

**FIG (INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS)
LIAISON REPORT TO ISO/TC 211 PLENARY
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Introduction

Standardisation activity across the field of surveying remains important to FIG, and the Federation is keen to assist where possible in ensuring that timely and workable standards are developing.

Update

The following update may be of interest to ISO/TC 211:

- Planning of the FIG work plan for the 2011-14 council and commission term is now well underway, with meetings having been held in late November in Copenhagen, alongside the formal handover of the presidency from Professor Stig Enemark of Denmark to Mr Teo Chee Hai of Malaysia.
- The FIG Standards Network will continue during the new term of office, under broadly the same arrangements as now, that is as a network bringing together people and activity related to standardisation from across FIG's work. Dr David Martin of France will continue to chair the Network, although Iain Greenway will continue as the lead liaison from FIG to ISO/TC 211 as Dr Martin's specialist field is metrology.
- At its meeting in Sydney, the Network agreed that its focus for the next year would be on:
 - Continuing FIG's leading work in the field of official standards for testing and calibrating survey instruments, particularly in ISO Technical Committee 172 Subcommittee 6. The key focus in this area will be to ensure that standards for new technologies (including laser scanners) are created at an appropriate time. FIG will also liaise with ISO/TC 172 SC6 and ISO/TC 211 to ensure that there is appropriate liaison, consistency and avoidance of overlap in the work of the two Committees. FIG is in this regard pleased that an internal liaison has been created between the two ISO committees;
 - Building FIG's relationship with the International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC), determining how FIG can most effectively contribute coherently under the new IVSC governance arrangements;
 - Influencing the development of good practice in the area of construction economics, working with the International Cost Engineering Council and others, and in spatial planning and developments. These are areas to date not covered to any extent by official standards;
 - Remaining an active contributor to ISO/TC 211 (Geographic Information), with a particular focus at present on the completion of ISO 19152, Land Administration Domain Model.

Final words

FIG is pleased to be playing a role in developing the profile of standards, including those of ISO/TC 211, seeing standardisation as a vital component in developing the services provided by surveyors to their various clients. It intends to continue to work closely with TC211, and is happy at any time to receive further ideas on areas and ways in which this might be achieved.

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