

FIG STANDARDS NETWORK MEETING SYDNEY

14 April 2010

Present

Iain Greenway (Commission 1)
Steven Frank (Commission 2)
David Martin (Commission 5, Chair)
Daniel Steudler (Commission 7)
Christiaan Lemmen (Commission 7)
WafulaNabutola (Commission 8)
Frances Plimmer (Commission 9)
Brian Waldy (Commission 9)
Andrew Morley (Commission 10)
Robert Sinkner (Commission 10)
Larry Hothem (ISO/TC 211)
Hans Heister (ISO/TC 172 SC6)

Apologies

Helen Murray (Commission 3)
Andrew Leyzack (Commission 4)
Ivo Milev (Commission 6)

Terms of reference and progress to date:

The terms of reference and the 2009-10 progress report were noted. Given a number of new members including a new Standards Network Chair, the background to FIG's work in standards was summarised by the outgoing Chair I. Greenway. This was followed by a roundtable discussion.

Particular activities and initiatives relevant to each Commission:

The following issues were raised:

Comm	Issue(s)
1	Nothing in particular
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accreditation – how to certify academic programmes and experience – remains an active issue in the educational community however Steve Frank mentioned there was not a strong response from other FIG members in this area.• It was underlined that that guidelines for establishing individual recognition for hydrographic surveyors has been an important work item in Commission 4 (see below). This may help to provide some insight as to how to move forward with this item

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4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The International Board (IHO, FIG and ICA) has finalized guidelines for establishing individual recognition for hydrographic surveyors, at both professional and technical levels, taking into account education and experience.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIG Publication No 9 is still considered pertinent. It will be reviewed and re-published.
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7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LADM was submitted to ISO in 2008. Ten to 15 countries have actively participated in the compilation of this standard. There have been two votes, one working item proposal and one draft. The evolution of the work to this stage was outlined. There is strong support for this standard which will be particularly relevant for developing countries. With regard to other standards, and in particular the work of TC211, Christiaan explained that everyone is convinced there is a common denominator. Although this commonality hasn't yet been precisely formulated, there is an effort to try and find links. TC211 is particularly interested in other domain standards. We need to ensure that the work in the LADM standard is understood in FIG, so as to allow other work to follow the same process.
8	Wafula will nominate a Commission 8 member to the Standards Network.
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frances explained that guidance will come from the present Chair of Commission 9. One item of interest is documents and valuations of properties in jurisdictions where there are no existing property markets and systems in place.
10	Robert will formulate a plan and nominate a member to the standards network.
ISO/TC 172 SC6	Hans Heister reported on the activities of ISO/TC 172 SC6 (see attached Report on the ISO/TC 172 SC6 Meeting held in Valencia Spain 22 to 23 April 2009).
ISO/TC211	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New working groups are being formed concerning data issued from LIDAR and SONAR (among other) instruments. The question of whether TC211 was properly aligned with TC172 SC6 with regard to instrumentation was asked. In particular, is everyone using the same terminology?

Key issues for the year include:

- Continuing progress on the LADM;
- Continuing liaison with ISO/TC 172 SC6 and ISO/TC211;
- Continuing work on accreditation and how to certify academic programmes and experience;
- IVSC links – see below

Communications:

It was agreed that it was important for Network members to remain aware of the standards related activities being considered by the various commissions. It was agreed that periodic updating of the Summary of FIG Commission Activity Regarding Standards template (attached) is a reasonable means of doing this and members undertook to update it.

The web page on the Network needs updating. David will look after this.

Other matters

No other matters were brought up.

Actions from 2009:

The following progress on 2009 actions was noted:

1. All to update the template for their commission and return to Iain by 31 May - done
2. Iain to update the Network website - done
3. David/ Mikael to consider whether FIG Publication No 9 is too outdated and should be withdrawn - ongoing
4. Iain to discuss the need to bring closure to IVSC links,
Brian Waldy explained that one of Commission 9 interests in standards is related to International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC). IVSC deals with real estate as an asset. For some time FIG has been trying to assess how it could represent its views on the IVSC. IVSC has in the last year said that FIG could become an institutional member. However this would require payment of an annual subscription fee of \$10,000 which is prohibitive. Consequently, FIG can submit comments but cannot play a fuller part in its activities. Thus FIG will be forced to downgrade its participation in the IVSC. Nevertheless, it would be useful to establish a MoU with the IVSC. Brian will continue for the time being as the link between FIG and the IVSC.
5. Steven Frank to keep Network members informed of any developments on accreditation, and use Network members as contacts points into their Commissions on this subject - done
6. All to consider the concept of practice manuals and to raise the issue within their Commission as work plans for 2011-14 are considered
It was suggest that revising or renovating guides might be preferable to actually rebuilding them. The question was posed as to whether or not we should produce more guidance. This is ongoing and will become a 2010 action item
7. Andrew L to keep members informed of certification issues and send material for review as appropriate - ongoing
8. Iain to arrange the passing over of the position of Network Chair to David Martin in the latter part of 2009 - done

Actions

The following actions were agreed:

- 1. All to update the template for their commission and return to David by 15 June;**
- 2. David to update the Network website;**
- 3. David to launch a review of FIG Publication No. 9;**
- 4. Frances and Brian to continue to follow the FIG liaison/link to IVSC;**
- 5. All to consider the concept of practice manuals and guidance, and raise the issue within their Commission as work plans for 2011-14 are considered;**
- 6. Andrew to keep members informed of certification issues and send material for review as appropriate;**
- 7. Larry and Hans to review if there is problem with alignment of terminology in instrumentation between TC211 and TC172 SC6;**
- 8. Wafula and Robert to nominate a member from their commissions to the Standard Network.**

David Martin
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