

**Report to the 37th General Assembly  
FIG Congress, Kuala Lumpur, June 2014**

**FIG Foundation  
Report of Activities 2013**



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 2013 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 2013**

The board held its official meeting in Abuja, Nigeria during the 2013 Working Week. Furthermore the board has been in frequent contact through email.

At the meeting in Abuja 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.

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.

### **4. Grants 2013**

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.

In 2013 the FIG Foundation awarded five Young Surveyors Conference Fellowships to provide funding for young surveyors from developing countries to cover the costs to attend and participate in the the FIG Working Week in Abuja. These were awarded to:

- Thandinkosi Gracious Dewah (Zimbabwe),
- Bosiu Edward Lefulebe (Lesotho),
- Method Julius Gwaleba (Tanzania),
- Eva-Maria Unger (Austria)
- Mkondo Mayo (Malawi) - who unfortunately was not able to participate

The supported Young Surveyors 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. The STDM Train the Trainers Workshop had a special focus on Africa.

The FIG Foundation also provided funding to support young surveyors to attend the FIG Pacific Small Island Developing States Symposium (Suva, Fiji). This initiative was initiated together with FAO and FIG Foundation made it possible for Eva-Maria Unger to attend the meeting.

Furthermore, FIG Foundation also provided funding to support participation of the FIG Young Surveyors Network by Eva-Maria Unger to the International Symposium and Exhibition on Geoinformation- ISG 2013 (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), the CLGE General Assembly Meeting (Chisinau, Moldova). As a new initiative the European Young Surveyors held the 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal and FIG Foundation decided to support this conference. 11 participants were granted a scholarship equally shared between FIG Foundation and CLGE and the 11 participants were selected by Young Surveyors:

- Alicia Cañizares (Spain)
- Vlad Sorta (Romania)
- Diana Becirevic (Republic of Croatia)
- Jakov Maganić (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Maria Skiada (Greece)
- Goran Markovic (Republic of Serbia)
- Michail Elaiopoulos (Greece)
- Olga Bjelotomic (Republic of Croatia)
- Veljko Latinovic (Republic of Serbia)

The FIG Foundation Board of Directors decided to provide 5,000 EUR in support of the 2013 International Training Course in Topography for Young Surveyors. The FIG Foundation Board of Directors agreed to provide a grant of 500 EUR in support of the International Geodetic Students Meeting however no formal reply has been received thus the grant was not given.

Altogether 21,981EUR was spent in 2013.

## 5. Donations in 2013

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| <b>Abuja, Nigeria:</b>                 | EUR              |
| Voluntary donations                    | 1,032.00         |
| Foundation Dinner and registration fee | 32,272.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>33,405.00</b> |

### Other donations

|                                   |                  |
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| <b>Interest</b>                   |                  |
| Interest 2013                     | 1,8635.00        |
| <b>Income FIG Foundation 2013</b> | <b>35,167.00</b> |

### The voluntary donations from the FIG Working Week in Abuja were as follows:

Nigerian participants have per tradition been regular and large donors for FIG Foundation at FIG Conferences. However the registration for the Working Week 2013 took place through the national website. Hence there has been no donation to FIG Foundation from Nigerian participants through the international registration where donations are specifically included in the registration form. Instead it was decided to announce that participants could give donations to the FIG Foundation on site. Donations over 100 USD was rewarded with a certificate specially designed for the FIG Working Week 2013:

- Bronze certificate to donations of 100+ USD
- Silver certificate to donations of 250+ USD
- Gold certificate to donations of 500+ USD

Two Bronze certificates and three Silver certificates were in total to five persons.

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| FIG Foundation bronze certificate - Enjugu Ahijah Auzu, Nigeria           | 95,00 \$         |
| FIG Foundation bronze certificate - Cecilia Lami Ayeni, Nigeria           | 100,00 \$        |
| FIG Foundation silver certificate - Prof. Peter O. Adeniyi, Nigeria       | 250,00 \$        |
| FIG Foundation silver certificate - Surv. James O. Onwukwe                | 250,00 \$        |
| FIG Foundation silver certificate 310 AUD - John Brock Australia          | 286,87 \$        |
| 1500 N (9,25 USD) - Malango Nebwe, Marie-Reine, Congo - received in Niara |                  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>981,87 \$</b> |

International voluntary donations at FIG Working Week in Abuja, Nigeria:

| <b>Name</b>        | <b>Country</b> | <b>Donation EUR</b> |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Robert Sinkner     | Czech Republic | 55                  |
| Leonie Newnham     | Australia      | 50                  |
| Stephen Djaba      | Ghana          | 50                  |
| John Brock         | Australia      | 50                  |
| Paul van der Molen | Netherlands    | 25                  |

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| Suzanne Valkman   | Netherlands | 25             |
| Co Meijer         | Netherlands | 25             |
| Christiaan Lemmen | Netherlands | 25             |
| Henning Elmstrøm  | Denmark     | 25             |
| Dirk Kowalewski   | Germany     | 1              |
|                   |             | <b>331 EUR</b> |

## 6. Grants 2014

In 2013 the FIG Foundation research grants were announced for the second time. At the first announcement in 2012 FIG received 8 applications of which two continued to a second round. FIG Foundation Board decided not to grant any of the two with the FIG Foundation Academic Research Grant but to re-publish the call for grants for a new round for 2014. Deadline for application was postponed to 31 March 2014. Again the research grants will be provided of up to 20,000 euros spread over two years and 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.

The PhD grant was also postponed and was published in 2013 with the deadline 1 February 2014. Scholarships will be provided of up to 4,000 euros to PhD students. 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.

It was furthermore decided that for the FIG Congress 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia there will be 6 FIG Foundation Fellowships to young surveyors, one from each of six continental regions. There are no country income restrictions for these applicants. Applicants must submit a paper for the selection process. In addition there will be 2 FIG Foundation Fellowships provided exclusively for young surveyors from developing countries. The fellowships will be similar to those awarded in Rome that all expenses to attend the 2014 FIG Congress and FIG Young Surveyors Conference will be covered: airfare, accommodations, visa (if required), registration fee, meals, FIG Foundation Dinner, Gala Dinner, daily per diem allowance for incidental items. The applications are to be screened first by the FIG Foundation Board of Directors and then shared with the IG Young Surveyors Network (Kate Fairlie and Eva-Maria Unger) to select recipients of fellowships.

The FIG Foundation Board of Directors is evaluating, in cooperation with FIG Platinum Corporate Member Trimble Navigation, supporting the recovery and reestablishment of key points marking the Arc of the 30<sup>th</sup> Meridian.

## 7. Accounts 2013

The income statement for 2013 and the balance sheet at 31 December 2013 are attached to this report.

The total income in 2013 was € 35,167 and expenses € 21,981 which gives the net result of € 13,186.

The total assets are € 229,377.

The FIG Foundation would like to sincerely thank all those who have generously donated in 2013 in support of the FIG Foundation.

**John Hohol**

President of the FIG Foundation

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