

PRESENTING...

FIG Young Surveyors Network & The ISPRS Student Consortium

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In this issue, we present you with two international, non-government organisations, i.e. their youth organizations: FIG YS and ISPRS SC. We got in touch with them and came up with information that you might be interested in. Read a few words about them ... take a look at the answers to the questions that we asked them...discover your role in their story. Maybe you can actively participate in creating the future of land surveying on the international level... Enjoy!

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Thank you all!



FIG YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK

FIG (*Fédération Internationale des Géomètres*) is a federation of national associations and is the only international body that represents all surveying disciplines.

It was founded in 1878 in Paris and is a UN-recognised non-government organisation (NGO) which aim is to ensure that the disciplines of surveying meet the needs of the markets. This is realised by promoting the practice of the profession and encouraging the development of professional standards.

More than 120 countries are represented in FIG member associations, affiliates, corporate members and academic members.

More information about FIG can be found on their website: <http://www.fig.net/>.



The **FIG Young Surveyors Network** was established as a Commission 1 Working Group 1.2 Young Surveyors at the FIG Congress in Munich in 2006. Since then the FIG Young Surveyors Network actively addresses the need for Young Surveyor representation within the FIG, and the need to ensure FIG activities are meeting the needs of not only students and young professionals, but also youth as a

broad category within society.

Young surveyors are defined by the FIG as:

- Surveyors aged 35 years or under
- Students of surveying
- Surveyors within 10 years of graduating from a Bachelor or Masters Degree.

The mission and vision of the FIG YSN is to facilitate an international network of young surveyors. Therefore they want to ensure that young surveyors are present and represented across international, regional, national and local platforms. It's also important that all young surveyors are informed of key surveying events and news and participate in them. The main purpose of establishing this Network was to link young surveyors with the FIG and their national member association and so enable and promote international opportunities and experiences to young surveyors. The Network is encouraging and supporting Young Surveyors to drive their own projects and so create the surveying future, in addition to contributing to key programmes and objectives within the FIG, and the FIG Members.

In order to realise the Networks aim they created the website: <http://www.fig.net/ys/>; Facebook and LinkedIn profiles: <http://www.facebook.com/FigYoungSurveyorsNetwork/>; <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/FIG-Young-Surveyors-Network-1957180/about> which are regularly updated by them. The FIG YSN is also publishing newsletters, which can be found here: <http://www.fig.net/ys/Newsletters/newsletters.htm>.

You can get more information on the Mission, Vision and Goals in the current revised FIG YSN Workplan, which you can find here: http://fig.net/ys/ys_2013_%20report_%20revised_%20workplan.pdf

The Young Surveyors meet at all FIG events (Working Weeks, Conferences and Congresses). There, special Young Surveyors sessions, social events and workshops are organised. In the recent years the FIG Young Surveyors Network became really active and was well presented at the FIG Congress in Sydney, Australia 2010, FIG Working Week Marrakech, Morocco and on the 2012 FIG Working Week held in Rome, Italy. The next event will be the FIG Working Week 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria.



FEW QUESTIONS...

1. As a student from Croatia, what are the conditions that I need to fulfil to become a member, and what is the procedure for becoming a member of this organisation?

Anybody can join the Network! But we want to point out that the FIG is a representative organisation, made up of members such as national associations. So if you are a member of your local or national surveying professional body that is also a member of the FIG (e.g. the Croatian Geodetic Society) then you are automatically a part of the global network of young surveyors - the FIG YSN. You can find the FIG definition of a young surveyor on the FIG Homepage.

You can be a kind of a passive member or more active and take over the role of a national representative of your country in the YSN. Passive members may choose to follow the FIG YSN on our Facebook Group ("FIG Young Surveyors"), LinkedIn ("FIG Young Surveyors"), twitter (fig_young) - although we tend to tweet only during events, or by reading our newsletter at www.fig.net/ys. More active members should simultaneously be active in their local or national organisations - for example, we ask that national representatives be nominated by their national FIG member association. As such a representative you should transfer the information from the YSN to your country and inform other interested people. Active members may also want to write articles for our newsletter, or contribute to activities or ideas for new activities. To take over an active role you are asked to contact the chair Kate Fairlie or the incoming chair Eva-Maria Unger.

2. What are the benefits that membership provides?

The benefit on every Network is of course the Network itself ;). Again we would like to point out the FIG is not a membership body for individuals - so you should be a member of your national association. Benefits of this membership include growing your network of colleagues, friends and peers, getting information on local events, building your professional development expertise and much more! Being passively or actively involved with the FIG YSN - by simply following our facebook posts, or even perhaps emailing us your thoughts, will ensure you are kept in the loop with upcoming events and opportunities (scholarships! jobs!) and connected with young surveyors and their experiences around the world.

3. Is there a membership fee that one needs to pay in order to become a member?

As already mentioned above there is no extra membership fee for the YSN, but you should seriously consider becoming a member of your national association. If there is no national association, or your national association is not a member of the FIG this doesn't mean we will turn you away! It is a good opportunity for us to learn more about each other and get in contact!

4. What are my obligations as a member?

To learn as much as you can! Your national association may require you to maintain professional development skills by attending seminars, conferences, workshops or courses, but the FIG YSN just asks that you consider your place in the global profession of surveyors - think about what you can contribute, at either local, regional or global scales!

5. How can one advance in hierarchy of this organisation?

So you want one day to be Chair of the FIG YSN? No problem and go for it! First of all make yourself known locally by being active in your national association - this will ensure you have local support. Secondly, make yourself known globally in the network of young surveyors - post information on facebook, write articles for our newsletter, consider what you want out of the FIG YSN and then act on it! Send us an email with your ideas, and in particular put your hand up to organise events, edit our newsletter or take on some of the other work that we have!

6. How can I attend workshops and meetings?

Everybody is welcome to take part in! You don't even have to be a member of your national association but why not become a member of your national association and be a Young Surveyor representative within your association.

When you participate in a meeting or a Workshop everybody is encourage to contribute in an active way. Think about presentations and papers about your job in your country, sharing knowledge and discuss about the latest developments.

7. If I am a member, do I have an advantage over other participants in applying for various workshops and meetings that are organised by this organisation? Do I have any discounts on participation fees?

No, as above, the FIG YSN is not a membership organisation. However, you will find that national associations may co-sponsor you to attend events, particularly if you are active with them. The FIG YSN has some funding, but not much, so if you can write to us saying that you have co-sponsorship from your organisation to attend a specific event or do something of benefit... then we are more likely to have capacity to support you. Also if there are events organised by the FIG YSN and if you are an active Young Surveyor you will be automatically integrated in the organisation of the event ;) In general at every FIG event student fees are available and in particular at Young Surveyors events the fees are already as low as possible.



THE ISPRS STUDENT CONSORTIUM (SC)

ISPRS (*International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing*) is a non-governmental organization established to develop international cooperation for the advancement of photogrammetry and remote sensing and their applications.



The *ISPRS Student Consortium (SC)* acts within ISPRS WG VI/5. It presents the group of students and researchers who share interests in photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences. It was founded during the ISPRS Congress 2004 in Istanbul, under the ISPRS

Commission VI "Education and Outreach".

The main purpose of the SC is to connect students, young researchers and professionals in various countries, to enable the exchange of information, to organize student-specific events and other actions that help students and youth to integrate more effectively into ISPRS activities.

During the first year of the SC, the organisation have started from the basics to build up organization in stable, yet flexible ways. The organizational structure of the SC consists of six board members responsible for the continuity of SC activities, national coordinators and SC members. We welcome members from around the globe, and have built up a strong network of more than 800 members from 87 countries.

The main activities of the SC are promotion of ISPRS and the profession to attract youth and integrate them into ISPRS structure and activities, organization of scientific and social activities for students and young researchers, taking measures to enable stronger participation of youths in ISPRS events including low registration fees, scholarships etc., acquiring sponsors, and cooperation with the ISPRS Foundation to financially support youths to attend SC and ISPRS events. The two most visible activities of the SC are the continuous organization of Summer Schools and the publication of SC own Newsletter. Summer Schools are organized at least once per year in different locations to support regional and national activities. Lecturers come from all around the world and discuss different topics of remote sensing, photogrammetry and GIS. Most recently, the 8th ISPRS SC Summer School took place in late 2012 in Thailand.

The SC Newsletter is already a well-established bulletin that is issued four times per year and aims at informing our members on different interesting topics of the profession. Its content offers valuable research from students, interviews with prominent people involved with the society, gives an insight on different international projects, short reports from the events that our members visited and provides useful information about international study programs and exchange possibilities, scholarships, web tutorials, etc. Both, the last issues of the SC Newsletter and previous Summer School material and tutorials are freely accessible on our webpage www.isprs-sc.org.

SC also aims on a better cooperation with similar international student organizations.

In order to ease the fulfilling of their activities and main purpose, ISPRS SC has created a LinkedIn profile (<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/ISPRS-Student-Consortium-4510838>), and a group on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/107547415994592/?ref=ts&fref=ts>) which is an open group, so anyone can join.

Join SC and become a member today on www.isprs-sc.org.



FEW QUESTIONS...

1. As a student from Croatia, what are the conditions that I need to fulfill to become a member, and what is the procedure for becoming a member of this organization?

All students connected to surveying and geo-sciences are welcome to join our organization, especially if they are interested in photogrammetry, remote sensing or spatial information science.

2. What are the benefits that membership provides?

In my opinion, biggest benefits are networking and exchange of information and news in our area of interest, special student offers and grants. Also, participating in ISPRS Summer schools is a great opportunity to learn about newest technologies and interesting topics. Students can get a partial or full funding if decide to actively participate (i.e. with a paper).

3. Is there a membership fee that one needs to pay in order to become a member?

There is no fee for a membership in the association.

4. What are my obligations as a member?

There are no obligations for a membership, though active participation is more than welcome.

5. How can one advance in hierarchy of this organization?

Students who wish to actively participate can report to any member of the representatives or the Board. ISPRS SC publishes interesting Newsletters and new contributors are always welcome.

6. Do I have to be a member in order to participate in workshops and meetings that are organized by this organization?

Since membership is very quick and free of charge I strongly recommend joining if a person wishes to participate in a workshop.

7. If I am a member, do I have an advantage over other participants in applying for various workshops and meetings that are organized by this organization? Do I have any discounts on participation fees?

There are various funding sources and we are always trying to help our members. We try to not only reward the hard working ones, but also to extend our base of students and to popularize the remote science, photogrammetry and spatial information science.



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**1st FIG
Young Surveyors European Meeting**
European Young Surveyors
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17-18 October

Lisbon, Portugal

HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY to be part of the 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting in Portugal 17th - 18th October in Lisbon, Portugal

Young Surveyors **from Europe** are invited to apply for a joint FIG Foundation and FIG Young Surveyors Network fund

We, FIG Young Surveyors Network and the FIG Foundation would like to invite European Young Surveyors to apply for funds to attend the **1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting** in Lisbon, Portugal.

After the great success of the 1st FIG Young Surveyors Conference in Rome the European Young Surveyors Network was keen to organise a meeting and so come together again to spread the power and continue with the momentum. We are proud to announce this 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting and can't wait to work together for the future of the surveying profession in Europe.

The FIG Young Surveyors Network, FIG Foundation and CLGE are supporting the meeting by agreeing to provide funds to support and sponsor attendance by young surveyors. These funds are very limited and will be used to help cover a small portion of the costs to attend. These funds will be distributed in small amounts so as to assist as many attendees as possible.



If you want to **apply** for a (partly) sponsored attendance the following information is required:

- Completed form; the form you can find here: <http://bit.ly/13TGQ0Z>
- Copy of passport or ID card (Driving license, Student ID...)
- CV curriculum vitae
- Motivation (min 300 words per item):
 - Why you think you should receive the funds?
 - What you think you are gaining from participating in the 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting?
 - How you want to promote the FIG Young Surveyors Network in your country?
 - Have you been active for YSN in the past?
- Possible attachments that support the above motivation items

Further requirements:

- Costs: indication of the costs (travel / hotel / meals)
- Support letter by National Association or other FIG members

We would like to have **young, powerful and creative** applications and we also invite you to send us possible attachments (videos, pictures...) that support the above motivation items.

To receive consideration for the funding you should email your **complete** application to the following email:

fig.ysn.funds@gmail.com

Deadline for the application:

15. July 2013

The applications will be reviewed by the FIG Foundation till:

31. July 2013

We are looking forward to all applications and of course also meeting **YOU** in person at the 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting.

Yours faithfully,
FIG Young Surveyors Network
FIG Foundation
Council of European Geodetic Surveyors (CLGE)