

# FIG Presidential Elections

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It is with great pleasure I offer myself as a candidate for President of FIG which I believe my long involvement with FIG

You will find my profile on the flyer that is tabled. That includes

- Long standing national and international experience.
- Broad based professional competence especially within the areas of com. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8.
- Experience in consultancy, management, and leadership.

I have been active in The Danish Association of Chartered Surveyors since for about 25 year and served as president for the last three years.

I have been active in FIG for about 20 years and served as Chair of Commission 2 1994-98. I have been chair of the Task Force on Mutual Recognition and authored a number of FIG of publications. I have of course attended a range of FIG conference and event and presented papers.

In my professional life I am Professor in Land Management and has been the Head of the School for Surveying and Planning at Aalborg University, for the last 15 years. I started out as a practicing land surveyor for about 10 years. So I represent a sound mix of theory and practice.

**I suggest that we fly high and keep our feet on the ground at the same time.**

Is that possible – my answer is yes.

As an international NGO we must be able to interact with the key players in the field such as the UN agencies, the World Bank, and our sister organizations.

We should also be able to interact with politicians at national level to improve and promote the basic conditions for our services and our role in society.

And we should of course interact in a dialogue with the individual member associations and the individual surveyors to make FIG a relevant and a proud icon for our profession.

Yes – we can fly high and keep our feet on the ground at the same time.

I propose an overall theme for the next period of office simply saying: **“Building the Capacity”**. This is of course to be discussed and agree as a part of the vision for the new council.

The theme “Building the Capacity” relates to flying high and also keeping the feet on the ground. I suggest we give priority to the following key issues:

### **1. Promoting and Enhancing the Role of FIG**

- Professional Development, providing the international forum for development and innovation in all aspects of the surveying discipline.
- Capacity Building, including a Task Force on Organizational and Institutional development
- Global Development, including increased cooperation with the UN agencies, and our sister organisations.
- Linking, strengthening the links between the global agenda and the surveying grass roots

### **2. Continuing and enhancing the dialogue with the member associations**

- Promoting the benefits of being a member
- Increasing the member base
- Ongoing development and implementation of the information policy

These two issues are the core business of FIG

### **3. Promoting FIG as a Truly Global Organisation**

- Encouraging global representation in council and commission officers
- Encouraging global distribution of and representation at the FIG conferences, seminars etc.
- Interaction with regional organisations and activities, and respecting cultural diversity.

### **4. Responding to the Millennium Goals**

- Task Force to develop a FIG Policy in cooperation with the UN agencies and especially the World Bank.
- High level FIG/WB conference in 2008 to promote the FIG global profile in this area

These two issues cover our global responsibility

### **5. Revising the Conference Structure**

- Equal years: Major conference such as congress and major WW
- Odd years: WW and regional conferences in partnership with the UN organisations
- Council initiated expert symposia on topical issues e.g. linked to National events
- FIG Office to ensure administrative, organisational and financial sustainability

### **6. Empowering ACCO and the Commission Activities**

- ACCO as a dynamic forum for policy making and professional development
- Enhancing the profile of the technical programme at the conferences
- Establishing an FIG virtual journal with peer reviewed papers
- Establishing task forces to deal with inter-commission activities and policy implementation

These are the two things that need to work well to be able to deliver.

As you are all aware FIG consists of not only the council. Here is the total structure of FIG that includes the member associations represented in the General Assembly as the FIG highest authority. The structure also includes the core work of the 10 commissions being the real engine of the FIG activities. We will all have to work together to fulfil the agenda I just presented.

Now, FIG is in a state of transition – moving from a country based leadership to a directly elected leadership. This evolution is natural. The country based leadership is rooted in traditions of hosting the 4-yearly congress, while the directly elected leadership is based on the demand for providing leadership in a complex and globalized world.

The country based leadership has provided great leaders such as Juha Talvitie, Finland, Earl James, Australia, Peter Dale, United Kingdom, Robert Foster, United States, and Holger Magel, Germany. All of them have taken the organization forward – they have adapted to changing times and provided leadership.

Now, this period of transition is a milestone. You are not going to elect a country but a person for President. The future of FIG is in your hands - not in the hands of the hosting country for the next congress.

I would be honoured to serve as President for the next period of office. And I do have an agenda – in fact a heavy one. I am not saying that it is going to be easy, but I will do my best – and more too – to make an excellent FIG even better. FIG deserves it – you deserve it.

Thank you very much.