



A 50-year Perspective

1978 – 2028

FIG was founded 1878 in Paris and has evolved over the years to become a truly global organisation representing the interests of the surveying worldwide.

The history of FIG is well documented for the period over the first 100 years – in the book on “History/L’Histoire/Geschichte 1878-1987”. The upcoming 150-year anniversary, to be celebrated at the FIG WW in Paris 2028, could be a good opportunity for looking at the evolution over the recent 50 years.

One way of doing this could be to put the various recent developments of FIG into perspective in a documentary to be launched as a FIG publication.

The publication may start by a short overview of the FIG history over the last 150 year, and then focus on the evolution over the last 50 years. The issues to be addressed could include the following:

- FIG Permanent Office
- FIG Governance structure of directly elected council members.
- FIG Foundation
- FIG one-language policy
- FIG Young Surveyors Network
- FIG Regional Networks
- FIG publication series
- FIG global cooperation through direct interaction with the UN agencies

The publication should also briefly document the Bureaus and Councils over the years in terms of the members, conferences, and profile of work – in total 12 administrations, as well an oversight of the commissions and task forces.

The publication, in total around 75 pages, could be published in the FIG publication series. It should be easily accessible and nicely illustrated by photos and diagrams etc.

The work could be organised as a Working Group assignment to be completed within the upcoming four-year term of office and launched officially at the 150-year celebration in Paris 2028.

I’m happy to undertake this kind of assignment.

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