

Zagreb, Croatia, 7th to 9th March 2005

Just one week after his Rome meeting with one of the oldest FIG member associations, the Italian CNG (Consiglio Nazionale Geometri), president Holger Magel visited one of the youngest FIG members, the Algerian OGEF (l'Ordre des Géomètres Experts Fonciers

Algiers). President Magel was responding to the invitation of OGEF president Ahmed Benaissa to encourage Algerian colleagues to make further commitments and increased contributions to FIG and its commissions. The president underlined in his speeches and interviews with journalists the multiple advantages of FIG membership for an open market in Algeria. Due to current political goals Algeria, which has had and continues to have a very strongly military and state institutional character, including in the field of surveying, is showing a slight shift towards the private sector. As a result, the OGEF is now participating to some degree in cadastre work. During his visits to Agence Nationale du Cadastre, Institut National de Cartographie et de Télédétection and the Centre National de l'Information Géographique president Magel encouraged all responsible director-generals to ensure a fair balance between the public and private sector.