

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HOUSING AND
PLANNING (IFHP)
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS (FIG)**

1. Background

The International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP) and the International Federation of Surveyors (Fédération Internationale des Géomètres FIG) both recognise that each is an international organisation with many complementary activities serving similar professional constituencies involving research and development into varied aspects relating to spatial planning and design, implementation of plans, architecture and land management.

FIG specialises in professional areas related to surveying in its broad sense such as land and environmental planning, development and management, implementation of plans, infrastructure development, property valuation, construction economics and procurement as well as to more technical aspects of the profession as positioning and measurement, engineering surveys, hydrography and geographic information systems.

IFHP specialises in professional areas such as urban development, living conditions and environmental values, and focuses on the exchange of professional and scientific information concerning policy development and implementation, plan- and project development and implementation, spatial planning, traffic and transport planning, environmental planning, economic and social development, and the preservation of cultural and historical values.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide an effective framework for a continuing liaison between the two organisations, for maintaining and increasing the opportunities of technical exchange between their members through a continuing programme of co-operation leading to mutual sharing and co-operation in research and development of knowledge and expertise to the advantage of the membership of both organisations.

3. Programme of Activities

In accordance with the background and purpose as described above, both organisations agree to endeavour to intensify their co-operation for mutual benefit. By way of implementation, the following steps will be taken, among others:

1. Regular contact should be established between the permanent secretariats of both organisations and their elected leaderships to introduce and maintain continuing liaison between the two organisations.
2. Each organisation should inform the other of all Commissions, Working Groups etc. that it has established and invite representation from the other on to each of these groups where it is agreed that it would be appropriate and sensible.

3. The themes of mutual interests identified at the moment are:
 - spatial planning and development
 - land use policies and land valuation
 - implementation of plans
 - relationship between planning and implementation
 - costs and taxation
 - ownership, building-law, security and equity
 - use of spatial information for planning, management, decision-making and related services
 - professional practice, quality management and best practice
 - implementation of Agenda 21 and the Habitat Agenda through joint co-operation with the Habitat Professionals Forum and jointly with the United Nations
 - cooperation with other international organisations (e.g. UN and other organisations involved in spatial planning)
4. Each organisation should inform the other of its programme of proposed schools, seminars, workshops, etc. to enable consideration as to whether joint participation would be of mutual benefit and further inform its members on these events when appropriate (e.g. on its home page on Internet).
5. Both organisations should study possibilities to organise specialised seminars or workshops under the both banners.
6. Each organisation should invite a representative from the other organisation to attend each respective Congress.
7. Decision on joint or co-sponsored events which are covered by the subjects listed under 3.3 will be made at a meeting between the Secretary General of the IFHP and the Director of the FIG Office.

4. Financial Commitment

It is understood that neither organisation can commit the other to any expenditure, save that from administering this agreement, without the specific written agreement of both organisations.

5. Legal Status

This Memorandum does not create a legal link between the two organisations who will maintain their mutual independence.

This Memorandum of Understanding is valid until IFHP or FIG proposes changes to it. Each organisation has the right to propose changes to this Memorandum at any time. Any changes shall be subject to the agreement of both organisations.

Neither IFHP nor FIG will make any agreements with associations which may conflict or compete with this Memorandum of Understanding before giving advance notice and securing the agreement of the other organisation.

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On behalf of FIG

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Appendix to the Memorandum of Understanding between IFHP and FIG

Events and activities of joint interest in 2002 – 2003

2002

19–26 April, Washington DC, USA

The XXII FIG Congress and XXV General Assembly

- Organised by FIG, ACSM and ASPRS
- <http://www.fig2002.org>

8-12 September, Tianjin, China

Urban Conditions 21. 46th IFHP World Congress

- Organised by International Federation of Housing and Planning
- IFHP Secretariat, tel. + 31 70 328 1504, fax: +31 70 328 2085
- Email: IFHP.NL@inter.NL.net

Habitat Professionals Forum

29/4 - 3/5, Nairobi, Kenya

Urban Forum

- www.unhabitat.org

26/8 - 4/9, Johannesburg, South Africa

The World Summit on Sustainable Development

- www.johannesburgsummit.org

Projects

Working group on GIS and spatial planning

- draft work plan to be received from IFHP

Working group on Urban Land Policy

- IFHP working group, FIG participation to the existing working group

Working group on Urban Regeneration

- FIG existing project, IFHP contribution to this project

Working Group on Mega Cities in the Developing Countries

- new joint working group between IFHP, FIG and UN-HABITAT