

FIG



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IEAA *Upside down*
World Map







Kiwis are independent,
unconventional, leading,
thinkers and dreamers!

- Politics
 - World leading anti-nuclear
 - Head of the UNDP
 - Head of the WTO
 - Secretary-General of the Commonwealth
 - Twice sat on the UN Security Council
- Science
 - Ernest Rutherford (splitting the atom)
 - Archibald McIndoe (pioneered facial reconstruction)
 - William Pickering (head of the US Jet Propulsion Lab)
- Culture
 - Dame Kiri Tekanawa, Dame Malvina Major, Jonathan Lemalu (opera)
 - Lorde (pop culture)
 - Sir Peter Jackson (Lord of the Rings)
 - Russell Crowe, Sam Neill
- Exploration
 - Sir Ed Hilary of Mt Everest and the Antarctic
 - Sir Peter Blake, Sir Russell Coutts (Americas Cup)
- Sport
 - More than our fair share of Olympic Gold Medals:
 - Men's and Women's Hockey, Swimming, Shotput, Canoeing, Kayaking, Rowing, Equestrian, Pole Vault, 1500m, Netball, etc, etc
 - The All Blacks

My Background



- Professionally qualified Surveyor, Planner, Mediator
- Worked in
 - Central government, Local government, Private practice, Academia
- Multi-cultural involvements
 - Africa, Asia, Europe, the Caribbean, the Pacific Islands
 - PILPA
- Proven leadership record (local, regional, national, international)
 - NZIS, CSLB, CRSBANZ, CASLE (4yrs Pacific Regional President , 4yrs President)



FIG contributions

- Commission 8 NZ delegate (1994 – 2005)
- Commission 1 NZ delegate (2005 –
- **Chair, Task Force on Voting Rights** – successful result in 1 year
- Vice Chair and WG co-Chair, Commission 1
- **Chair, Commission 1** – significant outputs
- **ACCO rep on Council** (2015/16)
- Participating member **Task Force on the Commissions**



Why am I standing - Principles?

- I believe I am well qualified for the position
- I have been encouraged by Member Associations
- I believe there should always be choice
- the change in the statutes was not universally supported
- I am not from Europe
- Comments of **former Presidents**:
 - There should be regular turnover/progression of Council members
 - Empowerment of small countries to take leadership roles

Why am I standing –in practice?



- Continue to contribute to FIG at the highest level
- Bring a fresh voice to the Council
- Refresh the governance of FIG in consultation with the GA
- Bring attention to the Pacific region in particular
- Have greater connection between Council and the Commissions
- To de-Europeanise the Council



What would I do?

- Carry out the statutory roles of the President
 - Chair the General Assembly
 - Chair the Council
 - Represent FIG at prestigious functions as required
- Utilise Vice Presidents more
- Create a closer working connection with the Commissions
- Promote a review of the governance of FIG, investigating:
 - Creating a Mission Statement
 - Establishing a job description for the President and VPs
 - Considering terms of offices (4 years too long?)
 - Streamline the GA



Conclusion

- Positions on **Council should rotate**
- Council should be seen to be **globally representative**
- **Governance** needs updated
- A new president needs **fresh energy**
- Germany had the last Bureau (including the Pres + VP) 2002-06

I trust you to **vote for** what is in the **best interests of FIG**
in the 4 years from 2019 to 2022