

# Counting Down to FIG Congress 2022



The FIG community is counting down until it can finally meet again in person, from 11-15 September 2022 in Warsaw, the beautiful and vibrant capital city of Poland.

The FIG e-Working Week 2021 showed that an online conference is doable, but the feedback was clear: there is a strong wish to meet in person. And we will do so this year... so mark your calendar now.

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2022 in Warsaw, the beautiful and vibrant capital city of Poland. We hope and believe that it will be possible to meet in person in September with a more 'normalized' travel situation. Until then, we have sufficient time to make all the preparations for the event, such as the call for papers, the practical arrangements, organizing a good conference programme, etc.

## What is the FIG Congress? (And why is it not called a 'FIG Working Week', as before?)

The FIG community meets once a year for a conference with technical sessions, meetings, discussions and for the annual General Assembly (FIG Working Week). Every four years, a new president is elected, which happens at the FIG Congress, and also two (out of four) new vice presidents are elected. The FIG Congress also marks the final year of the current president, council, commission chairs and their working groups and the finalization of their work plans and activities. This means that the FIG Congress is a larger event with more participation.

## Your participation is important

The chairs-elects will use the congress to plan the coming four-year term. You can join them, and this is your opportunity to influence the future of their work. Within FIG, the expression 'Surveyor' is used as a generic term comprising all occupations and professions working in conjunction with geospatial data, such as land surveyors, quantity surveyors, construction surveyors, cadastral surveyors, mining surveyors, photogrammetrists, topographers, cartographers, hydrographers, valuers, geo-informaticians, land and town planners, etc.

## Volunteering for the future

Surveyors have always been a solid pillar of society in Poland, and the local host – the Association of Polish Surveyors (SGP) – has just celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bringing the international surveying community to Poland is an opportunity to highlight current topics which are reflected in the overall theme: 'Volunteering for the future – Geospatial excellence for a better living'. This theme is divided into the following sub-topics:

- Surveyor 4.0 – future applications for cadastre, environmental questions, engineering and mining
- Our profession in and after COVID-19 times
- Open data and open access – are these the bullet points of the future roadmap?
- Surveying competence for other disciplines

These topics underline the significant change in our profession. Decades ago, the typical product of a land surveyor was a topographic map or a cadastral plan. In general, this product was only partly accessible and often reserved for military and state administration purposes only. This has changed radically. Today, geoinformation and all related products are seen in a much broader context and as public goods that are beneficial for the well-being and betterment of society as a whole. In addition to this, we can observe that the current geodata products are gaining in quality and are becoming increasingly available to users free of charge.

## Submit your abstract now

For a chance to be part of the technical programme and proceedings, submit your abstract before the deadline of 31 January 2022 (and 2 January 2022 for peer review papers).

## More information

[www.fig.net/fig2022](http://www.fig.net/fig2022)



The Polish capital of Warsaw at nightfall.

