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FIG e-Newsletter April 2011

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG e-Newsletter, which brings you latest information about FIG and its activities. The information referred here is in full length available on the FIG web site. Thus the e-Newsletter is produced to inform you what has happened recently and what interesting things are going to take place in the near future. The FIG e-Newsletter is circulated monthly by e-mail. The referred articles are in English and written in a way that you are able to extract them to your national newsletters or circulate to your members and networks.

Article of the Month – April 2011

On the FIG web site we publish each month a paper called the Article of the Month. This is a high-level paper focusing on interesting topics to all surveyors. It can be picked up from an FIG conference or another event. The Article of the Month in March 2011 is written by **Tarja Myllymäki and Tarja Pykälä**, Finland: *The Challenge to Implement International Cadastral Models - Case Finland*. This paper has been presented at the FIG Congress in Sydney, April 2010, and has been revised March 2011. The article is a contribution to develop models for transferring cadastral information at international level. In Europe, INSPIRE theme Cadastral Parcels has introduced a model for cadastral spatial data. Work with a wider perspective is currently taking place as ISO work, where the objective is to provide an international standard for the information used in land administration (Land Administration Domain Model). This article presents the Finnish cadastre and the concepts of basic property unit, parcel and right-of-use unit. The implementation of the INSPIRE Cadastral Parcels model in Finland is analyzed and could work as inspiration for other countries in their work.

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/april_2011/april_2011_myllymaki_pykala.html

Handouts of the presentation as pdf (1,7 MB):

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/april_2011/april_2011_ppt_myllymaki_pykala.pdf

FIG Working Week 2011 - Bridging the Gap between Cultures - Marrakech, Morocco, 18-22 May 2011



FIG Working Week and General Assembly 2011 will be held in Marrakech, Morocco 18-22 May 2011. For details see the FIG Working Week web site: www.fig.net/fig2011 and www.onigt.ma/fig2011 (French and Arabic).

You can still register to the Working Week

Register now online at: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=74>.

Technical Programme and key note speakers

The programme is filled with interesting topics and speakers. Apart from the more than 500 presentations in 90 sessions and workshops there are 11 highly regarded key note speakers. Please read about the key note speakers here:

<http://www.fig.net/fig2011/plenary.htm>

The technical programme is available on the web at: www.fig.net/fig2011/techprog.htm. If you have not submitted your accepted paper yet, this is the last chance.

Guidelines for writing papers: http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig_2011_template.doc

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When you register to the Working Week please book your technical tours, sightseeing tours and social events at the same time. We recommend to book accommodation at the Mansour Eddabhi Hotel that has been selected as the main conference hotel. See instructions for booking and special rates on the conference web site. Royal Air Maroc has been selected as the official carrier – see details on the web.

Visit the biggest exhibition at a FIG Working Week

In the exhibition area you will get the chance to meet around 50 spectacular international, regional and Moroccan exhibitors who will be happy to meet you during the Working Week.

Trimble and Esri Pre-conference Workshop

On Tuesday 17 May, you are invited to a Trimble and Esri Pre-conference Workshop. Entrance is free and the Pre-Workshop will be held in French. Registration is not required. Please see invitation here:

http://www.fig.net/fig2011/trimble_pre_conference_eblast.htm

FIG General Assembly 2011 - Marrakech, Morocco, 18 and 22 May 2011



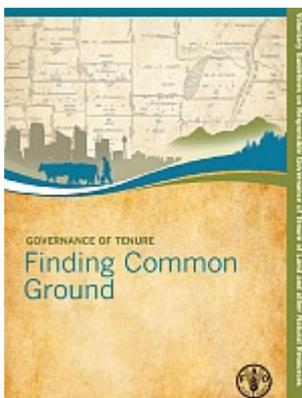
Palais des Congrès, Marrakech

The main issues on the General Assembly agenda in 2011 will be adoption of the Council and Commission work plans. These will be our roadmap over the next four years. As there will be no election at this year's General Assembly, there will be more time available for discussions. The Council will organize a break-out session focusing particularly on issues related to the rights and obligations of membership (voting rights). The General Assembly Agenda has been sent to all members of FIG. Please also find the agenda here:

<http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2011/agenda.htm>

Reports from last month

e-Consultation on the Zero Draft of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and Other Natural Resources



An e-consultation on the zero draft of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and other Natural Resources will take place from 18 April to 16 May 2011. The e-consultation website and the zero draft will be available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Comments may be submitted in any of those languages and will be hosted on the Voluntary Guidelines website (<http://www.fao.org/nr/tenure/voluntary-guidelines/e-consultation/en/>). The aim of the consultation is to gather comments on the zero draft of the Voluntary Guidelines and to allow interested parties who were not able to attend the regional consultations held over the year to contribute in the drafting of the Voluntary Guidelines. Comments from this e-consultation will be considered in the first draft of the Voluntary Guidelines which

will be submitted in June to the open-ended working group of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) for review. The work will peak in the CFS led plenary negotiations from 25-28 July 2011. Final text of the Voluntary Guidelines will be submitted for the consideration of the 37th session of the CFS in October 2011.

As part of FIG/FAO co-operation agreement FIG is circulating this information to FIG members to allow them to comment this key document of FAO.

FIG Working Week 2012 to Be Held in Partnership with FAO - FIG Delegation Visits Rome to Prepare the Working Week Programme - Rome, Italy, 8-9 April 2011



FIG, FAO and CNGGL representatives at the balcony of CNGGL in Rome.

FIG Working Week 2012 will be held at the Rome Cavalieri Hotel in Rome 6-11 May 2012. The conference is hosted jointly by FIG and the Consiglio Nazionale Geometri e Geometri Laurentii, CNGGL. The main themes of the conference will be "*Knowing to: • Manage the territory • Protect the environment • Evaluate the cultural heritage*". These themes that will guide the three days of the technical conference were endorsed during the visit of the FIG delegation to Rome on April 8 and 9, 2011. The visit was at the same time the first official visit of President **CheeHai Teo** to a FIG member association. President Teo accompanied by Vice President **Chryssy Potsiou** and FIG Director **Markku Villikka** met with President **Fausto Savoldi**, CNGGL and his board members. The visit included discussions also with representatives of UN FAO and it was confirmed that FAO will be partnering FIG at the 2012 Working Week in Rome.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2011/rome_april_2011.htm

FIG President CheeHai Teo visits the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya – Nairobi, Kenya, 13 April 2011



President Teo together with ISK President Kuwuor and ISK board members.

In connection with the 23rd Governing Council of the UN-HABITAT President **CheeHai Teo** visited the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) as well as gave a lecture to surveying undergraduates on the 13th April 2011 in Nairobi. The event was facilitated by the Department of Geospatial and Space Technology, University of Nairobi and the audience comprised members of ISK and students from both the geospatial and land economy programs at the University.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2011/kenya_april_2011.htm

Third Preparatory Meeting of the Proposed United Nations Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management, UN, New York, USA, 4–6 April 2011



The Third Preparatory Meeting of the Proposed United Nations Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management was held at the UN Headquarters in New York in April 2011. FIG was represented by President CheeHai Teo. The meeting was attended by 22 UN member states, primarily from geospatial or national mapping authorities, five UN entities that includes the convenor, UNSD and apart from FIG, GSDI, ISCGM, ICA, ISPRS, EUROGI, JB-GIS and IHO.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2011/un_april_2011.htm

The European Group of Surveyors (EGoS) General Assembly and Seminar in Greece - Thessaloniki, Greece, 11-12 April 2011



The European Group of Surveyors (EGoS) held its General Assembly and one day seminar in Thessaloniki 11-12 April 2011. FIG was represented by Vice President Chryssy Potsiou who made a keynote presentation at the seminar. In her presentation she spoke about the work of FIG representing surveyors throughout the world on an International basis. Many of the EGoS member organizations are also members of FIG. She promoted especially the activities that FIG has started to attract young surveyors and professionals. She also welcomed future co-operation between FIG and EGoS.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2011/thessaloniki_april_2011.htm

Job vacancies (incl. Technion – Israel Institute of Technology and New Mexico State University)

<http://www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm>

Forthcoming events

27-29 April, Novosibirsk, Russia

Geosiberia - Seventh International Specialised Exhibition and Scientific Congress. Organised by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and ITE Siberian Fair. Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/geosiberia_2011.pdf

Web site: <http://www.geo-siberia.com/>

27-29 April, Lviv, Ukraine

GEOFORUM 2011- 16th International Scientific and Technical Conference. Organised by Institute of Geodesy, National University. Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/ukraine_2011.pdf

3-8 May Antalya, Turkey

GI4DM - GeoInformation for Disaster Management. Co-sponsored by FIG

Web site: <http://www.gi4dm2011.org/>

18-22 May, Marrakech, Morocco



Bridging the Gap between Cultures. FIG Working Week and General Assembly.

- Web site: <http://www.fig.net/fig2011> and www.onigt.ma/fig2011
- Registration for the Working Week 2011: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=74>



6-9 June 2011, Orlando, Florida, USA

Hexagon 2011" international Conference. The User Conference includes GEOSYSTEMS @ HEXAGON 2011 track.

Website: www.hexagonconference.com

13-16 June, Cracow, Poland

7th International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology Symposium - MMT11. Co-sponsored by FIG

Web site: <http://www.mmtcracow2011.pl/>

22-23 June, Umeå, Sweden

The Geodetic Infrastructure in Europe - today and tomorrow. Organised by CLGE and ASPECT. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5

Web site: <http://www.aspect.se/ASPECT-seminarier-clge-juni-2011.html>

22-24 June, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

11th South East Asian Survey Congress. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: www.seasc2011.org/

24-26 June, Kladovo, Serbia

I International Scientific Conference and XXIV Meeting Of Serbian Surveyors "Professional Practice and Education in Geodesy and Related Fields". Organised by The Serbian Union of Surveyors together with University Of Belgrade - Faculty of Civil Engineering and University of Novi Sad - Faculty of Technical Sciences. Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/serbia_june_2011.pdf (pdf 166 kb)

7-12 July, San Diego, California, USA

The Survey Summit arranged by ESRI and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM). Co-sponsored by FIG

Web site: <http://www.thesurveysummit.com/>

19-22 July, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, USA

SAGES/FIG Workshop on Curriculum and Core Survey Knowledge. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 2.

Web site: www.sages2011.uprm.edu

31 August - 2 September, Copenhagen, Denmark

3rd International Colloquium - Scientific and Fundamental Aspects of the Galileo Programme, organised by The European Space Agency (ESA) and the Technical University of Denmark. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5.

Web site: <http://www.congrex.nl/11A12/>

4-8 September, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

International Workshop on Innovative Technologies for an Efficient Geospatial Management of Earth Resources. Third International Workshop organised by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and FIG Commissions 5 and 6.

14-16 September, Zurich, Switzerland

UAV-g 2011 - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle in Geomatics. Technical sessions at ETH Zurich on September 14 and 16, and invitation to system providers, researchers and users to contribute with live demonstrations at Airfield Birrfeld on 15 September. Organised by ETH Zurich and co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5 and 6.

Web site: <http://www.uav-g.ethz.ch>

19-20 September, Skopje Macedonia

International NSDI Conference: Impact of the NSDI in Society, Challenges for Establishment. Organised by Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Agency for Real Estate Cadastre and Faculty of Civil Engineering. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Invitation: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/nsdi_macedonia_2011.pdf (pdf 449 kb)

Web site: www.katastar.gov.mk/nsdi2011/

22-24 September 2011, Brijuni, Croatia

INGEO 2011. Organised by the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Faculty of Geodesy, University of Zagreb and FIG Commission 6.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/ingeo_2011.pdf

Web Site: <http://web.svf.stuba.sk/kat/GDE/Ingeo2011/Ingeo.html>

25 September–1 October, Innsbruck, Austria

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting 2011 and International Symposium "Cadastre 2.0"
Organised by FIG Commission 7.

27-29 September 2011, Nürnberg, Germany

INTERGEO, Conference and trade fair for geodesy, geo information and land management

Web site: <http://www.intergeo.de/en/englisch/index.php>

28-30 September, Ilidza, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Second Congress on Cadastre in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Organised by Geodetic Society of Herzeg-Bosnia (GSHB). Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/bosnia-herzegovina_congress_2011.pdf

16-18 November 2011, Delft, the Netherlands

Second International FIG Workshop on 3D-Cadastres. Organised by FIG Commission 7 Working Group and supported by EuroSDR.

Web site: <http://3dcadastres2011.nl/>

21-23 November 2011, Vienna, Austria

8th Symposium on Location-based Services. Organised by Vienna University of Technology. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5.

Web site: <http://www.lbs2011.org/>

23-25 November, Warsaw, Poland

3rd Cadastral Congress "Cadastre in the sustainable management of space". Organised by the Association of Polish Surveyors and Surveyor General of Poland, and co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: <http://www.congress.sgp.geodezja.org.pl/>

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