



# XXVI FIG Congress 2018

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## XXVI FIG Congress 2018 President's CLOSING REPORT

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## *As we set out for our “Ithaca”: Ensure the future of our profession & our contribution to society*

*Embracing our smart world:*

- ✓ *be global, diverse, human*
- ✓ *be digital, smart, skilled*
- ✓ *be connected,*
- ✓ *be engaged, committed*
- ✓ *be excited & be confident*

### ***As you set out for Ithaca***

*hope the voyage is full of adventure, full of discovery.*

*Laistrygonians and Cyclops,*

*angry Poseidon—don't be afraid of them:*

*you'll never find things like that on your way*

*as long as you keep your thoughts raised high,*

*as long as a rare excitement*

*stirs your spirit and your body.*



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## ***Congratulations to the LO and to FIG for been global & diverse***

- ✓ 2320 participants
- ✓ 812 foreign & 1508 Turkish delegates
- ✓ 108 exhibitors
- ✓ 133 young surveyors
- ✓ 400 papers
- ✓ 27 peer reviewed papers
- ✓ 15 FIG Sessions
- ✓ 12 partners sessions
- ✓ 3 pre-events
- ✓ 2 sub events during the Congress
- ✓ 63 technical sessions
- ✓ 3 platinum member sessions
- ✓ 3 ISS sessions
- ✓ Exhibitors' presentations



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## ***Congratulations to the YS for been human & committed***

*YS VCSP: Humans first, then technology. Land Administration is a mindset!*

*VCSP was launched in Helsinki, 2017 and the pilot was finished in March of this year! A total of 7 projects were completed and 13 volunteers have participated*



*Round table discussion on the Volunteer Community Surveyor Program (VCSP)*





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*exited & determined*  
*YSN: What is next?*  
*Surveying becomes*  
*meaningful when you*  
*are helping others*



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***Congratulations  
to FIG  
Foundation and  
Sponsors  
for enabling skill  
development***

*meeting 2018*



*FIG Foundation dinner*



*meeting the recipients of the 2018  
FIG Foundation Young Surveyors  
FIG Congress award*



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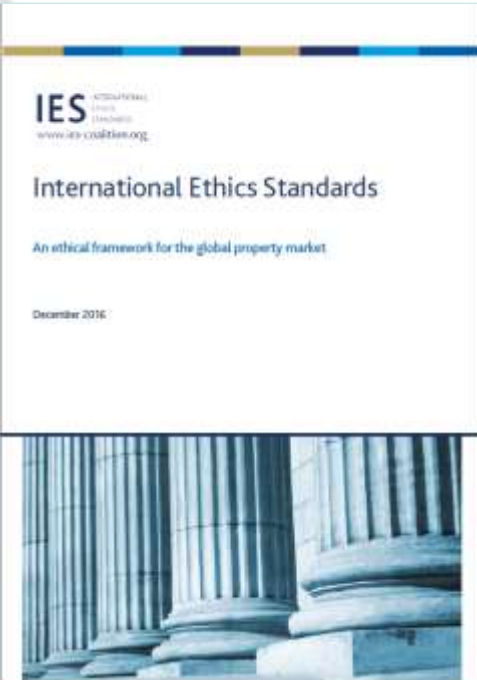
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***Congratulations to MA of surveyors for standardizing ethics, services and products***



***Congratulations to Commission 1 for the contribution to IES and to the FIG member associations that have adopted it***

***Congratulations to the Survey Review for supporting us enhancing quality***

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***Congratulations to FIG Commissions for standardizing services and products and for raising awareness about new fields of activity***

**ICMS**  
International Construction Measurement Standards: Global Consistency in Presenting Construction Costs  
International Construction Measurement Standards Coalition



**FIG**  
Professional Competencies  
FIG Guidance on Professional Competencies  
for Quantity Surveyors / Construction Economists / Cost Engineers  
FIG Commission 10



*Commission 10 for ICMS and for the 1st FIG publication of Com10*

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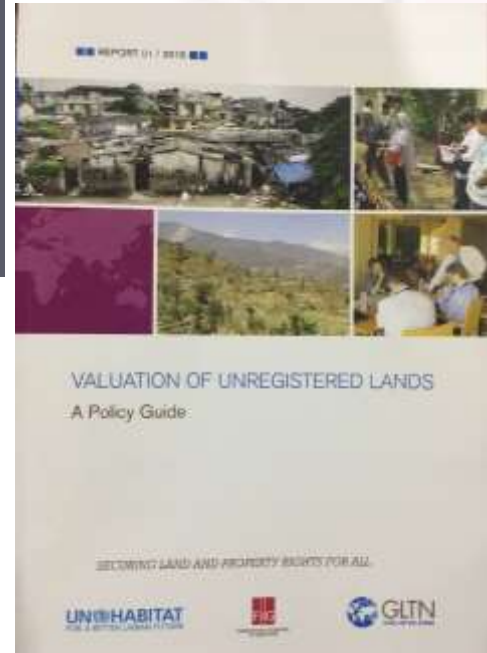
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***Congratulations to FIG Commissions and partners for standardizing services and products***



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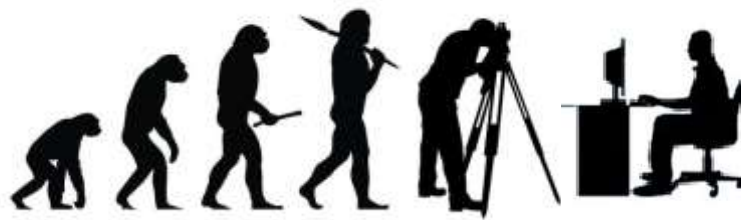
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## Message for surveyors and NAs:

- ✓ See the opportunity not the complexity
- ✓ Embrace new technologies- **YES! Validation is critical**
- ✓ Improve cooperation and **communication skills** with **other professionals & the society**
- ✓ **Participate** (in your associations & in FIG)
- ✓ Increase your **digital fluency & computing skills** to ensure **democratization** and make **digitalization a peaceful transition power** for the benefit of all
- ✓ Infuse codes and algorithms with your **values!**
- ✓ **Platform-based services & new technologies** are created to provide timely reliable and affordable solutions to society- remember: those who survive are not the strongest or the most intelligent, but those who are adaptable



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## For academics / educators:

- ✓ Include FIG, GLTN, UN, FAO, WB publications, about tools & policies in your curricula; establish partnership with FAO for the VGGT
- ✓ Restructure and **update frequently**, adopt **flexible schemes** to enable skill development according to demand
- ✓ **e-learning** courses can fill the gaps ; continuing **capacity development**

## For NMAs:

- ✓ **Think big & spatial, use your tools, stay current, create new services, be free or affordable, move quickly & evolve, start now!**
- ✓ reform processes or ways of doing things to better meet the needs of your customers and the citizens
- ✓ Robotization & AI alone are not the solution; legislation, procedures, practices and regulations should be revised, too.



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✓ *policy issues! technical issues! "make it simple...if you can"*



***Congratulations to the current and in-coming chairs!  
Congratulations to the current and in-coming FIG VP!  
Congratulations to the NEW FIG PRESIDENT!***

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***FIG Office***

***FIG Council***

***FIG Commission Chairs***

***FIG TF Chairs***

***Chairs of Permanent Institutions and  
Networks***

***FIG XXVI Congress organizers***

***Thank you all for the great cooperation  
and your valuable contributions!***

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*Always enjoy and contribute!*



*Keep Ithaka always in your mind  
Arriving there is what you're destined for*

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