

**Address by the  
President of IAG Sub-commission on Regional Reference Frames**

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Dear Director General of Ordnance Survey Vanessa Lawrence

Dear Minister Angela Smith

Dear Director of RICS Land Group James Kavanagh

Dear EUREF President Joao Torres

Dear colleagues of the Local Organizing Committee

Dear Colleagues and friends,

As president of the Sub-Commission on Regional Reference Frames of the International Association of Geodesy (IAG), I have the pleasure and the honour to be with you here in London for this EUREF symposium and to share with you the success of EUREF.

EUREF is one of the most active entity of the 6 regional Sub-commissions that compose the sub-commission I am chairing and is taken as an example from the organization point of view as well for the its geodetic activities of high quality.

The success of EUREF is entirely due and thanks to your collective work and effort, and of course I invite you to continue that effort in order to maintain the quality of EUREF research activities and its geodetic products.

Dear Colleagues, please allow me to take a few examples of EUREF contribution not only to the European put also to the worldwide geodesy.

The promotion and adoption of the ETRS89, as unique pan-European geodetic system, is one of the important EUREF achievements and should be regarded as our flagship. Therefore ultimately there will be no need for transformation when going from one European country to another. In the same manner, we have also to push toward the adoption of the EVRS by all European countries.

The continuous maintenance of the EUREF Permanent Network (EPN), in terms of station operation, data availability, management and organizational activities of the Central Bureau, as well as the scientific analysis and combination of the EPN data. The EPN is the main backbones for the long-term improved and accurate realization of the ETRS89 and is the basis for all kinds of geodynamic investigations of the European continent.

We have also to consider, dear colleagues, investing and preparing for the full exploitation of the Galileo system capabilities and therefore to take advantage of our all knowledge and expertise in the diverse domains of geodesy to lead programs and project within the Galileo era.

As I have been recently elected for the next 4 years as President of Commission 1 (Reference Frames) of IAG, I will do the best effort to maintain the place and contribution of EUREF to global geodesy.

Finally, please join me to deeply thank the Ordnance Survey and the RICS land group as well as the Local Organizing Committee for the excellent organization and the warm hospitality that they offer to us to have a fruitful and unforgettable Symposium in this cosmopolite, wonderful and historical city of London.

Thank you.