

FIG Young Surveyors Events



On 10 February 2016 the 2nd FIG Young Surveyors North American Meeting (FIG YSNAM) was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. The meeting was hosted by and held in conjunction with the Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors (MSPS) Annual Conference. The theme of the meeting was 'The Future of Surveying...YOU!!!'. Key industry leaders were invited to inspire the participants about the future ahead of them. The event attracted 60 participants from six countries and 23 different US states. For many participants it was their first young surveyor event.

As first keynote speaker Mr Mooyman from Hexagon GeoSystems set the scene. He spoke about the current explosion of maps and geolocation, and how professionals must be sure that those maps and geolocations are accurate, complete and fit for purpose. Mr Mooyman believes that we are entering the 'Golden Age of Surveying' and that young surveyors are the ambassadors that will lead the way.

Mr Fosburgh, Trimble Navigation, challenged the participants to think outside the realm of what they might consider to be surveying. There is a vast array of spatial data out there that needs to be managed. Who better than

surveyors to fill those roles! Mr Fosburgh cautioned the young surveyors not to miss out on the next big technological advances in surveying by being unwilling to embrace a technology not historically considered in surveying.

The young surveyors exchanged experiences about their work and their networks. The international activities of the FIG Young Surveyors Network were highlighted. NSPS Young Surveyors Network gave an overview of the developments of the Young Surveyors Network in the USA. Four young surveyors from Canada, USA and Jamaica shared their experiences and showed how diverse a career as a surveyor can be.

Last October, around 500 students from nine different states in Argentina participated in the 5th Young Surveyors Meeting, and they were joined for the occasion by some young surveyors from Uruguay. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange knowledge and experiences on new trends in scientific and technological aspects of the practice of surveying. The meeting was held at the National University of Littoral (UNL) Santa Fe in Argentina. The event was endorsed by the Faculty of Engineering and Water Sciences



▲ Group picture of participants at 2nd FIG Young Surveyors North American Meeting (2YSNAM). Photo: Joe Paive (Geolearn)

and attracted the interest of the Senate of the Province of Santa Fe. Argentina has 14 universities with surveying programmes. The National Standing Committee of Surveying Students includes two surveying student representatives from each university and as a result of this event two student representatives from Uruguay are included. ◀

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Preparation for the 15th Global Spatial Data Infrastructure World Conference (GSDI 15, <http://gsdi15.org.tw/>) is well underway. The GSDI Association and the Local Organising Committee have been busy making arrangements for the conference. The organisers are excited to continue the GSDI World Conference series, which began in 1996 and now will take place in 2016 in Taipei, Taiwan (Republic of China) from 28 November to 2 December 2016. The Taiwan Association of Disaster Prevention Industry (TADPI) is hosting the event, with strong support from Ministry of the Interior.

Under the theme of 'Spatial Enablement in the Smart Homeland', GSDI 15 is bringing together

engaging speakers and inquisitive participants to explore the challenges and innovations related to increasing access to and use of geospatial data. Presentations will cover the full range of practice, development and research experiences that advance the objective of spatially enabling citizens, government and industry. The conference also will showcase strategies, policies and best practices that are driving collaboration and interoperability with respect to spatial data collection, integration, discovery, visualisation and analysis.

Two of the keynote addresses have been confirmed. Mark Reichardt, president of the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC), and Barbara Ryan, secretariat director of the

intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations (GEO), will share their perspectives on the status, trends and future of spatial data infrastructure. The conference programme will include oral presentations of abstracts and papers (refereed and non-refereed), posters and a refereed publication. The deadline for abstracts has been extended to 15 May; the deadline for the submission of workshop proposals is open until 1 June and the deadline for submission of full papers and posters is 1 July.

In the coming months, the GSDI 15 organising team will continue with preparations to ensure that researchers, coordinators and technicians working at the ▶