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## FIG Working Week 2015 BULGARIA

Preferred event dates: 8 - 15 May 2015 or  
17 - 24 April 2015

Host body: Chamber of Graduated Surveyors

Host contact: Mr. Angel Yanakiev, Chairman

Under the aegis of the President of the  
Republic of Bulgaria

Under the aegis of the University of Archi-  
tecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy



*Unity makes strength  
L'union fait la force  
Einigkeit macht stark  
Съединението прави силата*

# Inviting



Yordanka Fandakova

MAYOR OF SOFIA MUNICIPALITY



It is with great pleasure as a Mayor of Sofia to invite you to consider Sofia for your forthcoming event. Over the millennia, the excellent geographical location has made the settlement a natural crossroads of civilizations and cultures. Sofia has always attracted not only travellers and dreamers, but also entrepreneurs and success-seekers. The city was proclaimed a capital in 1879 and this promoted its rapid establishment as a major political, administrative, economic, scientific and educational centre of the country. The motto of *Sofia Grows but does not age* is in harmony with its modern development: continuous construction of modern buildings, provision of high-quality conference and hotel facilities. The city is an attractive destination for business events, for staging significant international forums in different areas.

Regardless of your dynamic programme, you will certainly find nice places to relax – gardens and parks, cozy restaurants, numerous cultural and historical sites, exhibitions, shows, concerts... And of course, you will be able to select the right gift for your beloved ones. Even a short walk around the shops for traditional souvenirs will help you feel the spirit of the preserved Bulgarian crafts. In the shopping centres of the city you will find pieces of the most prestigious brands: fashion, cosmetics, jewelry, sports accessories... Sofia is the right place for those who enjoy culinary art – from fine international cuisine to original Shopp dishes of the region. Do not miss to feel the magic of folk rhythm by listening to the unique voices of the Bulgarian country-side singers, recognised as world cultural heritage.

I hope each of you will have unforgettable moments here. Sofia – ancient and modern, a city of business opportunities, is expecting you!

# Welcoming



Traycho Traykov

MINISTER OF ECONOMY,  
ENERGY AND TOURISM

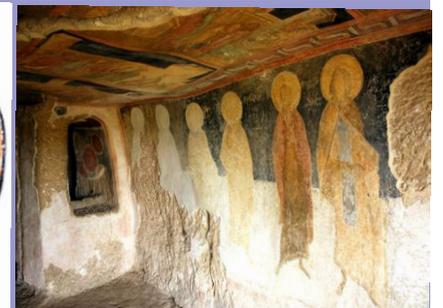


On behalf of the Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism, I am pleased to invite you to hold your event in our capital city. The greatest benefits of Sofia are an exciting cultural, culinary and natural landscape but also value for money and a range of new or newly renovated venues and facilities that can accommodate and serve various exhibitions, meetings and conferences for up to 5000 participants. Sofia hosted the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Presidents and Secretaries-General of the Economic and Social Councils of the EU Member States and the European Economic and Social Committee, the 5th International Congress for South-East Europe on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources, the 8th Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Eastern Europe, the 36th European Physical Society Conference on Plasma Physics and the 62nd Summer Congress of NATO Reserve Officers. We highly estimate the importance of the meetings and hospitality industry as a major player in the economy of Bulgaria and we are proud to support this strategic partnership and the initiative of the business meeting sector to move the city marketing industry forward. Looking ahead, we anticipate more opportunities and success in the future.

See you in Sofia!

# About Bulgaria

- Bulgaria is located in Southeast Europe, in the northeast part of the Balkan Peninsula. It is a European, Balkan, Black Sea and Danube country. This geographic location places it on the crossroad between Europe, Asia and Africa.
  - The natural landscape of Bulgaria is diverse, consisting of lowlands, plains, foothills and plateaus, river valleys, basins, and mountains of varying elevations. The highest Bulgarian mountains are in the Rila and Pirin ranges, situated to the east of the Struma River valley. In Rila there are 31 peaks with an altitude of over 2,600 m. The highest peak on the Balkan Peninsula - Musala (2,925 m) is located there.
  - The territory of Bulgaria has been inhabited since antiquity, as the country's many ancient settlements and burial mounds attest. Present-day Bulgaria was a cradle of some of the earliest civilizations in Europe – the oldest gold ornament ever discovered, unearthed in the Chalcolithic necropolis near Varna, is evidence of that.
  - In 1946 the country was declared a republic and the Bulgarian Communist Party came to power. The democratic changes in Bulgaria started at the end of 1989. Since 1991, Bulgaria has been a member of the Council of Europe, and in 2004 Bulgaria became a member of NATO. In 1995, it filed an application to join the European Union, with negotiations commencing in 1999. On 25 April 2005, the Accession Treaty granting the Republic of Bulgaria the right to join the European Union was signed in Luxemburg. On 1 January 2007, after fulfilling all membership criteria, Bulgaria became a full-fledged member of the European Union.
- An important part of Bulgarian culture is folk music and national dances, such as the horo. Instruments typically used to perform Bulgarian national music are the fiddle, the mandolin, the kaval (flute), the gaida (bagpipe), the pipe, the dvoynka (double pipe), the drum and the taranbuka, another percussion instrument.
- UNESCO's memorials in Bulgaria are unique objects of tangible and intangible culture and natural landscape. Their conservation and popularization demand serious care both from the state and the local authorities and civil movements. Monuments under UNESCO's protection in Bulgaria and the year of their declaration:
    - Boyana Church – 1979;
    - Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo – 1979;
    - Tomb of Kazanlak – 1979;
    - Madara Rider – 1979;
    - Nessebar – 1983;
    - Pirin National Park – 1983;
    - Rila monastery – 1983;
    - Srebarna National Reserve – 1983;
    - Tomb of Sveshtari – 1985;
    - The Bistritsa Babi – 2005
  - Probably the most important symbol of Bulgaria is the ritual of making and giving martenitsas for health and happiness at the beginning of March. For Bulgarians this is a symbol of the year's renewal, again intended to promote health and successful harvests
  - Bulgarian cuisine is exceptionally diverse and delicious, consisting of various salads, breadstuffs, stews, and other local dishes. Many of the dishes are prepared according to traditional recipes handed down from generation to generation over the centuries. The most products for which Bulgaria is internationally known are yogurt and white brine (feta) cheese. Bulgaria is justly famous for its wines. Thanks to the country's unique climate and soils, a variety of grapes thrive here. Everyone who would like to taste wine tourism can use some simple guidelines to ensure that they get greater pleasure and satisfaction from the experience.



# About Sofia

- The capital of Bulgaria offers unique opportunities for combining business with pleasant rest and interesting places to visit. The city is located at the foot of Mount Vitosha (Cherni Vrah Peak, 2286m). This magnificent mountain resort, well equipped with state-of-the-art skiing facilities is easily accessible by road or cabin and chairlifts.
- From the very outskirts of the city, only an hour drive away is the beautiful resort of Borovets – a popular place for skiing and tourism.
- In close proximity to the capital are the Pancherevo and Iskar lakes, offering excellent opportunities for fishing, windsurfing and yachting.
- Sofia is one of the most ancient cities in Europe. The town was set up and grew on a strategic crossroads, where the Via Militaris, connecting Western and Central Europe with the Middle East and Asia, intersected with another important thoroughfare, linking the North and the South—from the Baltic to the Aegean Sea.
- The Sofia vast and fertile plain was part of the most ancient European civilization dated back to the 7th–6th millennium BC. An early agrarian Neolithic settlement located in the eastern parts of the present day city, brings evidence that of all European capitals Sofia has the deepest roots in the past and they stem from the earliest European civilization.
- It is an accepted fact that the central core– the „heart of the city“—is the most valuable tourist resource of the capital. The city has however a great potential for up-graded cultural routes. Within the boundaries of the city centre, 14 group and 829 single architectural and archaeological sites have received the status of cultural heritage monuments.
- Built in Neo-Byzantine style, the Alexandar Nevski Cathedral is the largest church monument on the Balkan Peninsula, fascinating the visitors with its breathtaking paintings of biblical scenes and saints. The Crypt of the Cathedral exhibits over 300 icons tracing the development of Bulgarian icon painting. The Boyana Church is one of the most valuable monuments of Bulgarian and European culture boasting frescoes, acclaimed by specialists as the best examples of eastern medieval art during its twelve century history .
- The National Museum of History in Sofia is one of the most prominent history museums on the Balkans with 650,000 artefacts and the richest archaeological archive on display.
- The acclaimed Sofia Opera House and Philharmonic Orchestra share the stage with performing artists from around the world and attracts a continual stream of visitors.
- Bulgaria's biggest international and domestic airport is just a 15 minute drive from the city centre, with 500 flights and 21 passenger airlines flying to Sofia each week.
- Sofia boasts an extensive array of modern meeting facilities.
- An excellent selection of international standard of accommodation at competitive prices.
- Over 150 restaurants and night clubs in the city offering a wide choice of local and international cuisine and nightlife entertainment
- Air Access, Direct Flights to Sofia



# FIG and Bulgaria

## Chamber of Graduated Surveyors

Chamber of Graduated Surveyors has been established in 2006 to answer the increasing volume of work for surveyors, which is in progress, and the need of equalization of the activities that could be performed and the certificates issued by the European Union.

It is non-government organization, which unites graduated surveying engineers. Its main aim is to support, encourage, regulate and promote the interests of all its members and to increase the value of their services to the public. With its activity it will provide support for its members to continue their professional development and keeping them informed for the national and international standards in the field of surveying, cartography and photogrammetry.

In accomplishing our basic goals the Chamber of Graduated Surveyors maintains a close partnership with the universities that provide education for surveyors and together we organize qualification courses, post graduated education as well as courses for professional qualification, where members can promote and exchange profession knowledge.

For our success we developed contacts with similar professional organizations - local and international. We participate in organizing conferences, seminars, exhibition and other displays in order to keep our members informed with up-to-date innovations in the field of surveying.

In this order, we believe that hosting FIG Working Week 2015 is a natural step in our development representing our experience.

## History

■ The Union of Surveyors and Land Managers in Bulgaria under the chairmanship of Prof. Peevski is member of the Federation since 1959 (26th session of the Permanent Committee in Krakow). Our country has been a host of 5 international symposiums of the Federation in 1964, 1972, 1978, 1985, 1991. The Union organized the XVII Congress of the Federation and the 50th meeting of Permanent in 1983 in Sofia. This is the first and only Congress of the Federation, which was held in one of the former socialist countries. A decision to place the Congress was taken on the 43rd session of the Permanent Committee in Ibadan (Nigeria) in 1976. It also hosted the 31st meeting of Permanent Committee in 1964 in Sofia.

■ For a 4-year period from 1982 to 1985 it detached 5 people members of the Bureau of the Federation (out of 7).

- Prof. Vasil Peevski – President
- Engineer Boris Krastev - Vice President
- Dr. Ivan Katsarski – Secretary-General
- Prof. George Zlatanov – Treasurer
- Eng. Milanov - Congress Director.

The other two vice presidents were Mr. Charles Henry Uir (Canada) and Prof. Hans-Rudolf Dyuchler (Switzerland).

■ The Joint FIG Commission 3 and 7 Workshop and 2010 Annual Meeting of Commission 3 took place in Sofia, on the 15-17 of November. The Workshop was organized by FIG Commissions 3 and 7 and the Chamber of Graduated Surveyors of Bulgaria. The meeting was the 4th Workshop of FIG Commission 3 in the four-year term of office 2007-2010.



# Air Access, Direct Flights to Sofia

TIRANA, Albania	BOLOGNA, Italy
VIENNA, Austria	MILAN, Italy
BRUSSELS, Belgium	ROME, Italy
CHARLEROI, Belgium	VENICE, Italy
BOURGAS, Bulgaria	BEIRUT, Lebanon
VARNA, Bulgaria	TRIPOLI, Lebanon
LARNACA, Cyprus	MALTA, Malta
PAPHOS, Cyprus	AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands
PRAGUE, Czech Republic	EINDHOVEN, The Netherlands
COPENHAGEN, Denmark	WARSAW, Poland
PARIS, France	BUCHAREST, Romania
BERLIN, Germany	MOSCOW, Russia
COLOGNE, Germany	BARCELONA, Spain
DORTMUND, Germany	MADRID, Spain
DUSSELDORF, Germany	MALAGA, Spain
FRANKFURT, Germany	PALMA DE MALLORCA, Spain
MUNICH, Germany	VALENCIA, Spain
ATHENS, Greece	ZURICH, Switzerland
BUDAPEST, Hungary	ISTANBUL, Turkey
TEL AVIV, Israel	KIEV, Ukraine
BERGAMO, Italy	LONDON, United Kingdom
MANCHESTER, United Kingdom	



# Surrounding Hotels

- Sofia offers a wide range of options and rate categories to suit meetings of any size. You will find high international standard of accommodation at competitive prices.
- In the immediate vicinity of the Venue, there are 3, 4 and 5 star hotels with total capacity exceeding 2, 000 rooms and other 3-star hotels within 10 minutes, bringing the total number of rooms to 3, 000.
- The city boasts more than 5, 000 rooms with the prospect of having their number increased to 6, 000 by 2014.



NAME	CATEGORY	DISTANCE TO THE VENUE	ROOM CAPACITY
<b>SOFIA HILTON</b> <a href="http://www.sofia.hilton.com">www.sofia.hilton.com</a>	*****	8 min. WALK	245
<b>KEMPINSKI ZOGRAFSKI</b> <a href="http://www.kempinski.com">www.kempinski.com</a>	*****	5 min. DRIVE	446
<b>RADISSON SAS</b> <a href="http://www.sofia.radissonsas.com">www.sofia.radissonsas.com</a>	*****	10 min. DRIVE	136
<b>SHERATON SOFIA</b> <a href="http://www.luxurycollection.com/sofia">www.luxurycollection.com/sofia</a>	*****	5 min. DRIVE	188
<b>GRAND HOTEL SOFIA</b> <a href="http://www.grandhotelsofia.bg">www.grandhotelsofia.bg</a>	*****	7 min. DRIVE	122
<b>RODINA</b> <a href="http://www.rodina.bg">www.rodina.bg</a>	****	7 min. DRIVE	450
<b>DOWNTOWN</b> <a href="http://www.hotel-downtown.net">www.hotel-downtown.net</a>	****	5 min. WALK	62
<b>CENRAL PARK</b> <a href="http://www.centralparkhotel.bg">www.centralparkhotel.bg</a>	****	5 min. WALK	77
<b>SILVER HOUSE</b> <a href="http://www.hotelsilverhouse.com">www.hotelsilverhouse.com</a>	****	10 min. DRIVE	103
<b>FESTA SOFIA</b> <a href="http://www.festasofia.com">www.festasofia.com</a>	****	10 min. DRIVE	120
<b>HEMUS SOFIA</b> <a href="http://www.hemushotels.com">www.hemushotels.com</a>	***	10 min. WALK	214
<b>LOZENETZ</b> <a href="http://www.lozenetzhotel.com">www.lozenetzhotel.com</a>	***	10 min. WALK	30
<b>NIKY</b> <a href="http://www.hotel-niky.com">www.hotel-niky.com</a>	***	10 min. WALK	23

# National Palace of Culture - Congress Centre Sofia

- The National Palace of Culture – Congress Centre Sofia is the largest multifunctional complex in South-eastern Europe. The Centre combines professional services and modern technology with an exclusive atmosphere and provides excellent conditions for holding a variety of events – congresses, symposia, seminars, presentations, product launches, exhibitions, business meetings and functions. Located in the city centre, the Centre is surrounded by a number of 4 & 5 star hotels just minutes away. Only 15 minute drive from Sofia International Airport, the Congress Centre is easily accessible via public transport.



## SERVICES OFFERED BY THE VENUE:

- 123 000 sq.m. area on 8 floors and 3 underground levels
- 15 rooms with capacity ranging from 100 to 4,000 seats
- Exhibition area exceeding 17,000 sq.m.
- Advanced technology combined with an exclusive atmosphere
- ATM, travel agency, cafes and restaurants
- CCTV and Wi-Fi internet access
- Large Printing centre
- 3 TV Stations, dry cleaning and shopping centre
- Parking for more than 300 cars
- Wheelchair access.
- Catering services – coffee breaks, lunches, receptions, gala dinners, parties and cocktails



# Accolades

The Venue works in close collaboration with some of the world's most important institutions, including UNESCO and NATO.

The National Palace of Culture-Congress Centre Sofia is the winner of the following industry awards:

*2010 Runner-up at the AIPC Apex Award for World's Best Congress Centre*

*2009 New European Economy Silver Award for Best Congress Centre*

*2008 European Business Assembly Quality Award for continuous efforts to achieve European quality in accordance with the European Standards*

*2005 AIPC Apex Award for World's Best Congress Centre.*

*2003 Runner-up at the AIPC Apex Award for World's Best Congress Centre.*





# Current Date and Venue Availability

Please see below current date availability at the National Palace of Culture-Congress Centre Sofia for venues suggested in this proposal.

8 - 15 May 2015 (with priority)

or

17 - 24 April 2015

Please advise at your earliest opportunity should you wish place a provisional booking for either of the aforementioned date periods.

A “provisional” booking signifies that your interest in dates has only been recorded. Provisional bookings do not create any legally binding contract or commitment on either party. Provisional bookings are subject to written confirmation by the NPC (at its complete discretion) and are also subject to execution of both parties of a Hire Agreement and receipt by the NPC of a deposit. Until satisfaction of each of these conditions, the NPC reserves the right at its absolute discretion to cancel any provisional booking.

# Access

- Located in the central part of Sofia, the Venue is within short distance of the main hotels, business establishments, numerous historical and architectural monuments and buildings.
- 18 km/11.2 miles from Sofia International Airport.
- Shuttle is available from the Airport and the nearby hotels to the Venue on request.
- 2.5 km/1.5 miles from the Central Railway and Bus Stations (5 min drive).
- The Venue is fully accessible for wheelchairs.



# FIG WORKING WEEK 2015

BULGARIA, Sofia,

EXPENSES	Unit Cost (Euro)	Number		Total Cost (Euro)	GRD TTL (Euro)
<b>1.General Expenses</b>					<u>190 594</u>
1.1.HALLS RENT				<u>60 691</u>	
1.2.TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT & SERVICES				<u>14 239</u>	
1.3.SESSION FACILITIES incl. branding, flowers,poster area & poster boards info board, security, conference tables, special sessions refreshments, coffee, refreshments,sandwiches/sweets,hostesses				<u>24 066</u>	
1.4. Pre- conference visit incl.Travel expenses, Hotel, Food, Transportation (domestic)		4		<u>7 144</u>	
1.5. ORG Committee expenses incl.					
1.5.1.FIG staff accommodation	120	16	nights	<u>1 920</u>	
1.5.2.INDIVIDUAL EXPENSES FOR FOC ( no PF) participants	242	49	pax	<u>11 862</u>	
1.6. SOCIAL EVENTS & ceremony incl. Official Dinners, Local Reception, Opening Show				<u>26 435</u>	
1.7. TRANSPORT incl.					
1.7.1.SHUTTLE CONGRESS CENTER - Hotels	236	10	5 h-ls*2t/d	<u>11 780</u>	
1.7.2.Transfers	12	49	directions	<u>1 176</u>	
1.7.3.Conference minibus	178	9	days	<u>1 601</u>	
1.8. FIG EXPENSES incl.					
1.8.1.Web Site	1000	1		<u>1 000</u>	
1.8.2. Pre announcement	2	3000		<u>6 000</u>	
1.8.3.Second announcement	3	2000		<u>6 000</u>	
1.8.4.Final program	4	800		<u>3 200</u>	
1.8.5.Posters	2	200		<u>400</u>	
1.8.6.DOCUMENTS	0,05	1600		<u>80</u>	
1.8.7.FIG TAX	10	800		<u>8 000</u>	
1.8.8.FIG LOGO	5000	1		<u>5 000</u>	
<b>2.INDIVIDUAL Expenses( PARTICIPATION FEE) for REGULAR PARTICIPANTS incl.</b>		<u>768</u>		<u>242</u>	<u>185 913</u>
Welcome Reception at Bulgarian Governmental Residence	50	1		<u>50</u>	
Farewell Party	25	1		<u>25</u>	
Luncheons	16	5		<u>78</u>	
Coffee breaks	6	10		<u>60</u>	
Delegate's set incl.bag, note pad, pen,badge, CD	29	1		<u>29</u>	
<b>3.INDIVIDUAL Expenses( PARTICIPATION FEE) for ACCOMPANYING PERSONS incl.</b>		<u>32</u>		<u>167</u>	<u>5 351</u>
Welcome Reception at Bulgarian Governmental Residence	50	1		<u>50</u>	
Farewell Party	25	1		<u>25</u>	

Shopping day incl lunch	30	1		<u>30</u>	
Sofia city tour incl lunch	36	1		<u>36</u>	
AP's kit incl souvenir, badge & invitations	26	1		<u>26</u>	
<b>4. CONFERENCE dinner INCL SHOW &amp; transportation</b>	75	<b>342</b>			<b>25 680</b>
<b>5. NATIONAL DINNER &amp; PARTY INCL SHOW &amp; transportation</b>	60	<b>200</b>			<b>12 018</b>
<b>6. 2 days Tour incl. 1 night, foods,transport, taxes,guide</b>	191	<b>119</b>			<b>22 715</b>
	unit/day/sq.m.	days	sq.m.	<b>nbr stands</b>	
<b>7. EXHIBITION incl. 9 sq.m.furnished stand 7 days, incl 2 FOC Representatives (no PF)</b>	26	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>57 742</b>
<b>GRANG TOTAL Expenses</b>					<b>500 014</b>
<b>INCOMES</b>	<b>Unit Cost (Euro)</b>	<b>Number</b>		<b>Total Cost (Euro)</b>	<b>GRD TTL (Euro)</b>
<b>1. INCOMES</b>					
<b>1. PARTICIPATION FEES</b>		<b>800</b>			<b>443 296</b>
<b>1.1 EARLY FEES REGULAR</b>	520	224		<b>116 480</b>	
<b>1.2 LATE FEES REGULAR</b>	650	336		<b>218 400</b>	
<b>1.3 EARLY FEES NATIONALS</b>	520	112		<b>58 240</b>	
<b>1.4 LATE FEES NATIONALS</b>	650	48		<b>31 200</b>	
<b>1.5 EARLY FEES STUDENTS</b>	160	29		<b>4 608</b>	
<b>1.6 LATE FEES STUDENTS</b>	250	19		<b>4 800</b>	
<b>1.7 EARLY FEES ACCOMPANYING PERSONS</b>	260	13		<b>3 328</b>	
<b>1.8 LATE FEES ACCOMPANYING PERSONS</b>	325	19		<b>6 240</b>	
	unit/day/sq.m.	days	sq.m.	<b>nbr stands</b>	
<b>2. EXHIBITORS STANDS</b>	55	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>86 625</b>
<b>3. CONFERENCE DINNER</b>	95	<b>342</b>			<b>32 528</b>
<b>4.NATIONAL DINNER</b>	80	<b>200</b>			<b>16 024</b>
<b>5.TOUR</b>	229	<b>119</b>			<b>27 258</b>
<b>6.SPONSORS</b>					<b>100 000</b>
<b>GRANG TOTAL INCOMES</b>					<b>705 731</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>					<b>205 718</b>

We have attached the proposal budget for the upcoming event - FIG Working Week 2015 in Bulgaria that we consider for reliable and positive for both organizations - FIG and Chamber of Graduated Surveyors.

I believe that our partnership will be successful .

Best Regards,  
Dipl. Eng. Angel Yanakiev  
President of the Chamber of Graduated Surveyors  
Bulgaria