

# **FIG Task Force on FIG Commission Structure**

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Mikael Lilje, Chair of the Task Force

# Based on two proposals

**Proposal from Geosuisse** submitted 2014  
regarding how commission chairs elect are elected

**Proposal regarding Structural Improvements**  
submitted 2015 by

- Danish Association of Chartered Surveyors (Denmark)
- Finnish Association of Geodetic and Land Surveyors MIL (Finland)
- Norges Jordskifte kandidatforening, faglig gruppe av Tekna ([NJKF](#)) (Norway)
- Swedish professionals for the built environment

# Task Force Members

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- Brian Coutts
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# The Task Force have...

- evaluated the current Commission structure and content (includes Task Forces, Networks)
- reviewed the process regarding Chairs-Elect for Commissions.

# Where are we in the process?

- Task Force established at FIG WW 2015
- Proposal presented at FIG WW 2016
- Questionnaire during July/August 2016
- Discussions with Member Associations
  - Sept 2016, Sounio, Greece
  - Oct 2016, Intergeo, Hamburg, Germany
- Final report, presented to Council early 2017
  
- The Task Force is closed!

# Final report – conclusions (1/4)

- The Task Force concludes that FIG Members Associations are not yet ready for major change
- FIG Council decision in September 2016 to keep the current ten Commission for the period 2019-2022. Due to this, the Task Force decided not to present minor changes as an option at this stage



# Final report – conclusions (2/4)

Although the participation in the poll was low as well as number of members present at the meetings the Task Force sense that members

- are not ready for major change,
- may not understand the existing structure and operation of FIG
- may not necessarily understand or agree that the global economic, social and technical challenges ahead will impact FIG and how
- do not understand the role, interrelationships and potential of the three entities -Commissions, Task Forces and Networks - that in combination could make FIG very efficient

# Final report – conclusions (3/4)

The Task Force recommends in its final report that the Council consider the following;

- Consider establishing a Task Force to review and modernise the governance of FIG
- Establish a Task Force to examine how FIG can better facilitate, mentor and monitor the performance, activities and progress of Commissions, Networks and Task Forces
- Improve and strengthen the process for the nomination of Chairs.



# Final report – conclusions (4/4)

The Task Force recommends in its final report that the Council consider the following;

- Decide on an internal process for supporting Commission Work Plan development
- The Council initiate a discussion on the future role, strategy and vision of FIG
- The Council initiate a discussion on the role of the surveyor in the future to understand the capabilities and qualifications needed.

# **Open Discussion on the Task Force Recommendations**

Thursday, 1 June, 13:00–13:50, Room: 103A

Open discussion among members. Everyone is welcome

The discussion should focus on how we can ensure that FIG is relevant and how we can improve the efficiency of FIG.