

**Report to the 38th General Assembly
FIG Working Week, Sofia, May 2015**

**FIG Foundation
Report of Activities 2014**



The FIG Foundation

1. Administration

The FIG Foundation is located in and administered by the FIG Office in Copenhagen.

A Board of Directors chaired by the President of the FIG Foundation makes the decisions of the Foundation.

The Board of Directors for 2014 was as follows:

- John Hohol, President of the FIG Foundation (USA)
- Prof. Michael Barry, Director (Canada)
- Prof. Steve Frank, Director (USA)
- Prof. Chryssy Potsiou, Director (Greece)
- Prof. Paul van der Molen, Director (Netherlands)

2. Programmes with Corporate Members

FIG Foundation Partners

- Charter Foundation Partner Trimble Navigation continues to support the FIG Foundation by sponsorship of the FIG Foundation Dinner since 2010 and providing other support directly through the Foundation.

3. Meetings 2014

The board held its official meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during the 2014 Congress. Furthermore the board has been in frequent contact through email.

At the meeting Young Surveyors were represented by Chair Kate Fairlie and Chair Elect Eva-Maria Unger, who thanked FIG Foundation for the cooperation throughout the last years.

Eva Maria Unger informed that CNGeGL, the National Council of Italian Surveyors, has decided not to continue to offer the International Training Course on Topography for Young Surveyors. Everyone expressed gratitude to the Italians for having offered the course and agreed that it is very unfortunate that this great opportunity for young surveyors to meet and experience new knowledge is no longer available.

There was a discussion of the funding of the Young Surveyors Meetings, if it is permanent. It was agreed that the funding should not become permanent and should not exclude others of being supported.

At the meeting in Kuala Lumpur the board expressed sincere thanks to Keith Hofgartner representing FIG Platinum Corporate Member Trimble Navigation for generous continued support of the foundation including sponsorship of the FIG Foundation Dinner.

John Hohol informed that Trimble had had several requests from a school in Burkina Faso about funding of equipment. Trimble asked FIG Foundation to cosponsor a donation. To make sure that funding will help to improve the learning environment it was decided that Trimble is to deliver an analysis of the state of the art of the school.

4. Grants 2014

In 2012 the FIG Foundation decided on two initiatives: the first being FIG Foundation Academic Research Grants which will provide for research grants of up to 20,000 euros spread over two years; the second initiative is the FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships which will provide scholarships of up to 4,000 euros to PhD students. In 2013 it was decided to re-announce the grants. Deadline for sending application was extended to 31 March 2014 for the Academic Research Grants and 1 February 2014 for the PhD Scholarships.

No applications were received and it was decided to re-publish the call for grants. Deadline for applications for the FIG Foundation Academic Research Grant is 31 March 2015. For the FIG Foundation PhD Scholarship it was 1 February 2015.

At the same time it was discussed how to attract applicants. Michael Barry had sent a proposal to tightening up the conditions. The proposal was discussed and implemented for the 2015 applications. The updated conditions are published on the FIG website. The FIG Academic Research Grant: http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/2015_research_grants.htm, the FIG Foundation PhD Scholarship is published on http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/2015_phd_scholarship.htm.

Further to attract applicants and to ensure the quality of the applications Michael Barry had a special session on “How to write an application” during the 2014 Congress in Kuala Lumpur.

In 2014 the FIG Foundation awarded eight **Young Surveyors Conference Fellowships** to provide funding for eight young surveyors from the six World regions plus two additional from developing countries to cover the costs to attend and participate in the FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur. These were awarded to:

- Odil AKBAROV (Uzbekistan),
- Asmae AZZIOUI (Morocco),
- Chandan DAS (Nepal),
- Jonathan GUSTAFSON (USA)
- Odkhuu KHALZAN (Mongolia)
- Melissa ROBERT (Uruguay)
- Irena ROJKO (Slovenia)
- Emily TIDEY (New Zealand)

Irena Rojko, Asmae Azzioui, Odil Akbarov, Chandan Das and Melissa Robert also attended the FIG-UN-Habitat/GLTN Train the Trainers Workshop on Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) that was held just prior the FIG Working Week.

Simon Hull, University of Cape Town, South Africa received a scholarship of 4000 EUR to conduct a research trip to the Netherlands and Germany during September and October 2014. The report is published at the FIG website http://www.fig.net/news/news_2014/research_trip_2014.htm.

Jamal Browne, The UWI St. Augustine, Trinidad And Tobago was supported with USD1000 (approx. 730 EUR) to support his participation at the World Bank Land & Poverty, March 2014 Conference. The report is published at the FIG website http://www.fig.net/news/news_2014/wb_report_browne.htm.

FIG Foundation also provided funding to support participation of the **FIG Young Surveyors Network by Eva-Maria Unger** to go to the World Bank Land & Poverty Conference, March 2014, in Washington, DC and the FIG Young Surveyors North American Meeting April 2014 in San Diego, California.

The **National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS)**, USA was supported with 2,500 USD to conduct the Young Surveyors meeting in North America. **CNGeGL**, Italy was supported with 2000 EUR to help Young Surveyors to attend the Commission 3 Workshop 4-7 November 2014 in Bologna, Italy.

The **2nd FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting in Berlin**, Germany was support with 5,000 EUR. Six Young Surveyors were granted a scholarship:

- Xhemail ISLAMI (Macedonia)
- Eftychia KALOGIANNI (Greece)
- Ferah Pirlanta KÖKSAL (Turkey)
- Jakov MAGANIĆ (Croatia)
- Milos PANDZIC (Serbia)
- Eva Maria Unger (Austria)

In total 2,405 EUR of the 5000 EUR was used. Thus 2,595 EUR is transferred to the Young Surveyors for 2015.

In total 39.940 EUR was spent in 2014.

5. Donations in 2014

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia:	EUR
Voluntary donations	1,818.00
Foundation Dinner, registration fee and donation from Local Organisers	<u>38,264.00</u>
Total	40,082.00

InterestInterest 2014 2,321Income FIG Foundation 2013 42,403**International voluntary donations at FIG Congress 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia:****Donations between 100-130 EUR**

Charles, Charlesye	Nigeria
Cheng, Bin Cheah	Malaysia
Ehiorobo Jacob, Odeh	Nigeria
Foster, Robert	United States
Hohol, John	United States
Mat Deris, Ismail	Malaysia
Schroth, Ralf	Germany

Donations between 50-99 EUR

Ab Wahab, Rosli	Malaysia
Brock, John	Australia
Curnow, Jim	Australia
Djaba, Stephen	Ghana
Hassan, Zulkifli	Malaysia
Hong, Yuen Ng	Malaysia
Jibril Ibrhim, Usman	Nigeria
Mohammed, ALEM	Algeria
Nwokoro, Vincent. Ezeani, Nwafor	Nigeria
Ofori Buadu, Jones	Ghana
Onsrud, Helge	Norway
Orimoloye, Tunde	Nigeria
Sinkner, Robert	Czech Republic
Talvitie, Juha	Finland
Van Der Molen, Paul	Netherlands

Donations Between 1 – 49 EUR

Akerele Rufus, Olugboyega	Nigeria
Cheong Heyan, Ong	Malaysia
Dabiri, Thomas	Nigeria
David, Taiwo	Nigeria
Davis, Dexter	Trinidad and Tobago
De Zeeuw, Kees	Netherlands
Gertrude Nnanjar, Njar	Nigeria
Hussain Mohamad, Husni	Malaysia
Kam Loong, Mok	Malaysia
Kaufmann, Juerg	Switzerland
Kopacik, Alojz	Slovakia (Slovak Republic)

Lemmen, Christiaan	Netherlands
Longchik, Azman	Malaysia
Marete, Julius	Kenya
Ming Kee, Chun	Malaysia
Mjoes Leiv, Bjarte	Norway
Newmarch, Peter	South Africa
Newnham, Leonie	Australia
Nilipovskiy, Vasily	Russian Federation
Oluwajuyitan, Adenike	Nigeria
Rudas, Gloriela	Panama
Smejkal, David	Czech Republic
Soni, Stella	Nigeria
Strande, Kari	Norway
Suárez Verdecia, Andrés	Cuba
Syed Abd.Rahman Syed, Mohammed	Malaysia
Tchuneva, Klara	Bulgaria
Tondu, John	Nigeria
Tosa, S.E Ninkov	Serbia
Wijayanti, Miim	Indonesia
Yanakiev, Alexander	Bulgaria
Yanakiev, Angel	Bulgaria

The list is sorted alphabetically.

6. Grants 2015

Having re-published the call for grants and extended deadlines the FIG Foundation Academic Research Grants and the FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships will be open for applications in 2015.

The FIG Foundation Academic Research Grants provide grant of up to 30,000 EUR spread over three years. The conditions are that applicants shall be based in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline 31 March 2015.

The FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships will be provided of up to 4,000 EUR to PhD students. Successful applicants will qualify for a further grant of up to 3,000 EUR to attend and present a peer reviewed paper at a FIG conference. Conditions are that applicants shall be studying for a PhD degree and registered solely in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline 1 February 2015.

It was furthermore decided that for the FIG Working 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria there will be FIG Foundation grants to young surveyors of up to 5,000 EUR plus 2,595 EUR transferred from 2014, in total 7,595 + 5 EUR = 7,600 EUR. There are three options of application

- apply for funds from the FIG Foundation to help cover travel costs to Sofia to attend the 3rd FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting (10 funds available with an average value of 200 Euro)
- apply for funds to cover the registration fees of the 3rd FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting and the FIG Working Week Sofia, including the Foundation dinner and FIG gala dinner (6 funds available with an average value of 400 Euro)
- apply for funds to help cover accommodation costs and registration fees for the 3rd FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting and FIG Working Week, including the FIG Foundation dinner and FIG gala dinner (4 funds available with an average value of 800 Euro)

Deadline 25 March 2015.

7. Accounts 2014

The income statement for 2014 and the balance sheet at 31 December 2014 are attached to this report.

The total income in 2014 was 42,403 EUR and expenses 39,940 EUR which gives the net result of 2,463 EUR.

The total assets are 231,840 EUR.

The FIG Foundation would like to sincerely thank all those who have generously donated in 2014 in support of the FIG Foundation.

The FIG Foundation would also like to sincerely thank Steven Frank and Chryssy Potsiou for their participation and support as members of the FIG Foundation Board of Directors 2011-2014. Also many thanks to Trimble Navigation/Keith Hofgartner for their generous contribution and support of the FIG Foundation.

John Hohol

President of the FIG Foundation

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