



To  
President Janusz Walo and the  
Local Organising Committee of FIG Congress 2022  
Association of Polish Surveyors - SGP

Dear President Janusz Walo, Dear Local Organising Committee of FIG Congress 2022

With this letter FIG would like to send a heartfelt thanks to the Association of Polish Surveyors, SGP, to you and to your dedicated Local Organising Committee for the cooperation of the FIG Congress 2022 held in Warsaw, Poland 11-15 September 2022.

The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) is a United Nations and World Bank recognised non-governmental international professional organisation. FIG was founded in 1878 and represents national associations of surveying, cadastre, valuation, national mapping professionals, geospatial experts and quantity surveyors working in both the public and private sectors, in the scientific, research and academic community, as well as from technology innovators and industry from more than 120 countries around the world. SGP is an association member of FIG.

Each year, FIG convenes a conference in cooperation with a national member association. The large 4-year Congress which marks the final year of a leadership term was held in 2022. Originally this event should have taken place in Cape Town, South Africa. However due to the COVID19 pandemic situation in 2020 and 2021 FIG General Assembly decided in June 2021 to change the location of this main FIG event. The Association of Polish Surveyors, SGP agreed to take up this challenge to organise this event within one year, a proposal that was agreed by the General Assembly unanimously and thankfully.

The dedicated local organising committee, consisting of the President, Secretary General and members of SGP managed in cooperation with FIG to organise a highly successful congress at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Conference Centre Warsaw within one year, something that is normally prepared over 3-4 years. Despite uncertainties such as the continuation of the COVID19 pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the local organisers continued competently their organisation of the event, taking these outcoming threats into consideration.

FIG and the local organisers worked with an estimate of 600 participants and a smaller exhibition, however due to steady work from local side the final number of on-site attendees was 850 plus 42 accompanying persons, in total from 82 countries, and further to this there were 200 online participants that got access to parts of the programme. In total 80 sessions were offered, hereunder keynote sessions, special sessions with external partners and technical sessions. The exhibition was, thanks to the steady work of the local organisers, larger than expected.

Due to a thorough financial oversight and careful monitoring of expenses the final result turned out to be better than expected, also due to the increased number of participants and the larger number of exhibitors and sponsors.

SGP had managed to engage important national stakeholders such as relevant ministries, agencies and companies, as well as international sister organisations within the field in the organisation and execution of the congress which added to the success of the congress. One obstacle turned out to be visas, which were even more difficult to get than normal, and the local organisers spent much time on dialogues with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and various embassies.

Finally, FIG hopes that this congress has left a legacy nationally – not only in SGP, but also in Poland. One example of this is the work initiated by SGP on the restoration of the survey monument of the 52°N parallel geodesic arc in the city centre of Warsaw which was changed into European Geodesy Monument. This restored monument was opened on Wednesday 14 September with representatives from the City of Warsaw, SGP and FIG.

FIG is thankful that SGP took up this big challenge and managed to organise such a large international event within one year. It is not easy because it takes time to engage stakeholders, and to get both logistics, visa handling and overall management in place. Threats from outside that were not possible to predict were handled delicately and efficiently. You did not only meet the expectations of a FIG Congress, which is the highest level within FIG. You did even better, especially under these different and difficult circumstances, and you never doubted to continue despite these various hick-ups.

We want to thank you and your entire organising team again for your extraordinary work and for the outstanding impressions and results you have left in our hearts.

Best regards,



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