



COMMISSION 1

Newsletter 07/2004



Dear Delegates Commission 1,

to get more involved in the work of our Commission in future you see the newsletter of COM 1 back again. We hope you enjoy this short briefing and we would be grateful for any idea to improve this kind of information.

Council member Bettina Petzold has resigned from her duties

Bettina Petzold surprisingly announced her retirement from Vice-President of FIG council. At the moment we have no council member responsible for commission 1. Next month the council will decide about the role of the new elected Vice-presidents. More news after Jakarta.

Newly elected chair COM 1 for the period of office 2006-2010 is Yaacoub Saade from Lebanon.

We are happy about the election of a representative of the Arabic region as vicechair elect of commission 1 and wish him all the best. Personal information and activities of the Arab Union of Surveyors you can find:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2004/app_14_saade.pdf

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2004/minutes/app_24_2_reg_rep_arab.pdf

COM 1 meeting 23.05.2004 in Athen

15 members attended our annual meeting in Athens. More information and decisions as follows

2. Apologies:

Don Buehler did not attend the conference, Julian Rouch was attending in his place.

3. Opening

Klaus Rürup, Chair of Commission 1 opened the meeting. He was to give the ACCO report and then proposed that the meeting be held as an open forum with delegates outlining issues they wanted discussed.

Special congratulations were given to Ken Allred on his election as a Vice President of FIG. The Chair expressed the best wishes of all Commission 1 members and noted on their behalf how pleased they were to have a Commission 1 representative as one of the Vice Presidents.

4. Report on ACCO Meeting held Saturday 22 May 04

4.1 Surveyors Reference Library

The development of the Surveyors Reference Library using papers presenting at FIG Conferences was discussed. A number of approaches had been discussed during the meeting. At one stage it was proposed to review and rate the papers and then restrict what went into the library. This was widely debated. A decision was taken to contribute all papers presented to the library due to the difficulty of making comparisons with the range of papers presented coming from countries of varying size, with differing systems and at various states of development. The need to encourage contributions from all countries was seen as an important objective.

Arrangements had been put in place in the Marrakech Conference for the submission of papers to the Reference Library. Chairs of sessions were reading and reviewing papers to develop the workshop sessions. They had been asked to rate papers after the sessions as a trial. There was some concern this would be an onerous job and one that chairs might feel uncomfortable about completing.

Some delegates suggested that the conference CDs provided information for all. It was noted that this did not allow those not at conferences, or sister or related organisations such as the World Bank to access papers.

Delegates were reminded that this would be a trial approach and it would be assessed after it had been in operation. The possibility of removing papers after a set time if they were not accessed was proposed.

Some discussion ensued about including older papers from past conferences. This was to be referred to the FIG Office for consideration.

The mechanics of the system and the search system to be used was discussed. To get the Library in place the existing system managed by the FIG Office was to be used and while this was somewhat limited with search capacity in the short term, further developments could be agreed once the system had been operating. The immediate need was for links to be made to the Commissions and for key words to be in English even for papers in other languages.

4.2 Regional Meeting in Jakarta

The deadline for abstracts was the end of May.

The Chair proposed two topics of interest for Commission 1 papers in conjunction with Commission 2.

- Free movement of labour and certification of personnel
- Professional Standards/Qualifications and Mutual Recognition.

C 1 would be represented by Dietmar Sperling and Yaacoub Saade the Chair Elect as the Chair had a commitment as Chair of another organisation in Europe at the same time. It was noted that there might not be others attending from Europe where there was a lot of experience in the two areas of interest.

Action: Leonie Newnham to contact Commission 1 Delegates from the local region about their possible contribution to the Conference.

4.3 Cairo Conference

Information on the 2005 Working Week was circulated and it was noted that the call for papers was being made. (www.fig.net/cairo)

5. Communication with Commission One delegates

The Chair noted that the Secretary had surveyed all 96 Commission 1 delegates asking for items of interest for discussion and action and got 3 responses. This was discussed by all attending. A number of delegates had not received the advice.

Action: Secretary to refer to FIG Office to review emailing processes and the status of the delegates list.

A range of issues were raised by the delegates on communication to date and suggestions made on how best to communicate with them. Regular communication was preferred. A number mentioned particularly how they valued receiving the regular e-mail newsletter from the Network on Underrepresented Groups in Surveying. It was also noted that a response from delegates on issues was more likely if they were kept up to date and felt like active participants in the work of the Commission. The following approaches were suggested:

- Agendas sent to all Commission 1 Delegates where there would be Commission 1 activities, to go out a number of weeks before Conferences/Working Weeks to enable delegates to add additional points and as a reminder to think of topics and issues.
- Minutes of meetings to be distributed within a week of the meeting
- Regular email newsletter from Commission 1 with links to issues and items of interest to delegates. It was noted that this would require updates to the web site for Commission 1.
- Review of nomination of delegates to Commission 1 to check the current reference list was accurate and also as a reminder to national bodies/associations to update their delegations.
- Social events organised for the Working Weeks to allow delegates to mingle with each other and share ideas.

Action: Chair, Secretary and Vice-Chairs to arrange.

6. Commission 1 Activities for the Working Week

There were three technical sessions:

TS4 – Profession – in the Past and Future

TS8 – Bridge for the Next Generation – a joint session with Commissions 1 and 2.

TS22 – Policy: e-Commerce and e-Governance equals Future with Commissions 3 and 7.

Iain Greenway would be contributing to a number of sessions including TS 3 with Commission 5 on Standards, Quality Assurance and Calibration;

Gabriele Dasse would be running a workshop for the Network on Underrepresented Groups in Surveying. **Leonie Newnham** would be contributing by delivering a paper on Managing Change within Land Management Organisations as part of TS5, Commission 7 – Development of Good Land Administration Organisations 1.

7. Close

The Chair thanked all those for attending. He mentioned he had sent greetings to all for Christmas and the New Year but now wondered whether these had reached delegates. All looked forward to the work of the next year and significant results for the Commission.

Activities COM 1 at the 3. Regional Conference in Jakarta

COM 1 will principally concentrate on the main points of our working group 1.2 (Chair: Michael Keller). After a selection of some papers we will have a session under the aspect of professionalism (including commitment toward society), organisational structures in different regions (EU, developing countries, Kosovo – interesting aspects maybe for Iraq) and widening of professional activities. Final programm of sessions you may find on the web under:

www.fig.net/jakarta

Annual Report of COM 1

You may find the annual report of commission 1 given in Athens and more information about the activities of our working groups on the web:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2004/app_9_comm_1.pdf

Ken Allred (Delegate COM 1) elected as Vice-President of FIG

At the working week in Athens the general assembly elected Ken Allred as vice-president of FIG. Commission 1 delegates know him very well because he was chair of our commission from 1994 till 1998 before John Parker took over. More personal information you will find:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2004/app_13_allred.pdf

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You may have noticed the picture at the top of this newsletter. With this photo commission 1 has started a riddle. Who is it? Every newsletter will have a different picture at the top. At the congress in Munich commission 1 will award the winner. Please send your answers to the chair or secretary:

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