

## REPORT OF THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

### Meetings

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the FIG Education Foundation was held during the FIG Working Week in Sun City, South Africa, 1 June. The meeting was attended by Robert W. Foster (USA), President of the Foundation and Directors Hans Josef Platen (Germany) and Stig Enemark (Denmark) and John K. Curdie (Australia), Secretary of the Foundation. The third Director John Medbury (Australia) sent his apologies. The meeting was further attended by Holger Magel (Germany) who was elected as President of the Foundation for a two-year term of office after Robert Foster who finished his term of office after becoming the President of FIG.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the FIG Education Foundation will be held in Prague 23 May 2000 5.30pm-7.00pm. The meeting is open for the Association members of the Foundation and the Council members. The results from this meeting are reported at the second session of the General Assembly, to be tabled.

### Finance

61 people registering for the Working Week 1999 in Sun City, South Africa each contributed R200 (200 South African Rand) to the Foundation through check-off on their registrations for a total of R12,200 (approximately US\$2,200).

The General Assembly agreed to include similar voluntary contribution system to all future FIG working week and congress registration forms. In Prague the optional contribution is either US\$25 or US\$50 according to the decision of the General Assembly. The FIG Education Foundation proposed to the General Assembly that the optional contribution recommended in the registration form should be US\$50. The result from registration to the FIG Working Week 2000 will be informed at the General Assembly in Prague.

The accounts and total current assets held by the Foundation as of 28 February, 2000, will be included in the additional report to be tabled in Prague.

The account of the FIG Education Foundation for further contributions is:

Bank: National Australia

Address: National Bank, 255 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, AUSTRALIA

Account name: The FIG Education Foundation Limited (ACN 073 653 611)

Branch number: 082 057

Account number: 69535 2626

### Policy

The directors have established a policy to begin making distributions from Foundations funds when the principle balance reaches the \$100,000 level (currently about \$30,000), after which annual earnings on the principle will be distributed according to the stated purposes of the Foundation which are:

- To provide education in surveying,
- To promote the development of national associations of surveyors,
- To promote high standards of education in surveying,
- To assist in the development and use of appropriate technology,
- To encourage research in all disciplines of surveying,

- To promote the exchange of surveying personnel,
- To promote the role of and educate surveyors in the management of natural and man-made environments, and
- To support FIG in providing an international forum for the exchange of information about surveying and for formulating policies in respect of the use, development and management of land and marine resources.

## **Membership**

The FIG Education Foundation has seven members: The Institution of Surveyors, Australia, Institute of Surveyors of New Zealand, Austrian Society for Surveying and Geoinformation, The Finnish Association of Land and Geodetic Surveyors, Deutscher Verein für Vermessungswesen e.V. DVW (Germany), The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, RICS (United Kingdom) and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, ACSM (USA).

The annual meeting 1999 suggested that the annual membership fee of AU\$ 100 for the member Association of the Foundation should be US\$500 per annum. The General Assembly agreed to amount of US\$250 for annual membership fee.

## **Recognition**

The meeting discussed the ways of recognition of the persons and organisation that have given substantial gifts to the foundation. It was agreed that there should be 3 thresholds for such recognition. The meeting agreed and resolved that for gifts of:

- US\$ 500 to US\$ 1,000 would be eligible for a Bronze Award
- US\$ 1,000 to US\$ 5,000 would be a eligible for a Silver Award
- US\$ 5,000 and above would be eligible for a Gold Award.