

**Greeting from Prof. Stig Enemark, President of FIG  
to the International Conference on SDI 2010  
Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, 15-17 September 2010.**



Dear Colleague,

It is my great pleasure as President of the International Federation of Surveyors, FIG, to co-sponsor the International Conference on Spatial Data Infrastructures, to be held in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, 15-17 September 2010.

The conference themes cover all aspects of SDI's and will have a special focus on the realization of the European INSPIRE directive in the countries of South East Europe. The conference has the potential to become the major SDI conference in the region and be influential for SDI development in general. The conference will show the importance of SDIs and their use, on local, national or regional level in the region of South East Europe and its relation to global initiatives.

Such global initiatives are also addressed through the work of FIG Commission 3 (Spatial Information Management) with a special focus on the challenges of the mega cities. I am therefore happy to know that the current Chair of FIG Commission 3 Mrs Chryssy Potsiou from Greece will attend the conference on behalf of FIG and ensure that the best possible synergies can be established.

FIG is "*Building the Capacity*" based on our current work plan in the sense that capacity is needed in developing countries to meet the challenges of fighting poverty and developing a basis for a sustainable future. At the same time capacity is needed in developed countries to meet the challenges of the future in terms of institutional and organisational development in the areas of surveying and land administration. Therefore I am looking forward with great expectations to the outcome of the conference in Skopje and further cooperation to enhance professional development in the region.

On behalf of FIG and the global surveying community I wish all the best for the SDI Conference in Skopje.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Stig Enemark". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Prof. Stig Enemark  
President of FIG