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“Professional Ethics, a landmark for geodetic surveyors”
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This Conference underlines the utmost importance of ethical principles for the profession of Geodetic Surveying, especially for property surveying and recommends that:

- Whilst there are some eternal values, it's important that ethical codes evolve in response to the demands societal and technological change;
- The adoption of emerging technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence, will require the early formulation of regulatory and ethical frameworks and associated compliance;
- Ethical behavior should be taught and modelled, not only in theory but also in practice, through the education system, in the early career workplace and throughout the whole career;
- Most ethical principles apply to the profession as a whole, regardless of the status of the practitioner (private surveyors, employees, civil servants).

The Conference believes that educational standards, including ethics, must be maintained at a high level.

The Conference subscribes to the International Ethics Standard (IES) and the International Land Measurement Standard (ILMS) and promotes their recognition by CLGE's member associations and beyond.

The conference advises that the [“FIG Statement of Ethical Principles and Model Code of Professional Conduct”](#) (1998), should be revised, keeping in mind the conclusions of this conference. The revised version should be compliant with the global IES, but the specific requirements of the Geodetic Surveying profession should be addressed.

A common understanding of Ethical principles will promote public confidence and the reputation of our profession and improve the mobility of our practitioners.

Istanbul, 28 September 2019,

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