



To FIG Member Associations

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## Nominations for FIG Chairs Elect 2004–2006 and Commission Chairs 2006-2010

To the Member Associations of FIG,

This is an invitation to the member associations of FIG **seeking nominations for chairs-elect of the commissions** of FIG for **2004-2006**. These chairs-elect will then **automatically** be appointed as **commission chairs for 2006-2010**.

*Paragraph 11.8 the Internal Rules (IR) of the Federation states that “(t)he appointment of chair-elect shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly at the meeting which takes place two years prior to the meeting at which chairs are appointed. In the case of each commission nominations may be made either by the chair on behalf of the commission or by member associations. The nominations shall be called for at least six months in advance of the General Assembly at which appointments are to be made to enable the Council to ensure that the nominees command the support of their member associations and the relevant commissions.”*

Paragraph 11.9 provides for a **Commission Review Group** (CRG). “The CRG will submit via the Council to the General Assembly a balanced portfolio of candidates (for chairs-elect) for consideration, and where necessary identify where a vote may be required to select between candidates.”

*This Commission Review Group consists of Peter Laarakker (the Netherlands), Robin McLaren (United Kingdom) and Vaclav Slaboch (Czech Republic) who were appointed by the FIG Advisory Committee of Commission Officers (ACCO), and the members of the Nominations Review Group: Robert W. Foster (USA) (email: rwfoster@juno.com), chair of the CRG, John Parker (Australia), Tom Kennie (United Kingdom), TEO CheeHai (Malaysia) and Sam Zhou (Zimbabwe).*

**Closing date** for nominations will be 6 months prior to the General Assembly at which voting will take place. The first session of the General Assembly at Working Week 2004 is scheduled to be on May 23, 2003; consequently the closing date for nominations for commission chairs-elect will be **November 23, 2003**. **Nominations will not be considered by the CRG after this date**. Nominations from member associations are to be forwarded to the FIG office in Denmark, and should address at least the points the CRG proposes to consider as set out below:

In making its recommendations to the General Assembly the CRG will take into consideration the following **criteria and guidelines**:

**Criteria:**

Candidates should

- Be suitably qualified (IR 11.4 calls for demonstrated possession of the personal and professional capabilities needed to lead the work of the commission)
- Have the support (financial and professional) of the member association (IR 11.4)
- Be active in the commission (IR 11.4)
- Have the support of the commission. The current commission chair is to be consulted in every nomination and will seek further comments from the commission members
- Represent a geographical, cultural and linguistic spread in order to present a balanced portfolio of candidates as required by IR 11.9. (Where candidates have equal qualifications then preference will be given to those nominations promoting geographical, cultural and linguistic distribution across the Commissions.)
- Be a member of and have the formal support of their member association according to IR 11.12
- Be well known and recognized in the profession.

**Additional guidelines:**

- All nominees – both those approved and not approved by the CRG - are to be announced publicly and listed to the General Assembly.
- If possible there should be more than one candidate per commission, per IR 11.9.
- The final appointment of chairs-elect lies with the General Assembly per IRs 11.4 and 11.8
- IRs 9.5 and 9.6, relating to the NRG are to be applied to the CRG process for election of chairs-elect.

Voting by the General Assembly will follow the procedure of paragraph 9.6 of the Internal Rules.

The member associations are reminded that a formal nomination letter is also needed for the current vice chairpersons of commissions so that they will be considered as candidates. In the nomination letter a curriculum vitae of the candidate shall be included and a statement from the member association that it will support the candidate in his work.



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