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Attending my first Young Surveyors Conference was an incredible experience that exceeded all my expectations.

As a first-timer, I was initially unsure of what to expect. However, my nerves quickly faded because of the warm welcome I got from everyone. The experience to meet people that passionately shared their insights and discoveries, opening my mind to new ideas and expanding my own understanding but most important I had such a fun time and left with a big smile on my face.

One of the most remarkable aspects of the conference was the diverse array of attendees. People from different cultures, backgrounds, and professional domains congregated under one roof, fostering a stimulating environment for networking and collaboration. Engaging in conversations with individuals who shared my passion for the subject was a sheer delight. I met researchers, industry professionals, and fellow enthusiasts, all eager to exchange knowledge and build connections.

The opportunity to interact with like-minded individuals was very valuable to me. And through conversations during breaks and social events, I met new friends all over the world. These interactions not only broadened my understanding of the subject matter but also challenged me to grow as a person.

Reflecting on my first international conference, I am grateful for the opportunity I got and the profound learning experience it offered. The knowledge gained, the people met, and the connections established have had a lasting impact on both my personal and professional growth. I returned home inspired, motivated, and armed with a newfound zeal to contribute to the community that had embraced me so warmly. Attending the FIG was an experience I will hold on to forever and I really hope to met my new found friends very soon and attend FIG a lot of times in the coming years.

Kind regards, Hilda Steen Young Surveyor (Sweden)