



The FIG Report

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In the February, 2006 issue of the *ACSM Bulletin* I introduced Vol. 1, No. 1 of **The FIG Report**. The first report provided a background on FIG and ACSM's involvement in FIG.

In Vol. 1, No. 2 (*ACSM Bulletin*, April 2006) I described the FIG definition of a surveyor.

In this report I will provide information on the upcoming XXIII FIG Congress to be held in conjunction with the annual INTERGEO trade fair held every fall in Germany.

The FIG Congress

The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Congress is a quadrennial event- held every four years, traditionally in partnership with the local national member organization. In the intervening years between the FIG Congresses FIG holding Working Weeks at which the FIG governing council and FIG General Assembly meet to conduct Federation business.

In 2002 the XXII FIG Congress was held in Washington, DC, in conjunction with the annual conferences of ACSM and ASPRS. In 1998 the XXI FIG Congress was held in Brighton, UK in partnership with RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors), the FIG national member organization of the UK.



XXIII FIG Congress and German Intergeo



The XXIII FIG Congress will be held October 8-13, 2006 in Munich, Germany in conjunction with INTERGEO which is the annual surveying and mapping geospatial trade fair hosted by DVW (Deutscher Verein für Vermessungswesen e.V.- the German Association of Surveying – Association for Geodesy, Geoinformation and Land Management).

The theme of the Congress is ***Shaping the Change*** – surveying and mapping in today's world and the challenges and opportunities of the future.

There will be over 500 papers presented on all aspects of surveying and mapping at the Congress with speakers from all corners of the world. All presentations will be in English. In addition, there will be numerous technical tours including visits to

Along with INTERGEO almost 20,000 participants from over 100 countries are expected to attend. In addition, the 300,000 square foot exhibition will include over 550 exhibitors from all over the world. The many exhibitors will showcase the latest and greatest products and technology in surveying, mapping, photogrammetry, remote sensing, GPS, and GIS.

This is truly an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience something like this and I encourage anyone who can to attend.

Most events and the exhibition will be held at the Munich International Congress Centre (ICM) and the adjoining New Munich Trade Fair Centre (TFC), both easily accessible by car or public transportation. As part of the registration all participants will receive a complimentary pass during the Congress for use on the Munich Transportation Network including the S-Bahn (trains) and U-Bahn (subway). The ICM is one of the premier conference centers in the world and the TFC is one of the largest exhibition centers in the world with 16 halls and over 1.7 million square feet of space. The FIG Congress and INTERGEO will use the ICM and halls C1, C2, C3 of the TFC.

Opportunities

Attending the FIG Congress and INTERGEO offers many outstanding opportunities to participate in and meet with fellow surveying professionals from around the world. If you want to experience the full variety of the latest products, technologies, and procedures in the entire geospatial world this is your opportunity to do so. In addition, many surveyors have been able to obtain very lucrative contracts for work in all parts of the world. The language and culture may be different but the many opportunities for surveying work; especially in developing countries are plentiful.

Many surveying companies, especially from the United Kingdom, have been involved in some of the largest and most interesting surveying projects around the world. The FIG Congress provides the platform for you to meet and network with other surveying professionals to share, learn, and participate in many of these projects.

Information on the XXIII FIG Congress can be found at:

www.fig2006.de.

Information on the German INTERGEO can be found at:

www.intergeo.de/englisch/page/main/index.php

Another opportunity to attend and participate in a FIG Congress of these size will not happen for quite some time as the next FIG Congress will be held in Sydney, Australia in 2010 and will be much smaller in scope and size (at the FIG Congress in Melbourne, Australia in 1994 approximately 800 attended)

Please feel free to contact me for additional information or if you have any questions about the XXII FIG Congress. You can reach me at jhohol@gmail.com.