

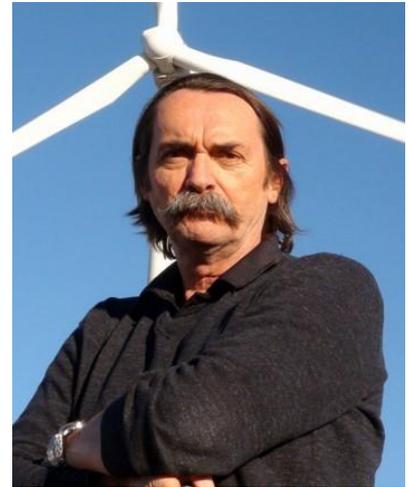
“Hello from the West Coast of Canada!

My name is Brian Davies and I am honoured to have been nominated by the Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG) for one of the two positions as Vice President of the International Federation of Surveyors for the 2023-2026 term.

The Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG) is Canada’s oldest surveying and mapping organization. Founded in 1882, and originally known as the Canadian Institute of Surveying, the CIG has a broad mandate to represent the diverse aspects of geomatics in Canada, including surveying, charting, remote sensing, navigation, geographic information systems, and cartography.

I have a long and varied career as a surveyor and navigator and have worked all over the world in multiple disciplines and presently own a successful Remote Sensing company in British Columbia. I started my career using paper and pencils and log books, perhaps you remember those days? We have a vast country and began my career surveying in the north of Canada long before there was GPS so I am from the era of using sun and star observations to determine azimuth. Throughout the years I have embraced geomatics technology and have trained many surveyors around the world in methods of using GPS and conventional surveying equipment in jungles, deserts and mountains. I have run survey networks in countries with poor survey data and I spent many years designing and installing navigation equipment on vessels in the geophysical industry where I became proficient in hydrology and marine mapping.

One of this years themes for the FIG congress is “Volunteering for the Future” and we have seen a distinct lack of volunteers in many areas and especially when it comes to Geospatial and Geomatics. I believe a volunteer should be a mentor as well as providing their valuable time and I am happy to do both. I have been a long time volunteer member of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics and served as President from 2017 to 2019 and am presently a committee member as well as the Director of the British Columbia branch of CIG. I have been a volunteer board member of Applied Science Technologist and Technicians of British Columbia for the past four years and am



also their Geomatics subject matter expert. I am Chairman of the Mirror Committee on Karst for the Standards Council of Canada.

The second theme of the FIG congress is “Geospatial excellence for better living”. Here in Western Canada and indeed in many parts of the world, we have experienced the effects of climate change and we are seeing floods and fires and other natural disasters. Geospatial insight can help mitigate some of the effects of these disasters by using remote sensing technology and historic geospatial data to inform us of changes and provide means of planning so we can all live better knowing there are alternatives to doing nothing. I am happy to say that I am working toward this end and developing systems and methods for hazard mapping.

I am honoured to have the opportunity to become a more involved member of FIG and look forward to your support as I pursue the position of Vice President of FIG for the 2023-2026 term and I see this as a great opportunity to show what Canada can do for the world of surveying. I look forward to seeing you at the congress in September and thank you for your time.

Brian Davies

Vice President Candidate for FIG 2023-2026”