

Age structural survey within the surveying profession

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SUMMARY

The beginning of my work with the FIG, and the beginning of FIG Young Surveyors Network was to create possibilities for more young surveyors to get involved within FIG. This as it was obvious to me that FIG is the global network for Surveyors worldwide at it would be beneficial for the profession itself to be seen as a global profession by young surveyors to boost the status of the profession. Because what can be cooler than to be working with something as hands-on as the world around us and on a global level?

Starting up a Young Surveyors Network within FIG is a first and important step to rejuvenate the organization and to make sure that there is a regrowth within FIG as well as bringing up the question on the agenda of FIG. But to be able to take a closer look at the profession and the state it is in, a deeper analysis needs to be performed. In what parts of the world are there a shortage of surveyors and in what parts are there not, and in those parts, why not? How can we transfer this knowledge within the FIG organization? My proposal to dig deeper in to this question is to perform an age structural survey within the member organizations of FIG. This is also something that would give the member organizations value back as they may benefit from others experiences as they will be made available.

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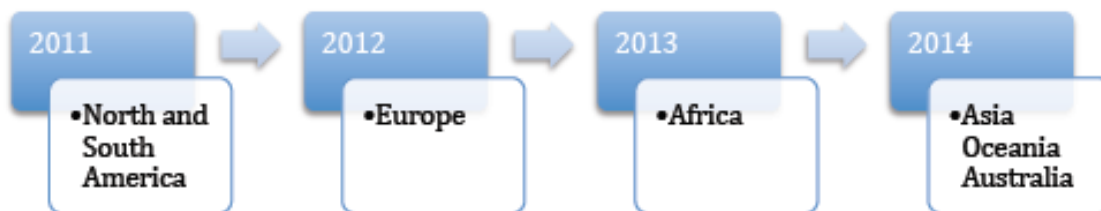
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1. Background

Having started what would later (2009) become the FIG Young Surveyors Network originally in 2007 a lot of work have been done and is being done by the present group to get more young people involved. Having given a lot of thought to my work with the Young Surveyors Network I have realized that the next step forward to create clarity within the profession and to share experiences within the member organizations is to do a survey about the age structure within the profession. And the best way to do that is to collect the information from the member organization within FIG. In this way FIG can also give back to its members. FIG takes the lead in ensuring that there will be a plan for the future of the profession. But before one can create a plan of some sort the present situation needs to be clarified.

2. The Survey

The survey will be performed during a period of four years targeting one part of the world per year, se explanations below.



2.1 The Question

The member organizations will be asked to answer questions about their member base and specify the number of member that they have within the following age intervals:

Below 20
20 to 30
30 to 40
40 to 50
50 to 60
60 to 70
Above 70

In addition to the above there will also be questions about if the age structure is something that the member organization is concerned about and if so how they are working with it.

The aim with this survey is to really pin down to what parts of the world the age structure is an issue and to start the discussion within FIG if this is an issue of interest and how this should be approached.

Does the FIG member organizations believe or have they experienced that the surveying profession in their country have been marginalized by other professions such as lawyers, economists and programmers as the job still needs to be done?
Or will this give the profession a higher status as salaries are likely to go up if there are fewer people with the accurate knowledge to do the job?

2.2 The processing

Collecting information from the member organizations about their member base will require some work from their side why it is of outmost importance to have their understanding why this work should be done. It is also important that the input is honest as what can be done with it may help out the ones where there is as shortage of surveyors as they will find out how others have worked and achieved good results.

2.3 The output

As the work proceeds it will be presented partly at each FIG Working Week until the congress in 2014 where the summary and finalization of the survey will be presented. And this together with what could be the base for the work moving forward with this question.

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