

## **Commission 1 report**

The following report outlines the activities of Commission 1 in 2016. All Working Group Chairs attended the FIG Working Week in Christchurch. They all participated in either running sessions or presenting papers on their respective topics.

WG 1.1 Ethics: At the WW 2016 WG 1 Chair Gary Strong presented an updated report on the International Ethics Standards Coalition (IESC) and chaired a discussion on ethics and ethical standards. This session was well attended. Mr Strong remains the FIG representative at the IESC meetings, and I remain his substitute and am copied into the reports from the IESC. An interactive session on ethics is planned for WW 2017, with the presentation and analysis of a real case.

WG 1.2 Women in Surveying. At WW 2016 co-Chair Winnie Shiu was the guest speaker at the locally organised Women in Spatial Breakfast. Ms Shiu and co-Chair Robyn McCutcheon were active in networking with the women attending the WW throughout WW 2016. A session and event are being organised for WW 2017 and Ms McCutcheon will present a paper on the results of a survey carried out.

WG 1.3 International Boundaries. Little progress has been made in this WG, but Chair Don Grant is still attempting to organise a team to assist him. Dr Grant and Mr Hiam Shrabo will be presenting papers on this topic at WW 2017. A publication is still expected at the end of the four-year term.

WG 1.4 Engaging Private Practice. The Chair, Mr Malcolm McCoy made a presentation and led a discussion on how FIG could better engage with private practitioners at WW 2016. This session was not well attended and while there was some discussion, the outcome was that most issues were considered to be of national rather than international relevance. The Chair will not be attending WW 2017 and consideration is being given to closing this WG.

WG 1.5 Mutual Recognition. WG Chair Kate Fairlie presented a paper on mutual recognition in the ASEAN region at WW 2016. She is, along with colleagues preparing to present a paper, along with colleagues, and chairing an interactive session on mutual recognition. Ms Fairlie will also present the results of a survey that is being carried out by the WG at WW 2017.

In summary, all WGs and their Chairs were active at WW 2016. Four out of the five WG Chairs will be present, presenting papers and organising sessions at WW 2017.

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