

**NOMINATION FOR HONORARY MEMBER OF FIG
GRAHAME K. LINDSAY, LS FIS(AUST) MAIC**

It is a great pleasure for the FIG Bureau 2000-2003 to nominate Grahame K. Lindsay as an Honorary Member of FIG. The Bureau is convinced that all members of the Federation share the Bureau's appreciation to Grahame for his great contribution in the development of FIG during his eight years as a member of the FIG Bureau, first as Secretary General and thereafter as a Vice President.

Grahame Lindsay (born 1935) has spent a lifetime of work in the land information business in many Australian States and Territories. Trained as a surveyor in Western Australia, he began his professional career working on rural land development projects for that State's government. In South Australia he was engaged on route selection for the major power distribution network. As Deputy Surveyor General of the Northern Territory (1974-1978) he helped it to prepare for self government in 1978. Whilst working as Regional Manager of the Australian Survey Office in Sydney (1984-1987) he was seconded (in 1986) to the New South Wales government to lead a review team on the Department of Lands. He retired from the post of Commonwealth Surveyor General (1988-1992) and General Manager of AUSLIG (1988-1992) to become Secretary General of FIG (1992-1995), in which position he was able to maintain regular contact with the world's best practice in land and land information management. In the UK Bureau Grahame Lindsay served as one of the Vice Presidents supporting the Bureau with his broad experience with FIG and its members (1996-1999).

Grahame Lindsay's appointment as General Manager of AUSLIG followed immediately upon the Australian government's decision to merge its Division of National Mapping and the Australian Survey Office into a single, new commercial organisation. This gave him extensive experience in the modernisation, restructuring and commercialisation of a large government agency, from the start of the process. He subsequently managed the business, as it engaged in a broad of community service obligations and client-based surveying and land information services. These included Australia's national mapping and digital data programmes, together with its major remote sensing facility. He introduced a number of new initiatives as AUSLIG was modernised for its new role. Throughout this period he was also serving as a member, and subsequently as chairman, of the joint Australian/New Zealand Land Information Council.

Grahame Lindsay's other appointments during the past fifteen years have included the chairmanships of the Commonwealth Land Information Forum, the Australian Liaison Committee for Remote Sensing by Satellite and the Australian Space Office's Remote Sensing Committee. He has served as a member of the Australian Council for Awards in Advance Education and he chaired the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) Committee on Geodesy and Geographic Information in Antarctic. He was a Councillor of the Institution of Surveyors Australia for ten years and its national President in 1988-89. In 1995 he was elected an Honorary Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

During his term of office as Secretary General and Vice President of FIG the Federation has developed to the real international professional organisation that it is today. The results are based, of course, on the previous Bureaux' activities but were implemented in full first during the Australian Bureau, where Grahame's role was very central, and then during the UK Bureau. These new activities include the membership expansion especially in the developing countries and in southern hemisphere, closer relationship to the UN and its agencies, improved information delivery system and increase in the commission activities.

Grahame's work has always been supported by his family and especially his wife Glenys.