



## Closing Address

President Holger MAGEL



## FIG Working Week 2004 A Fantastic Event



- Thanks to our Greek hosts, sponsors, ERASMUS
- Thanks to all participants, speakers, council, commissions
- Thanks to participating students (but how can we improve it)
- Respect to powerful Greek surveyors and their broad range of activities (model for others?)

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## FIG becomes more and more the innovative and vital "Mother of Surveying and Surveyors"

FIG remains:

- vital (elections)
- attractive (applications for venues)
- communicative (intensified partnerships with UN, IHO, IAG, ...)
- innovative (new ideas and Working Groups)

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## FIG becomes more and more the innovative and vital "Mother of Surveying and Surveyors"

- Increasing participation in national events to strengthen the profession
- Changed policies recruiting new affiliates
- Increasing member associations and academic members
- Broader definition of surveyors and of their functions covering a wider field of activities

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## Our Motto 2004 was: The Olympic Spirit in Surveying



## Altius – Citius – Fortius

based on

- Visions of health and fitness,
- Participation (for and with all) and
- Noble Competition

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## The Olympic Spirit in Surveying

The Olympic Spirit in FIG



Could we breathe, experience or at least challenge the Olympic spirit in the last days?

What's about:

1. Visions
2. Participation and
3. Noble Competition on the way to a "Higher – Wider – Faster"?

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## The Olympic Spirit in Surveying

Our FIG - Vision



... is to contribute to UN-millennium goals of building a more sustainable, a more just and a more peaceful world

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## The Olympic Spirit in Surveying

What have we achieved?



### 1. New or newly underlined topics of this Vision

Contributions to/or solutions in the fields of

- o Urban and rural development based on sound spatial planning, spatial information and land management
- o Improving urban-rural linkages and interrelationships inclusive e.g. improved transportation and navigation systems (see Marrakech Declaration)
- o More awareness of marine and coastal zone management

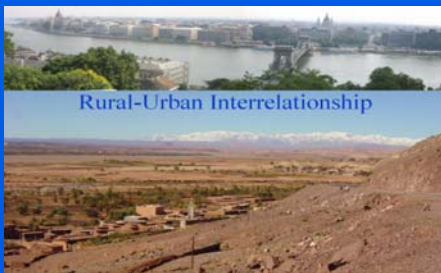
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## The Olympic Spirit in Surveying

What have we achieved?



FIG Statement on Rural-Urban Interrelationship  
Marrakech Declaration



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## The Olympic Spirit in Surveying

What have we achieved?



### 1. New or newly underlined topics of this Vision

Contributions to/or solutions in the fields of

- o Disaster prevention and risk management (Cooperation with UN OOSA / UNEP)
- o More political engagement and involvement requiring "well grounded specialized generalists"
- o Good governance, capacity building, "New institutional economics" discussion, civil society
- o Enhancing factors of innovation and fitness

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## The Olympic Spirit in Surveying

What have we achieved?



### 2. Participation either internal or external

Internal:

- o Increasing the participation of member associations in Working Weeks (in Athens more than 60!!)
- o Better information and communication policies (on the way!)
- o Sharing responsibilities within Council and Commissions (e.g. Lebanon chairs Comm. 1)

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## The Olympic Spirit in Surveying

What have we achieved?



### 2. Participation either internal or external

Internal:

- o Attracting underrepresented groups (still a deficit)
- o Attracting more than now the private sector
- o Facilitating cross-commission activities (e.g. Comm. 10 or Comm. 8)

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What have we achieved?



### 2. Participation either internal or external

#### External:

- o Increasing cooperation with UN and Sister Organisations  
e.g. in Athens: UN OOSA, UNEP, UNECE-WPLA, IAG, IHO, ICA



- o Intensifying dialogue with key decision makers

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### 3. Noble Competition

- o Continuing to enhance the "FIG Reference Library" with papers of Working Week 2004 Athens
- o Mutual recognition of competences (this will be an important topic at the 3rd Regional Conference, Jakarta 2004)

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What has happened in terms of Higher?



#### Surveyors have achieved:

- o better use of GNSS and Outer Space Technologies
- o The adoption of new dimensions in measurements (time as a new dimension!)
- o More accuracy and reliability of measurement and spatial information

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## The Olympic Spirit in Surveying

What has happened in terms of Wider?



#### Surveyors have achieved:

- o Full coverage of the whole globe (information about society and the endangered world)
- o Engagement in clustering and interdisciplinary activities (no single approaches!)
- o Development of a comprehensive view – not only technical but also sociopolitical/cultural approach (Slogan: "From survey to serve the society")

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## The Olympic Spirit in Surveying

What has happened in terms of Wider?



- Surveyors provide direction for comprehensive land management and e-government (e-governance)
- Surveyors are not to be engaged only in objects, but also in rights and persons and their respective transactions

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## The Olympic Spirit in Surveying

What has happened in terms of Faster?



#### Surveyors provide

- o faster response to societies' demands for improved information and access to information
- o "real time measurements",  
e.g. for increasing environmental prevention and risk management

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## The Olympic Spirit in Surveying Higher – Wider – Faster?



Look at the Olympic Spirit of FIG-Office:

More and wider work undertaken at a faster and faster speed with higher and higher efficiencies



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## Conclusions of Athens 2004



The Working Week in Athens has proved again that:

- o FIG is a wonderful example of cosmopolitanism without neglecting the national and local roots
- o FIG is a modern and future-oriented global NGO without forgetting its historical and geographical roots and successes (congratulation to the wonderful exhibitions)

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## Conclusions of Athens 2004



The Working Week in Athens has proved again that:

- o FIG stands for global leadership and the key role in all fields of surveying from measurements, spatial information, planning, decision making to land administration, land management, valuation and construction engineering.

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## Conclusions of Athens 2004



The Working Week in Athens has proved again that:

- o FIG stands for one of the most fascinating and with respect to the needs of society and the world most decisive professions and missions.
- o FIG and its members stand for the indispensable role and growing power of civil society and civic engagement. The more we all are breathing and following the Olympic spirit the more the world, our nations, communities and families will benefit.

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## Conclusions of Athens 2004



Against this background the successful Working Week Athens 2004

- ✓ was a milestone in the history of FIG and
- ✓ an important step into the future
- ✓ . . . and into our next events

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Good Bye and See You in

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Selamat Jalan dan Bertemu lagi di

مع السلامة ونراكم في

Jakarta (Oct.2004)

Cairo (April 2005)



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