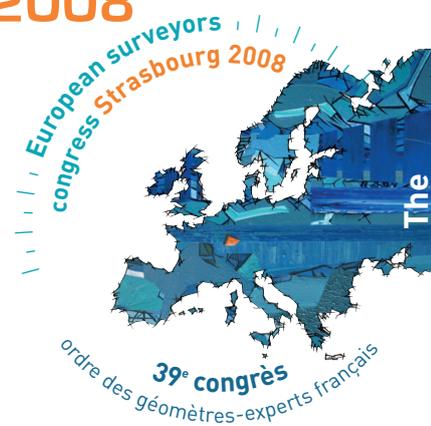


European Surveyors Congress



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The voice of youth is the voice of the future... And this is precisely why we will be giving engineering students an opportunity to speak at the opening session of the Strasbourg forward-planning conference. We met them in educational establishments in France, Germany and Belgium. What follows is a word-for-word account of our exchanges:

- "What's needed is a Europe-wide discussion and planning body such as already exists today in the CLGE, etc. It should be given the task of representing all European surveyors - be they civil servants, self-employed professionals or exercising under some other status - to present chartered surveyors' point of view to European decision-making bodies and raise public awareness of our profession."

- "For we students, the Order [of French chartered surveyors] is undeniably a plus. It gives us a feeling of security and I would even say a feeling of belonging to a large community. Consumers also need to feel protected by an Order that controls the profession and lays down a code of professional conduct and practice."

- "Property remains something sacred in France: consumers should make it a habit to consult a chartered surveyor for any operations involving the integrity of their property."

- "In my opinion, we sell consumers security. The liability incurred by chartered surveyors in certain operations is, in itself, a guarantee of quality."

- "By pooling the geographical, land rights, legal and digital information about land among the different professionals who each hold individual parts of it, chartered surveyors will be able to more effectively protect property."

- "What the latest technologies have done for chartered surveyors' services is, to my mind, a fine challenge. The richness of photogrammetry and lasergrammetry techniques make me think they may change the techniques used and especially the types of work done by chartered surveyors."

- "3D is fast becoming an indispensable tool for representation and decision-making. It provides a realistic depiction of projects for people who have no knowledge of topography, such as elected representatives, for example."

- "I plan to work within a company structure so that I can combine my skills with those of other professions and become as multi-purpose and competitive as possible."

- "I think engineering school is a good place to acquire a theoretical grounding in the profession of surveyor. Merging engineering schools with universities or other educational establishments (architecture schools, geography faculties, etc.) would probably have positive repercussions on future surveyor training by opening trainees up to other disciplines."

MAIN TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE

Prospects and Outlooks.

The role of surveyors in the economy and European society.

The surveyor and the consumer : which services for which requirements ?

The surveyor and the technological evolution : which contribution for a sustainable development ?

Law, the surveyor and property : which skills for which guarantees ?

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A CHARTER OF COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO BE SIGNED AT THE CONFERENCE

At the instigation of the supervisory minister, the OGE has drawn up a charter for sustainable development. Developed in collaboration with France's central town-planning, housing and construction department (DGHUC), the charter is expected to be signed by Jean-Louis Borloo, the minister for ecology, and Pierre Bibollet, chairman of the OGE, at the Strasbourg conference.

EVENING PARTIES : 17th of september : Garden Party with Alsatian food on the Rhine bank, in the Two Banks garden, accessible through the footbridge designed by Marc Mimram, well known architect in bridges design.

18th of september : Party in the historic heart of the old Strasbourg.

PROGRAMME FOR ACCOMPANYING PERSONS : Colmar city, museum of chocolate, Riquewihr, Haut-Koenigsbourg, Cristal road, crests' road, and of course Strasbourg...

POST CONGRESS TRIP : Black Forest, from the 19th to the 23rd of September.

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