



The FIG Young Surveyors Network (YSN) provides a great opportunity for young surveyors to join together, network and become involved with other young surveying professionals around the world.

A Young Surveyor is defined by FIG as a person 35 years old or younger or within 10 years of graduation with a Bachelors or Masters degree in surveying/geomatics.

The YSN was established as FIG Commission 1 (Professional Standards and Practice) Working Group 1.2 Young Surveyors at the FIG Congress in Munich in 2006. In 2009 it became the FIG Young Surveyors Network and currently has the status of a Commission-level body within FIG (International Federation of Surveyors).

The Purpose of the YSN is to:

- To improve the number of young professionals participating within the FIG.
- To help young professionals in the beginning of their careers with contacts.
- To increase co-operation between the commissions and the students and young professionals network.

The first Young Surveyors Conference was held in conjunction with the 2012 FIG Working Week in Rome, Italy. Over 120 young surveyors from over 40 countries participated. The next YS Conference will be held at the 2014 FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The YSN is a great resource for not only networking and becoming friends and colleagues with other young surveyors from around the world but also provides information on opportunities for internships, scholarships, study and training opportunities and jobs around the world.

In September the YSN was involved in the IV International Training Course in Topography for Young Surveyors held in Madrid, Spain. This two-week annual course covers all things related to surveying including traditional surveying techniques, GIS, photogrammetry/remote sensing and laser scanning using the latest in technology. The course is taught in English. Fifty young surveyors are invited to attend and participate. The only cost is the airfare to the venue. All other costs (accommodations, meals, training, etc.) are covered. Details about the 2012 program can be found at www.fig.net/news/news_2012/training_course_topography.htm. In 2012 the 50 young surveyors came from 17 different countries. In 2013 it is anticipated that two American young surveyors will be invited to attend and participate. A truly great opportunity!

The YSN is also involved in many worthwhile endeavors including the UN-Habitat/FIG Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) and Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) and the FIG African Task Force where young surveyors can become involved and help make a difference in improving conditions in developing countries.

The YSN has a very active presence on Facebook (**FIG Young Surveyors**) and LinkedIn (**FIG Young Surveyors Network**) and you are invited and encouraged to join in with hundreds of young surveyors from around the world already participating.

The future of surveying is in your hands and the FIG Young Surveyors Network is a wonderful resource and tool to encourage and support your success.

More information, including the latest YSN newsletter can be found at: www.fig.net/ys. For more information or questions the YSN email address is: fig.youngsurveyors@gmail.com.