

FIG COMISSION 3 /GEOMAT/EGOS

Opening ceremony

It s a great pleasure and honor that I am here today representing Egos in the FIG commission 3 workshop and Geomat conference.

The workshop is organized by FIG commission 3, Geomat, Egos and local authorities and associations. The idea of a common workshop belongs to Enrico and Maria and we would like to say a special thank to you both for planning and organizing this meeting, and for inviting Egos to join.

FIG commission 3 is a part of FIG that specializes in spatial information management.

Egos has a wide field related to surveyor professional's activities as our secretary MALKOLM LELIOT will present later on today.

Both these groups share something in common.

This is the surveyor engineer.

He will take the spatial information and based on his knowledge, experience and perception, he will try to analyze it first and then interpret it into topographic terms to make it understood and useful.

Based on the surveyor's data, other professionals will develop studies, projects and constructions.

Therefore, the better and more reliable the initial analyze and the documentation of data by the surveyor is, the better and more credible the projects and constructions based on that analyze –documentation will be.

This is exactly why surveyors play a critical role in analyzing and interpreting spatial information.

On that subject, FIG commission 3 will be presenting new technologies and practices that improve spatial information management.

On the other hand, EGOS and the other professional organizations will help to spread out that information to the surveyors and make spatial information management a useful tool for surveyors.

I would like to point out the need for more publicity for the outcomes from similar workshops. This is mainly a task for the professional organizations to follow similar activities and inform their members about the outcomes.

I believe that posting events in a couple of websites is not enough.

The continue learning is necessary.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the local organizers for hosting this workshop and doing a great job organizing everything, as well as supporting the meeting of Egos tomorrow.

Let me say also that as Greek I am deeply touched to be in this beautiful town today that is well known and loved by Greeks since

From that town the Greek revolution began in 1821 that led to our country's liberation from the Ottoman Empire.

I wish you all a productive and successful conference

Thank you very much.

Nikolaos Zacharias