



**6TH FIG REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
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Mr. Prof. Stig Enemark, President of the International Federation of Geometricians, Mr. President .I General Board of Director of the Federated School of Engineers and architects, engineer Juan Manuel Castro Alfaro, especial guests, and all the participants

Good afternoon. I go to you, in the first place, to give a kind greeting from the Administration of the Federated Asociation of Engineers and Architects of Costa Rica (CFIA), by the success achieved within the framework of the Sixth Regional Conference of the FIG.

The subjects developed in this forum have a transcendental importance within the administration of the coastal zones. It is also important to focus our interest in the management of territorial plans and they allow to established strategies that facilitate the classification and representation of the coastal areas, based in his present uses.

The administration, use and handling of the coastal areas both have the development through a process of management integrated with the objective to enhance planning and the coordination between institutions, among them the CFIA.

In that process of integrated management, topography and geodesy in Costa Rica must be direct to a technical base that guarantees the administration of the territory. This technical base is very important in the professional formation of the surveyors, but also in the application of effective legislation for planning.

In fact, in the directions stated by the Law of the Terrestrial Marine Zone, the specific functions of the institutional authorities are delegated in protection, administration and handling of these coastal areas. However, if there are no key institutions involved, the resources necessary to keep and to equip the country with a suitable cartography, will not be enough to achieve a well develop system. Therefore it is imperative to point this situation in order to alert and promote the implementation of technical, legal and economics measures that will give as a result a better security to the institutions.



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The work that has to been done at regional level has result in a change in how coastal areas should be manage, mainly by putting in practice the matters discussed in this Sixth Congress. Therefore it is possible to state that this event was been a perfect ambience for generation of new ideas and discussions.

However, the institutions do not work alone, it is required that professionals acquire a commitment with the work that they realize. Here, I emphasize the importance that has the professional exercise of surveying, in addition, I request the attention of the surveyors and geodesists in their professional exercise, the judgments and decisions will depend on the governments on the administration and development from the coastal areas and how it can it affect the development of a country.

In that same line of thinking, by rising the level of educational programs and enhancing all the certification and accreditation processes, professional will become, with effort and dedicated source of development for the country or the region, therefore causing a change that allows the sustainable management in coastal areas.

Thank you very much.