

Topcon Strengthens Relationship with Academic Community

The Topcon Positioning Group has announced a partnership between Topcon Positioning Spain and the Geodesy and Surveying College of the Polytechnic University of Madrid. A new classroom has been introduced where teachers, students and professionals, along with Topcon representatives, will share knowledge and experiences and develop new business.

Topcon has always been close to educational institutions, with the aim of building partnerships between the business and academic world through its Educational Partnership Program, and encouraging students to see first hand the latest technology through instrumentation systems and positioning acquisition 3D data, said Javier Peñafiel, national sales manager for Topcon Positioning Spain. The University and Topcon have, in fact, collaborated for many years with partnerships, business practices, PhD programmes and more, and this programme further continues the spirit of that collaboration.

Launched on 6 May, the Topcon classroom was conceptualised to become a platform that provides development and knowledge for the latest technologies. Through this collaboration, the College will use Topcon equipment for educational purposes and in research projects that each student must present before completing their degrees.

Dr Jesús Velasco, director of the Geodesy and Surveying College, has high regard for the Topcon approach and considers the relationship essential for quality training of students with the latest technology. It is the most important geomatics and surveying programme in Spain today, and a clear reference for the sector, as most people who are industry benchmarks have come out of that school, Dr Velasco said. It was essential to create an approach to the business world, which has finally been achieved after years of collaboration with Topcon, a global technology leader in surveying instruments. He sees it as an honour to have a Topcon classroom in the Madrid College.

The classroom is used as a multipurpose space where both the College and Topcon will conduct activities such as outreach, development, research and training.

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