Based on this, a draft statement will be formulated.
 - The sessions were well guided by two young surveyors, Emily Tidey (New Zealand) and Odil Akbarov (Uzbekistan).
 - The session is important for FIG Commission 2 as it informs the commission about the needs and challenges of the Young Surveyors.

- ACCO Meeting
 - The ACCO Meeting takes place before the Congress starts and before the General Assembly; the ACCO Meeting takes the whole day.
 - It is the forum where FIG Commission chairs (and chair-elects), Task Force chairs, FIG Secretariat and others meet, and is guided by one of the FIG vice-presidents. Issues of importance from the FIG Council are communicated and practical issues discussed. The Commissions and Task Forces report on their activities.
 - On Sunday 15th of June Steven Frank (chair) and Liza Groenendijk (vice-chair) attended the ACCO Meeting. Some of the issues of importance to our commission:
 - Website of FIG is not up-to-date; so is the information about Commission 2 and its officers! FIG Secretariat is working on a new website. For up-to-date information contact the secretariat or the commission chairs.
 - The chair presented his report of the 2014 activities. The incoming chair presented her plans for the new term (2015 – 2018).

FIG Commission 2 Workshop 2015 in Nepal

The Nepalese Institute of Chartered Surveyors (NICS) and FIG Commission 2 had an e-mail communication earlier this year to discuss the organisation of a Commission 2 Technical Workshop in Kathmandu, Nepal. During the FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur a meeting was held with the team of organisers of the workshop and the following was decided and will be prosed to the FIG Secretariat:

- FIG Commission 2 Workshop to be held in October-November 2015 in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Organised by Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (NICS) together with Survey Department, Land Management Training Centre, Ministry of Land Reform and Management, Kathmandu University. Collaboration with UN Habitat and ICIMOD.
- Duration 3 days
- Workshop title: Strengthening Education for Land Professionals
- To be expected 100 participants (including YS): 20 international, 20 regional (Asian Pacific) and 60 national.
- Registration fee to be accessible for all (ranging from 150 € for international participants to 10 € for students from Nepal; to be decided)
- Involvement of Young Surveyors is welcomed.

An announcement will be placed on the FIG website. Please keep track of the updates for more detailed information.

New FIG Commission 2 officers and contributors

During the commission meeting, technical sessions and other networking events at the FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur, the FIG Commission 2 was promoted and people were invited to join FIG Commission 2. Many delegates have an interest in Commission 2 and recognise its importance. Several people joined the Commission. Table 1 present a first overview of the delegates that indicated to be interested to become or to remain active in FIG Commission 2 in the new term 2015 – 2018.

What will be done in the coming months:

- Contact the former Commission 2 officers and check their availability and interest to continue
- Contact the FIG Commission 2 delegates of Bulgaria, Nepal, New Zealand, Finland and Turkey (upcoming working weeks, workshop and congress)
- Search for Commission 2 delegates in Latin America with interest to join.
- Propose Working Group chairs, vice chairs and active members. Confirmation.
- Look for FIG Commission 2 vice chair (communication and administration officer)!

FIG Commission 2 Members Indicated to be interested, to become or to remain active (June 2014)			
Name	Country	Working group	Additional interests
Alias Abdul Rahman	Malaysia	WG 2.4	Accreditation
Bela Markus	Hungary	WG 2.1	Former chair
Benedicta Ugwulebo	Nigeria	WG 2.3	Young surveyor Facebook
Fahria Masum	Germany	WG 2.1	
Gordon Wayumba	Kenya	WG 2.1. (?)	
Joe Paiva	USA	Thinks about it	Representing private sector
Liza Groenendijk	The Netherlands	WG 2.2	incoming chair
Murat Meha	Kosovo	WG 2.3	
Nadezda Kamynina	Russia	WG 2.3	International education
Paula Dijkstra	The Netherlands	WG 2.3	Innovative workshops/congresses FIG Education Database
Reinfried Mansberger	Austria	WG 2.2	
Reshma Shresta	Nepal	To be confirmed	Workshop Nepal
Steven Frank	USA	WG 2.1 and WG 2.4	Chair Contributor's role
Vasily Nilipovskiy	Russia	WG 2.4	

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