

FIG Scientific Journal

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Conclusions/Recommendations

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A new FIG Journal

- ❑ FIG covers too many topics to be included in one journal
- ❑ A scientific (FIG) journal which is not focusing on a specific topic might prevent potential readers to use it
- ❑ The Impact Factor of a journal is dependent on its number of readers (number of citations of its papers)
- ❑ A regular journal with 2-3-4 issues a year requires at least ~ 30-50 accepted papers per year
- ❑ Based on the current number of submitted (and accepted) papers in the full-peer-review channel to our annual events – this is not a reachable target

Recommended Solution

The interim solution presented on Monday at the previous GA looks as the best and (probably) the final solution.

“Reaching an agreement with several existing journals to publish special issues from time to time within their framework according to pre-defined principles”

Operational actions (1)

- ❑ **Appoint an editorial board of 4-5 members (covering all topic within FIG activities)**
- ❑ **A call for reviewers (20-25) should be issues by the office**
- ❑ **The list of members of the scientific committee (editors + reviewers) should be published (annually or per event)**
- ❑ **Before an event the editorial board should agree with specific journals on publishing special issue/s composing good papers of the event**

Operational actions (2)

- ❑ **The attendees of an annual event should be informed in advance as to the journals that will publish special issues**
- ❑ **The review process should be stricter (our estimation: probably only 40-50% of the current accepted papers could be accepted for a journal)**
- ❑ **The two current channels for submitting papers for the annual event will remain unchanged**
- ❑ **Papers for the full-peer-review channel should be evaluated for the journals**

Operational actions (3)

- ❑ **Only good high level papers should be accepted; the review should be handled on a journal reviewing level (not on a tight schedule - as was the case so far)**
- ❑ **The Task Force is authorized to continue its work:**
 - ➔ **Recommend the structure of the editorial staff**
 - ➔ **Recommend the structure of the review process (including detailed guidelines)**
 - ➔ **Be in touch with several journals in order to reach pre-defined agreements**

Potential Journals (initial list)

- Survey Review**
- Land Use Policy**
- Journal of Applied Geodesy**
- Journal of Surveying Engineering (ASCE)**
- Computers, Environment and Urban Systems**
- Nordic Journal of Surveying and Real Estate Research**
- Survey and Land Information Sciences**
- (others)**

Initial Recommendations

- ❑ **The Task Force will continue its activity, analyse all the implications, and submit recommendations within 6-12 months to the council**
- ❑ **Based on the council's comments, the Task Force will prepare a final report to be presented at the GA in Helsinki in 2017**