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- First FIG WW in an Arab country - culturally influenced by AUS as the professional voice of the region
- "A dream came true"
- Huge event in co-operation with GSDI
- More than 900 participants form about 80 countries
- 5 plenary and 51 technical session and workshops
- More than 400 papers
- Meetings-Meetings: FIG council, ACCO, Commissions, Working Groups, Regional Groups, Task Forces, etc.
- IAG, ISPRS, ICA, IHO….,
- Joint Board on Geospatial Information Societies

- XIV FIG Congress 2010 in Sydney

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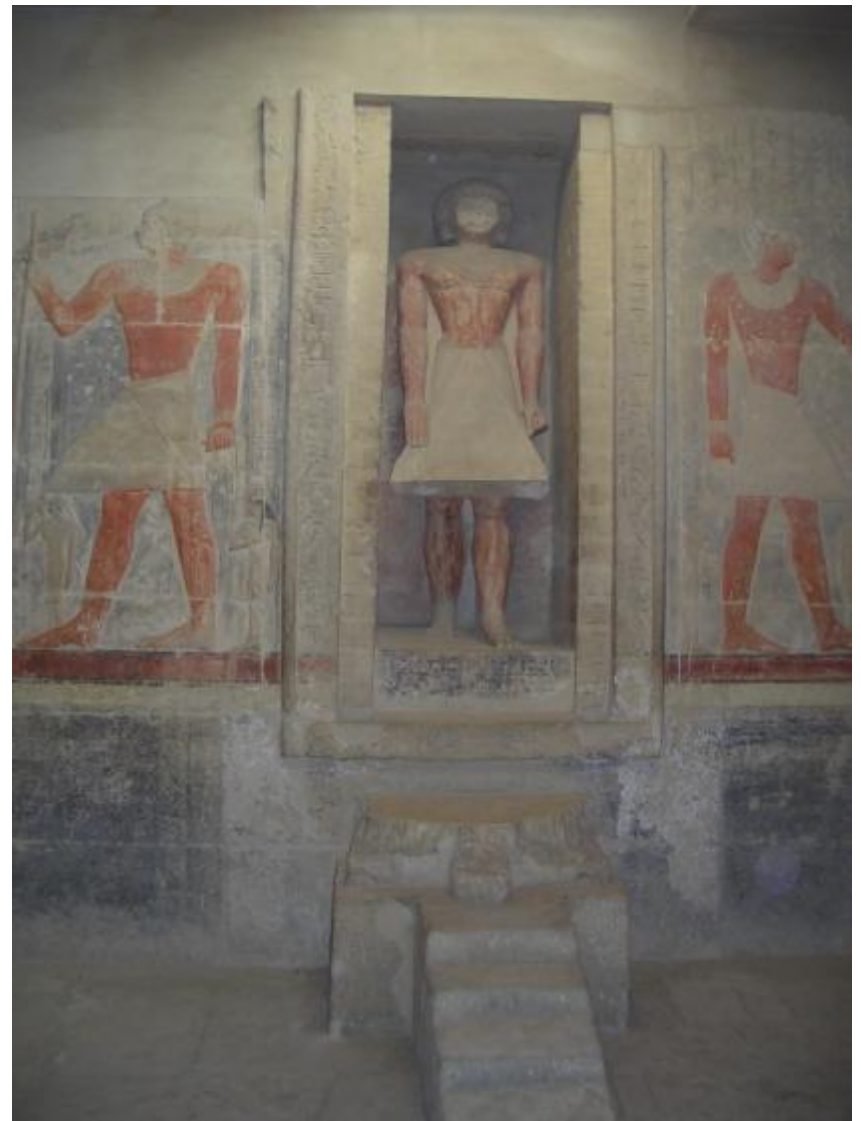
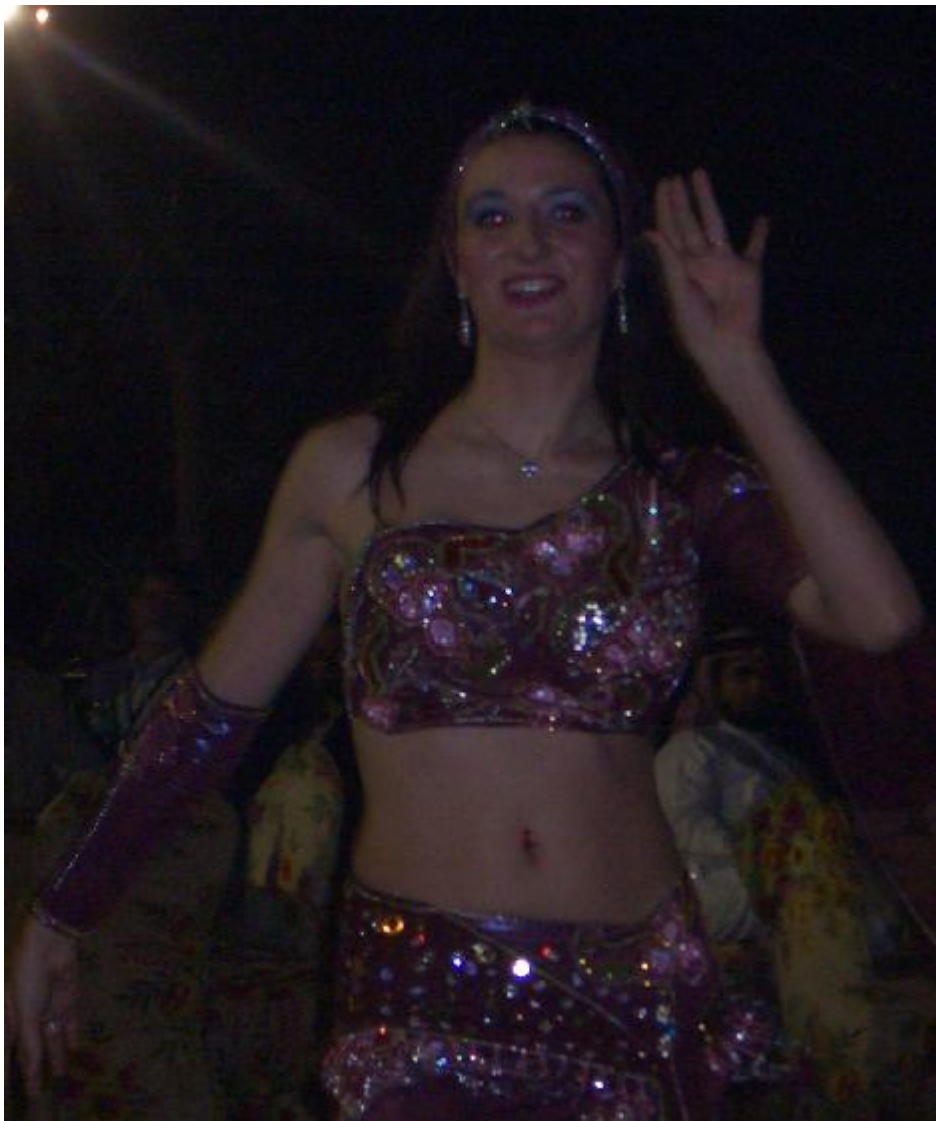# Cairo Working Week April 2005

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FIG Vision and mission

- Humanitarian role
- Social responsibility
- Peace keeper by anticipation
- Guardian of property rights
- Supporting democracy, equity and civil societies
- Combating corruption
- Supporting sustainability and good governance

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FIG has to balance both

Economic

Rio Goals

Social   **Environmental**

Institutional developments

Millennium Goals

Technical solutions and developments   **Political Interaction**
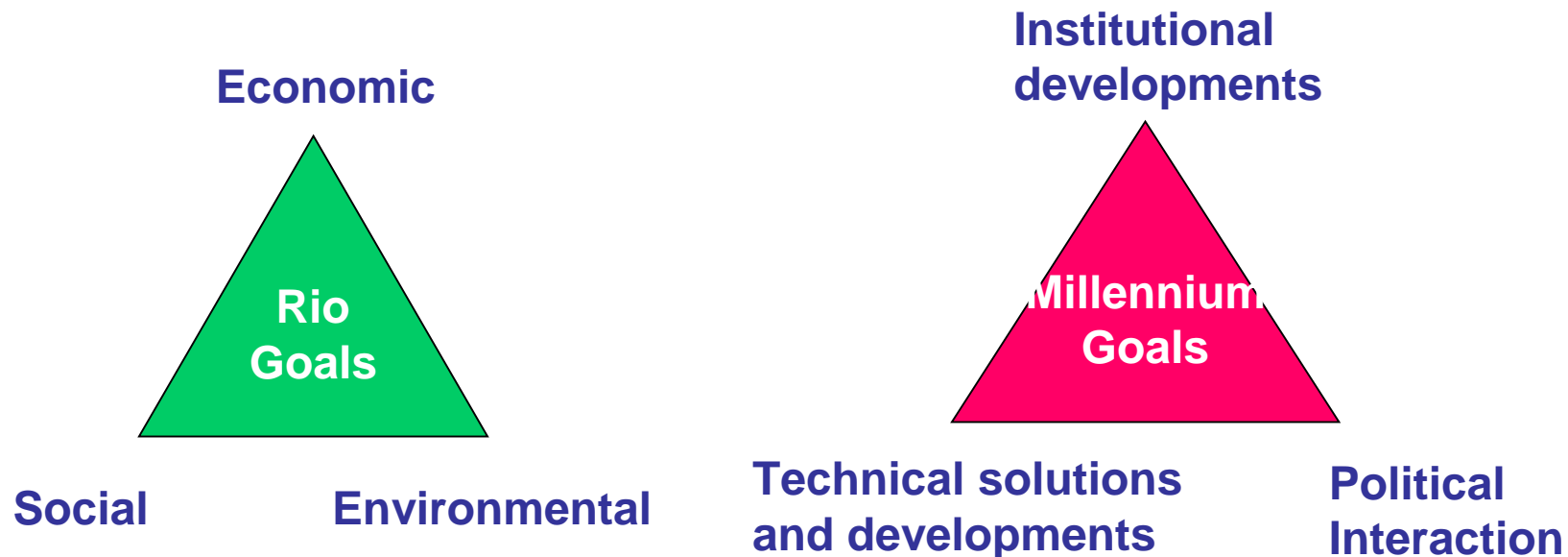
FIG has to face some challenges at political, technical and institutional level.

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FIG Challenges – Strategic/Political Level

- Poverty reduction and alleviation
- Respond to threats from natural disasters
  (Peace keepers by anticipation)
- Land and habitats goes beyond boarders
- Striving for good governance
- Balance between public and private sector
- Respecting our diverse disciplines (win-win situation)
- Collaborations both politically, institutionally and
  professionally
- Bridging the gaps (e.g. Surveying and GIS)

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FIG Challenges – Technical Level

- We are Data Rich and Information Poor
- There is a war of formats and standards
- GIS is an emerging new language
- GIS is about integrating knowledge
- Closer co-operation between geodesists, surveyors and SDI partners are needed

- Joint conference FIG/GSDI has been a good start

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FIG Challenges – Institutional Level

- Intensifying collaborations with sister organizations
  - Joint Board of Spatial Information Societies with
  ad hoc committees on disaster management an capacity
  building in Africa
- Becoming a more central partner of the UN

- Legal frameworks must be adopted to support e-services
  and new technologies

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