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To the Presidents or Chairs of all FIG Member Associations

Invitation to the Presidents' Meetings in Rome, Italy during the FIG Working Week 2012 from 6th to 10th May 2012

Dear President/Chairs,

I am looking forward to welcoming and meeting you and your members at the FIG Working Week and the 35th General Assembly in Rome, Italy from 6th to 10th May 2012. The FIG Working Week is the main FIG event this year and second during the four-year term of office of the current Council and Commissions. This year, our institutional partner is FAO and other partners include among others UN-HABITAT and GLTN.

At the Presidents' Meeting in 2011 it was proposed that the meeting should be divided into two segments so that the Presidents can meet each other in the beginning of the week for networking purposes. This year, we are arranging the following:

Presidents' Coffee Reception will be arranged on **Sunday 6th May** after the General Assembly in **Salone dei Cavalieri 2 from 15:00 to 16:00**. This is a gathering for Presidents and Heads of delegation of FIG member associations (or their representatives) to acquaint and interact with one another as well as our respective associations activities. It is hosted by the President of GNGeGL and by invitation only.

Presidents' Meeting on **Tuesday 8 May 16:00-17:30** is reserved for Presidents or Heads of delegation (or their representatives) of member associations to discuss issue of their common interest. Please check the room arrangement in the technical programme. It is expected that the main topic this year will be the report from the Working Group on Voting Rights. The meeting will be chaired by President of CNGeGL and the Chair of the GA Working Group on Voting Rights is expected to make his report and participate in the discussion. After the session, participants are invited to a joint **reception** with participants of the Director Generals' Forum.

FIG President's Meeting is hosted by President CheeHai Teo for Presidents or Heads of delegation of FIG member associations (or their representatives). This traditional meeting will be held in **Salone dei Cavalieri 2** at the Rome Cavalieri on **Thursday 10th of May 2012 from 8:30 to 10:00**. The meeting will follow the concept as in previous General Assemblies.

I hope that these additional activities will allow better networking and interactions among colleagues and thus better serves our expectations for the Working Week. I hope that these additional activities will add value to your attendance and provide improved interactions between Member Associations and FIG, in addition to the formal General Assembly sessions.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could let our office know (email: fig@fig.net) of your participation. If you are unable to come to Rome personally, I hope that you will nominate a representative to attend the meeting on your behalf – in which case we would like to be informed of the name of your representative. However, I very much hope that you will be able to come to Rome.

Thank you and my very best wishes to you and to your membership.

Yours sincerely,
International Federation of Surveyors

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CheeHai Teo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

CheeHai Teo
President