



COMMISSION 1

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Dear Delegates of Commission 1!

The German presidency is over and the new chair of Commission 1 is in charge. We are very happy to have won Yaacoub Saade, a really good friend from the Arabic region, for the next four years.

أهلاً وسهلاً :Yaacoub

Yaacoub wants to give the surveyors, as a well-grounded specialised generalist, a new self-confidence. They could make a contribution to questions like fighting against poverty, securing freedom, improving good governance. Yaacoub's motto is: Surveyor's contribution for building a better world.

Below you can see the last five chairs of Commission 1 with Yaacoub Saade.



Jaques Tassou, Jan de Graeve, Ken Allred, John Parker, Klaus Rürup and the new chair Yaacoub Saade (from l. to r.)

Back to daily routine work keeping all delegates of our Commission 1 informed about what program is going on the next four years, continuing the excellent work of the old chair of Commission 1 Klaus Rürup:

1. Terms of reference

Observing the liberal exercise of the profession in the developing countries and in the international level. Code of ethics and applications. Industry measuring system metrology, testing and quality control. Rules, legislation and regional aspects.

2. General mission statement

Promote the profession everywhere by developing applicable codes of standards and ethics. Conserve the human aspect of the profession and believing that we follow the development of humanity. Gather data from all around the world about problems, success and researches and then to analyse and expose new issues. Work on establishing standard rules and legislations that we can impose on states of developing countries to promote the organisation of the profession.

3. Working Groups

- WG 1.1 Philosophy of surveying

Looking after new ways to support liberal profession is one of the priorities in this group. What are the human aspects to create success? What are the soft factors, soft skills to be better prepared for the struggle of life? And for the end: what is really necessary for the human needs?

- WG 1.2 Restructuring new Issues

Looking after new ways to build up an information system about the important key-issues of a project. What are the strategically factors of a successful project? Come to Commission 1 to support the problem and you get response to solve your problems. Interaction is needed with the other commissions of FIG. First steps are being done in the last few years.

- WG 1.3 Rules and Legislations

Looking to join new efforts, that includes juridical and fiscal aspects. The focus will be on the role of the surveying engineer as the responsible manager of spatial referenced information's. If there are some problems in the areas, come to commission 1 to find a common way to use this organisation as an umbrella for looking after alternatives. We want to bring support to you to find a common way for your problems, but in a freely and independent way.

- WG 1.4 New Generation of Surveyors

Looking for the young surveyors. They are our future. The working place our students don't more lie in their native countries. In case of internationality and global thinking we must increase their interests in international activities. Many organisations (also the FIG offer young student's profitable conditions) fund their young students to give them the possibility to join the FIG-congresses. Commission 1 will be the response force for all of the young people out of all the other commissions to give them a home-base in FIG.

4. Cooperation

Finally as Commission 1 work is related to the multiple aspects of the profession, we intend to create and proceed with joint projects with all commissions, so there will be a delegate from Commission 1 to each and every commission archive in FIG, plus there will be a monthly report or 2 reports per year as minimum about this activity that will contribute to establishing new archives for FIG and its members.

5. Communications

As for the website there will be a link to receive claims and propositions from all FIG members so they will feel that FIG is a real support and the international umbrella for the profession all around the world.

Final words of the outgoing Secretary (Vicechair administration)

This will be the last newsletter under my patronage and now I can lift the secret with our riddle: All the pictures in the last newsletters were pictures of our partners suffering from our beeing away for congresses and working weeks. Unfortunately no correct answer came in so that the first prize – 1 week in German cities after the congress – is gone with the wind.

Looking back it was a very good time for me to serve you and to work together with our chair and the other vicechairs. Me and Klaus we would like to thank Iain for his enormous commitment, Leonie for her new ideas and consistency, Michael for his sustainability and endurance, Yaacoub for his cross cultural links and Gabriele for following unwaveringly her ideas.

Wishing you all the best, your secretary **Dietmar Sperling**

Final words of the past chair

Dear all Commission 1 delegates, it was a great pleasure for me to serve you for the last four years as chair and to work with you for the last 12 years in Commission 1. During these 16 years in FIG I met a lot of new friends, I have learned so much from you and your various cultural backgrounds and I have seen so many different places in our beautiful world. Thank you to all of you. As I stated at the General Assembly Commission 1 was very successful. We came together as a start, we stayed together as a progress and we worked together as a success.

With all these experiences I came to a final conclusion of my term of office at TS42:

I have a dream that all surveyors get the best possible education to serve clients better than standard service.

I have a dream that all surveyors worldwide get the same acknowledgement in society which behoves them.

I have a dream that all surveyors have a clear conscience about their responsibility towards the public.

Thank you very much indeed, your past chair **Klaus Rürup**