

## Welcome to FIG Young Surveyors!

From all over the globe, we aim to help young professionals kick start their careers by providing them with contacts and services through FIG. Through our online network, newsletters and distribution around the globe, we can help you make personal contacts, help to find you education and career opportunities overseas or simply just meet new people.



With members from Sweden, Turkey, Poland, Germany, Nigeria, UK, USA, Hong Kong and Australia to mention some countries, but we're looking to expand our network further! Take the challenge and join FIG Young Surveyors!

If you'd like to be involved, you can join our group by sending us an email at

[FIG\\_Young\\_Surveyors-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:FIG_Young_Surveyors-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Or join the group [FIG Young Surveyor](#) at Facebook

Get involved today!

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## A stakeholder's stance

Following several articles in *Geomatics World* and *Civil Engineering Surveyor* I felt obliged, as a stakeholder, to clarify our position with reference to the XCES and GEO-10 exhibitions. Leica Geosystems is fully committed to supporting the industry. We have invested heavily and been ever-present at the World of Geomatics exhibitions since their inception in 1997. Following the decision last year by ICES/SURCO to host another competing event, XCES, within three weeks of GEO-9, we took the decision to also support this new show. However, it was felt by us and many other industry stakeholders that our industry is unable to sustain two exhibitions in the UK. Despite the collective suggestions of many industry representatives, there are again going to be two shows in 2010 and both within weeks of each other.

We have consequently and reluctantly made the decision not to attend either show this year. Given that commercial factors seem to have been uppermost in the decision to run both shows in 2010, I hope that common sense and the needs of the industry will feature more in 2011. I'm sure your readers will agree that the UK has been, and continues to be, a leader in the surveying and civil engineering industry. I truly believe that our industry deserves a show that is reflective of the market today, a show that is a magnet for the world's leading suppliers and shares excellence and best practice. We need a show that is fun and gives real benefits for delegates, suppliers and potential clients alike. It should also attract a new generation of surveyors and engineers to the industry and be large and broad enough to be the first date in the diary of all positioning professionals. Like Intergeo in Germany we need an event that demonstrates to the world what our industry is made of! Any takers?

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*CES would like to hear your thoughts, gripes, groans, moans, praise, comments and ideas on any topic past or present. Send your letters to the editor, Darrell Smart [dsmart@cices.org](mailto:dsmart@cices.org)*

## BLAST blasts off

A new three-year project to improve marine reference data for the North Sea is underway. The EU-funded BLAST project features 16 organisations from six different countries; including government departments, universities and private companies.

It is a transnational challenge to incorporate maritime information from the sea areas of the different countries around the North Sea to ensure geographic information can be integrated to create a consistent reference base. This base can then be used for better coastal zone management and planning.

BLAST is being led by the Norwegian Hydrographic Service, with input from the UK Hydrographic Office, Natural Environment Research Council and SeaZone Solutions.

