

FIG Congress in Washington, 19-26 April 2002

**FIG COMMISSION 1
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND STANDARDS
WORK PLAN 2002 – 2006**

1. Title

Professional Practice and Standards.

Commission 1 is dedicated to all fields of professional activities and therefore vocated to raise issues of general interests and getting involved in other commissions activities. The title 'professional practice' is a clear indication for the wideness of aspects to be handled. Four working parties can possible work on.

2. Terms of Reference

- Professional practice, legal aspects and organisational structures
- Standards and certifications
- Project-management, quality and best practice
- Information technology and e-commerce
- Support of under-represented groups and fair competition

3. Mission Statement

- Capability of development: Changes affecting the operation of surveying practices, their management ant their professional structures under the aspects of widening professional activities.
- Change of technology: Managing processes and infrastructure with modern actions like IT, internet, networks and total quality management.
- Improving surveyors reputation: Supporting the essential dialogue between politicians and surveyors with regard to further development and setting up the own business in strengthening surveyors role in economy and politics.
- Underrepresented groups: To become the focus of public attention under the special effects of surveying some activities take place with underrepresented groups.

4. Working Groups

Working Group 1.1 – FIG Standards Network

Policy issues

- Developing the involvement of practising surveyors in the development and use of standards
- Increasing the influence of surveyors on key international standardisation bodies
- Building the linkage between FIG workplans and standardisation activities
- Advising FG officers and members on standards and standardisation
- Supporting the implementation of FIG's policy on standards

Chair

Iain Greenway (Ireland)

Specific projects

- Continuing to research the most effective way to influence the standardisation process, building relationships with member associations and sister societies as necessary
- Coordinating FIG's input to and relationship with ISO (in particular TC211 and TC172 SC6) and IVSC
- Working with Commissions to provide appropriate briefings to FIG's members on developing and recently published standards
- Maintaining and updating a standards area on the FIG website and the FIG Guide on Standardisation

Publications

- At least one paper at each FIG Working Week, providing an update on activities and progress
- Articles in the FIG Bulletin as appropriate

Timetable

- The Working Group will continue until at least the Congress in Munich in 2006
- A recommendation on how best to handle standardisation matters in FIG beyond 2006 will be presented to the Council by the end of 2005

Working Group 1.2 – Professional practise and organisational structures

Policy issues

- Widening professional activities
- European and world-wide limitations
- Dialogue between politicians and surveyors
- Public private partnership

Chair

Michael Keller (Switzerland)

Final report

During the Munich Congress

Working Group 1.3 – Information technology

Policy issues

- IT and e-commerce
- Electronic signature

- Internet
- Homepage Commission 1

Chair

Jacoub Saade (Lebanon)

Final report

During the Munich Congress

Working Group 1.4 – International project management

Policy issues

- Provide guidelines
- Suggested processes
- Best practice
- Quality management

Chair

Leonie Newnham (Australia)

Final report

During the Munich Congress

Inter-commission Working Group / Working Group of Under-represented groups in FIG

Policy issues

- The role of minorities in the world of surveying
- Analyse of present status about the under-represented groups
- Fair competitions

Chair

Gabriele Dasse (Germany)

Final report

In the Munich Congress

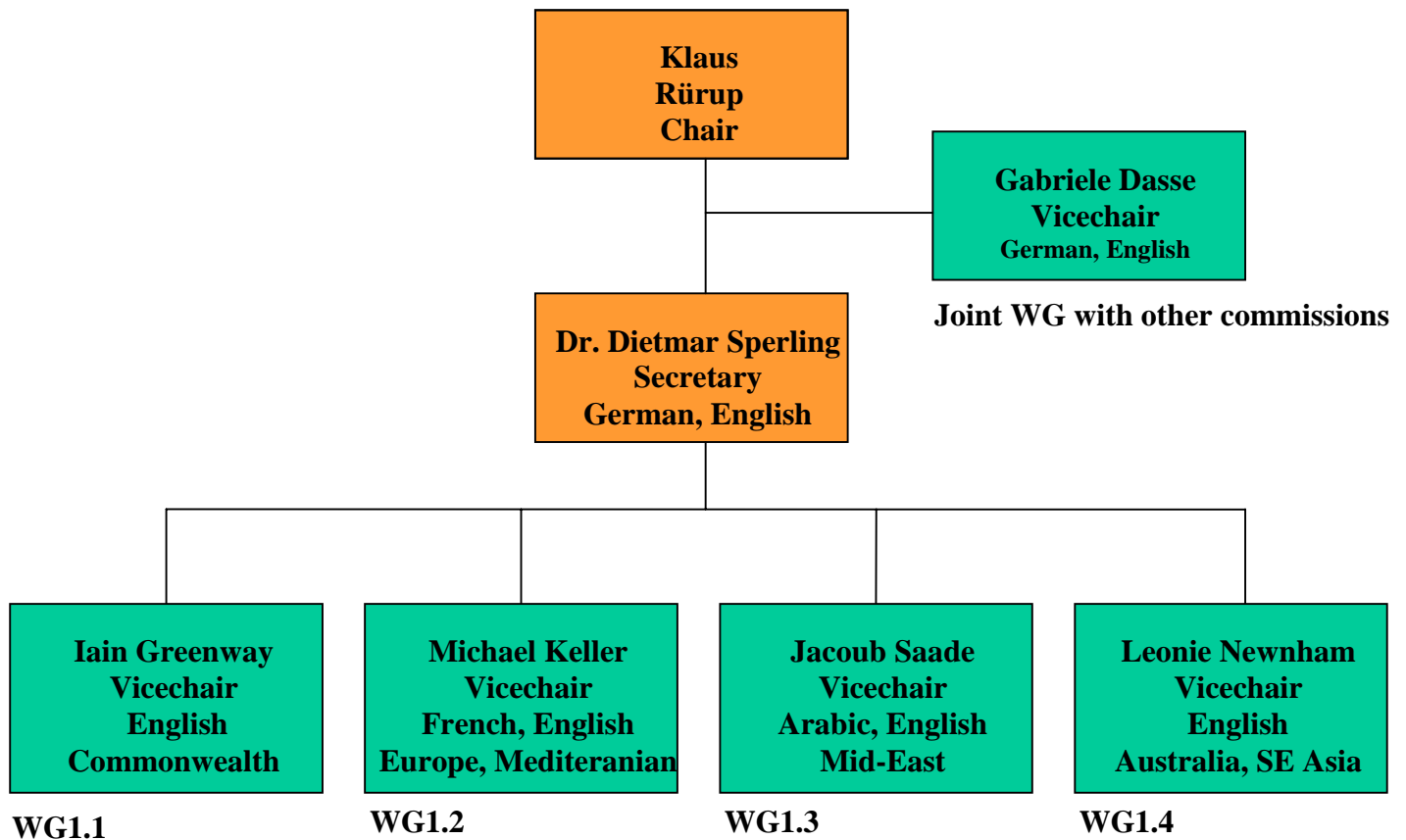
5. Calendar of Events

- 2003 Regional meeting in Ireland (WG1.1)
- 2004 Regional meeting in Switzerland (WG1.2)
- 2005 Workshop in Arabic world (WG1.3)

- 2005 Workshop in Australia (WG1.4)
- 2006 FIG XXIII Congress, Munich, Germany

6. Structure

- There will be four different “Liaison Groups” established according to their geographical, cultural, etc. similarities
- The leaders of each Group there will be that who appear in the following diagram; most of them have accepted
- All of them there will be in direct link with the Commission Chair



These steps help to consolidate freedom in society and growth of economy. They follow the results of UN-campaigns and international declarations. As Holger Magel said, FIG can play an important role to support and enable the essential dialogue between politicians and surveyors. Society needs surveyor’s services and their advice with regard to further development.

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Vice Chair of Commission 1

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