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•Working Group 1.1 - Changing Nature of Work and the Role of a Surveyor (Working Group with input from Commission 2, 7 and the Young Surveyor's Network)

–Papers presented on the various aspects of the definition of a surveying professional throughout working weeks led by Brian Coutts Vice Chair (now Chair Elect) from New Zealand.

–‘The Changing Role of the Surveying and Spatial Professional – Looking towards 2020 and beyond’, workshop held in Melbourne in September 2013 involving representative group reviewing the existing FIG definition of a surveyor. Included worldwide social media discussion led by Robyn McCutcheon Vice Chair and Leonie Newnham Chair both from Australia. Vice chair Winnie Shiu from Hong Kong SAR, China was part of the workshop.

•Working Group 1.3 – Community of Practice on professional standards and practice.

Led by Vice Chair Stephen Djaba from Ghana

–Focus was on building links between various African surveying communities.

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•Working Group 1.4 – International Boundary Settlement and Demarcation (Joint Working Group with Commission 7)

–Co Vice Chairs Dr. Haim Srebro from Israel and Dr. Bill Robertson from New Zealand produced an excellent publication – International Boundary Making- Methodology and Practice in December 2013.

•Working Group 1.5 Social Media and Surveyors a joint activity with Young Surveyor's Network.

–Discussion of the various aspects of social media and surveying professional held throughout working weeks led by Leonie Newnham and in conjunction with Young Surveyor's Network.

–Used social media to share work on the definition of a surveyor developing discussion using Commission 1 Linked in group and twitter for the Melbourne Workshop held in September 2013. Used Skype format to engage surveyors from around the world in workshop discussion led by Robyn McCutcheon.

•Working Group 1.2 – Regulation approaches that provide secure tenure

–Decision taken to support work of Working Group 1.1 for this four year terms. Development work undertaken on the ethical aspects of regulation for next work plan.