

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

Many of FIG's Commissions continue to take an active involvement in standardisation work. The Commissions are currently being the development of their 2011-14 work plans, and standards are expected to feature in many of the plans.

Update

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

- The FIG Standards Network continues to work 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;
 - 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.
- David Martin from France has now taken over as Chair of the FIG Standards Network. However, because David's specialism is instrumentation, I will remain as the FIG Lead to ISO/TC 211.
- The quadrennial congress will be held in Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010. It promises to be a spectacular event, with more than 2,000 delegates expected. Further details can be found from www.fig.net

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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