



Building a Young Surveyors Network – A way to rejuvenate the profession?

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Background



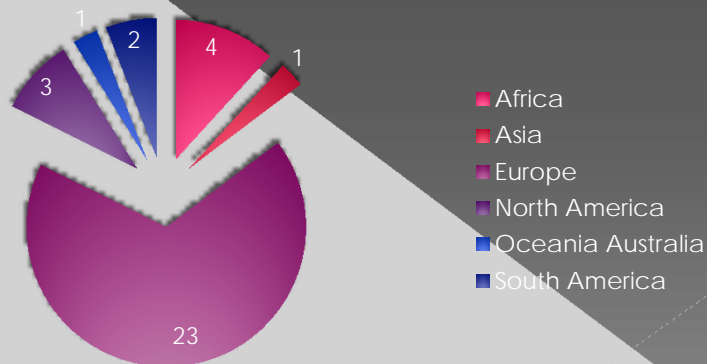
The Survey



In what part of the world do you live?



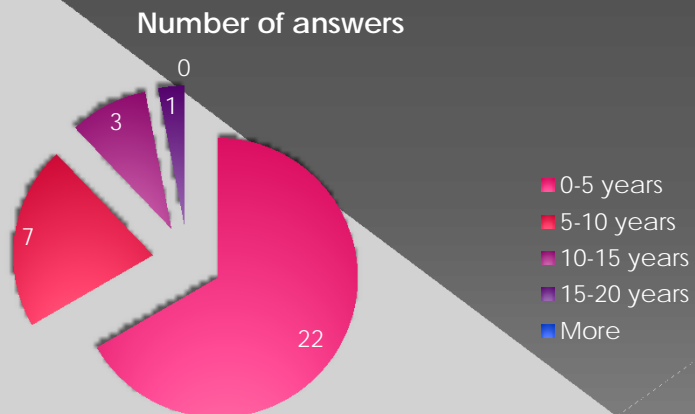
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What is the average age of a Surveyor in your country?



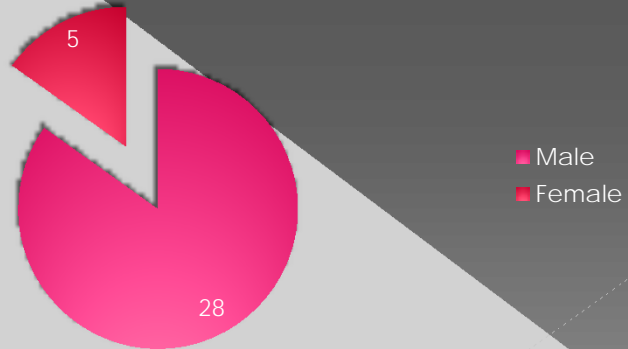
How long have you been chair/president of your national organization?



What is your gender?



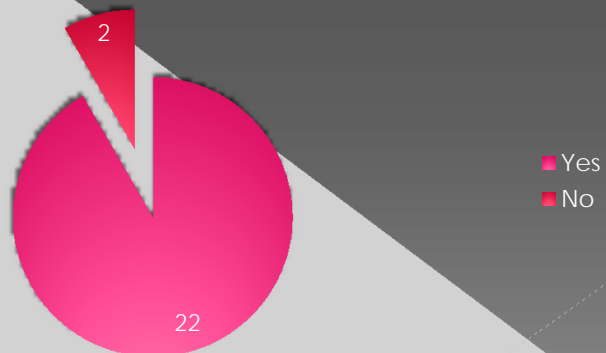
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In your personal opinion is the YSN of importance to FIG?



Number of answers



Comments



I believe that a young surveyors' network is beneficial to the entire international surveying industry, not only to FIG.

They are the future of our profession; without them not future at all.

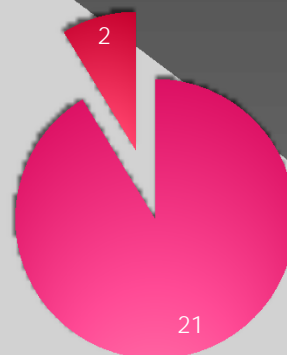
The Young Surveyors group can help pave the way for the next generation of surveyors in the market. It can show the current surveyors what the next generation is thinking, and what directions they wish to go. This is something that is easy to forget for those of us with decades of experience.

Young professionals are escaping traditional organizations leaving them to "old farts". This development should be slowed and turned.

It is important for any organisation to have members from different age groups! It is a must for the survival of the organisation.

Is it of importance to your organization to have a working YS organization within your country?

Number of answers



■ Yes
■ No

Comments



Yes, to motivate them to build international contacts and collect experiences

Discussions on how to interest more young folk in the industry is discussed regularly.

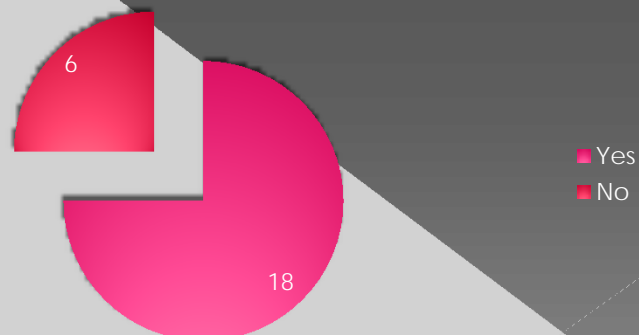
They all ready working in our Country, in many different areas, and that has a very special meaning for us.

I think so, but at the moment there are many difficulties..

Do you as a national chair/president work actively to involve YS in your organization?



Number of answers



Comments



We have an annual information meeting with the students in their last semester, explaining them the step into the professional life. This is rather successful. We know each other and this is a reason for joining the organization

We have a younger meeting with them, every year. Where we analyze plenty of aspects of our profession, and the future of it.

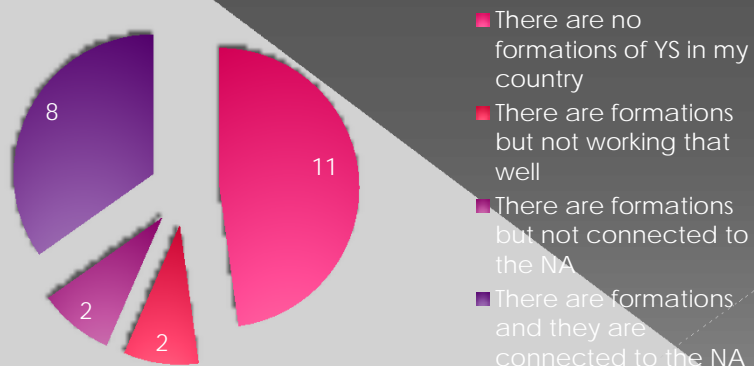
The work is under way but it is demanding does not seem to bring any quick results. One problem is possibly that we older ones do not quite understand what makes the young to tick.

Very much so! We have contact persons on universities graduating land surveyors

Do you have a working YS organization in your country?*



Number of answers



*A YS Organizationn might be at the universities or a sub group the national organization.

Comments



There is a sub-committee on "Education and Young professionals"

There are probably some but I have not heard of them.

These are mainly/maybe only student organizations.

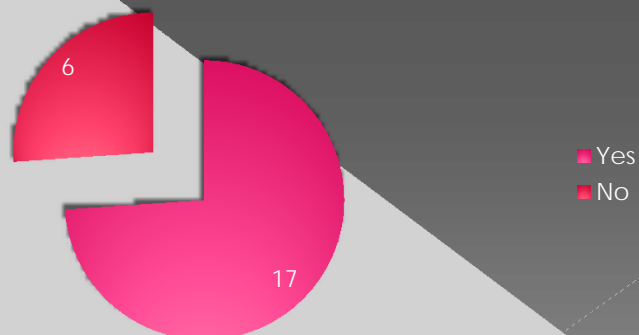
In Australia there is the Young Professionals within the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI). They have representation on the Consultative Council and the Board. They are made up of surveyors and other spatial professionals.

We have individual student members in our organization, and Student Chapters within several universities

Would your organization be willing to support a YS delegate to be active within FIG?



Number of answers



Comments



Not financially but otherwise

If we find an interested person

We are new members of the FIG, so we have to work that issue in a better way

Within our economic possibilities, yes. Involving the young is something we have tried to keep going on.

Needs discussion and budget implications

Financial reasons. But other ways – yes.

Comments, suggestions and input to the YS Network



It is a good idea and would allow young surveyors to feel involved and to be motivated to get involved with the professions in surveying. Funding active involvement would be difficult so other mechanisms for interaction should be investigated such as online conferencing.

Go on with your work, but take into consideration, that the situation is differing over the world.

To be in better connection with the older generations.

Young Surveyors Network, as every organization, should be constant in its work, solid before any problem and generous in time and effort with profession.

A vision for the future mechanism

