REPORT ON ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS (FIG)

2020 NSPS FALL MEETING

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With the challenge world of COVID-19 most FIG-related events have been held remotely and online. Here are the events I participated in:

An onsite meeting was scheduled to be held June 1-3 at the venue of the 2023 FIG Working Week in Orlando (the same hotel complex used for the 2019 NSPS Fall Meeting) with FIG Office Director Louise Friis-Hansen, FIG Vice President Mikael Lilje, NSPS Executive Director Curt Sumner, NSPS Office Manager Trish Milburn and myself along with Linda Baker of Conference Managers who also helped organize the 2002 FIG Congress. Also invited were local surveyor representatives from the City of Orlando and Orange County. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, it was canceled.

Because of the cancellation of the 2020 FIG Working Week, the 5th FIG Young Surveyors Network Conference was also canceled. In its place a “Social Distancing Edition” conference was held on May 9th. It was broken down into four 4-hour regional events: Asia/Pacific, Europe/Africa, South America, North America. All sessions were in English except the South American session which was in Spanish. Normally when an FIG Young Surveyors Network conference is held in person it typically attracts 100-150 participants. With the Social Distancing Edition many more participated. I participated in all four sessions and gave a formal presentation about FIG, the FIG Foundation and the 50th anniversary of Earth Day (which was founded by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson).

30 Presenters
4 Sessions across 4 different time zones
Asia and Pacific: UTC+8
Europe/Africa: UTC+1
North America: UTC-6
Latin America: UTC-3

2,572 Registrations
Asia and Pacific: 523
Europe/Africa: 797
North America: 226
Latin America: 1026

1,197 Actual Participants
Asia and Pacific: 251 (48% of registered)
Europe/Africa: 354 (44%)
North America: 92 (41%)
Latin America: 502 (49%)

I also participated in the Spring 2020 NSPS Young Surveyors GoToWebinar Meeting held on May 29th.

The eleven-day 2020 International Training Summer School for Young Surveyors was held in person, July 20-31st. This annual event is held in Italy. The FIG Foundation, of which I am president, provides a grant to help fund this event. I was scheduled to attend but, due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, I participated via Zoom.

XI INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SUMMER SCHOOL
SURVEY FOR PLANNING: NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND LAND PROTECTION
SACRED ARCHITECTURE and EARTHQUAKE 1980
20-31 JULY 2020
NAPOLI, CASERTA, ACERENZA, VENOLOGA, BARI, ALBEROBELLO, MATERA
I also participated in the 2020 FIG Commission 1 (Professional Standards and Practice) Annual Meeting and Workshop titled *Professional Standards and Practice of Surveying and Mapping in the countries along the Belt and Road Routes*, September 16-18, in Deqing, China. Again, I was supposed to participate in person but due to COVID-19 participated remotely.

I will also be speaking at the 2020 FIG Commission 7 (Cadastre and Land Management) Annual Meeting which is being held remotely on October 20-22.

The next scheduled FIG conference will be the 2021 FIG Working Week in Utrecht, The Netherlands, June 21-25. (rescheduled due to the cancellation of the 2020 FIG Working Week in Amsterdam)

Schedule of future FIG annual conferences:
- **2021 FIG Working Week- Utrecht, The Netherlands** (June 21-25) *NOW VIRTUAL*
- **2022 XXVII FIG Congress- Cape Town, South Africa** (May 14-20)

**2023 FIG Working Week- Orlando, Florida USA** (May 28-June 1)
- **2024 FIG Working Week- Accra, Ghana** (May 24-28)

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