

In nature, growth is considered so basic and universal that it is accepted as self-evident. However, if one takes a closer look, or perhaps a broader look, at growth, they come to understand that nature has invested, even if not consciously, vast amounts of energy, work, instincts and time into growth. Nature respects its cycles, and – now in the middle of December – it rests even though people keep meddling with seemingly disorderly natural chaos with their sometimes reckless deeds.

Growth is not only a natural phenomenon but is also desired in business environments as long as it produces positive and tangible results that are, as a generalisation and simplification, hopefully, expressed in monetary units. Despite its idyllic basic calling to establish the position of a certain point in a natural environment, geodesy is no exception here. Indeed, as hard as it is to believe, geodesy is growing.

Fields of our professional interest that need our knowledge and services are growing; the number of graduates is growing; the number of engagements abroad is growing; the competition is growing; our skills and knowledge are growing; precision and quality are growing; numbers of data, products and services are growing; geodesy businesses are growing; awareness in the society that it needs geodesy and its demands is growing; earnings are growing; and last but not least problems are growing and, let us admit, this also holds for the number of minor mistakes. However, the latter are the drivers of development, which also means the drivers of growth.

Negative growth, being less desirable, is unfortunately also basic, but I hope that generations of land surveyors are capable of wise actions that interfere with the cycle to guarantee proper and sufficient resources that enable sustainable, permanent and healthy growth. Thrown into disorderly chaos, it is not easy to timely recognise proper hints or signs that indicate the need for the regulation of sources if we want to achieve the long-term positive growth of geodesy.

Distinguished Land Surveyors, for the search of proper and sufficient sources to be successful, you are invited to the Land Surveyors Day, which will take place on 14 and 15 March 2019 in Novo Mesto.

I wish you all the best and good fortune in 2019!