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## **FIG e-Newsletter July 2008**

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the FIG e-Newsletter, which brings you latest information about the 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 by e-mail monthly. 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.

### **Article of the Month – July 2008**

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 July 2008 is written by Mr. **Cemal Özgür Kivilcim** from Turkey and Ms. **Chris McAlister** from Australia. Their paper "*A Model for Integrating Generations - Young Surveyors Working Group*" was prepared and presented as part of the Young Surveyors Working Group programme at the FIG Working Week in Stockholm, Sweden, 14-19 June 2008.

[www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/july\\_2008/july\\_2008\\_kivilcim\\_mcalister.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/july_2008/july_2008_kivilcim_mcalister.html)

### **FIG Working Week 2008 – 14-19 June, Stockholm, Sweden**

The FIG Working Week held in Stockholm, Sweden just before the Midsummer Night was the biggest Working Week ever held. During the event young surveyors were very much in evidence, and mentor sessions brought the generations together. The Working Week was hosted jointly by FIG and the Swedish Association of Chartered Surveyors, SLF, which at the same time celebrated its 100th Anniversary. The theme of the Working Week "*Integrating Generations*" was in line with the overall theme of the current FIG Council: "*Building the Capacity*". 950 participants from 90 nations attended the event and the exhibition. In addition to the plenary sessions there were over 70 technical sessions, with almost 350 presentations, and technical tours. The Working Week included the joint FIG/UN-HABITAT seminar on "Improving Slum Conditions through Innovative Financing".

Read a full report from the conference with picture galleries:

[www.fig.net/news/stockholm\\_2008/](http://www.fig.net/news/stockholm_2008/)

Full edition of the conference proceedings including the keynote presentations and handouts of the presentations is now available:

[www.fig.net/pub/fig2008](http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2008)

Summary of the Working Week by President Stig Enemark:

[www.fig.net/pub/fig2008/ppt/closing/closing\\_enemark\\_ppt\\_3171.pdf](http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2008/ppt/closing/closing_enemark_ppt_3171.pdf)

Information about the FIG / UN-Habitat Seminar on "Improving Slum Conditions through Innovative Financing":

[www.justnsustshelter.org](http://www.justnsustshelter.org)

## **General Assembly in Stockholm, Sweden - 15 and 19 June 2008**

The FIG General Assembly was held in Stockholm 15 and 19 June 2008. The General Assembly elected two new Vice Presidents for the term of office 1.1.2009-31.12.2012. The new Vice Presidents are Mr. **Iain Greenway** from United Kingdom and Mr. **Teo CheeHai** from Malaysia.

The General Assembly elected following chairs elect to Commissions: Ms. **Leonie Newnham** (Commission 1), Dr. **Yerach Doytsher** (Commission 3), Mr. **Daniel Roberge** (Commission 7) and Dr. **Frances Plimmer** (Commission 9). Prof. **Steven Frank** was appointed as Chair Elect to Commission 2, Dr. **Michael Sutherland** to Commission 4, Mr. **Mikael Lilje** to Commission 5 and Dr. **Gethin W. Roberts** to Commission 6.

New member associations were adopted from the Philippines and from Bulgaria and affiliate members from the Netherlands, United Arab Emirates, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, USA as well as from Iraq, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Russian Federation (Siberian State Academy of Geodesy).

The General Assembly endorsed the Costa Rica Declaration on Pro-Poor Coastal Zone Management and adopted the FIG Statutes and Internal Rules.

Hard copies of the minutes including copies of the latest FIG publications and the new FIG Profile have been circulated to all members.

Read a larger report of the General Assembly:

[www.fig.net/news/stockholm\\_2008/index.htm#General Assembly](http://www.fig.net/news/stockholm_2008/index.htm#General_Assembly)

Minutes of the General Assembly available at:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2008/minutes.htm](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2008/minutes.htm)

Costa Rica Declaration on Pro-Poor Coastal Zone Management (FIG Publication no. 43):

[www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub43/figpub43.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub43/figpub43.htm)

FIG Statutes, Internal Rules and Guidelines (FIG publication no. 40):

[www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub40/figpub40.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub40/figpub40.htm)

### **News from last month:**

**7th FIG Regional Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009 - Agreement and themes of the conference "Spatial Data Serving People" with sub-themes: "Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity" confirmed during the visit of President Stig Enemark to Vietnam - Hanoi, Vietnam, 8-11 July 2008**

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2008/vietnam\\_july\\_2008.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/vietnam_july_2008.htm)

**FIG President Stig Enemark attends the XXI ISPRS Congress and the Annual Meeting of the Joint Board for Geospatial Information Societies - Beijing, China, 3 - 11 July 2008**

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2008/beijing\\_july\\_2008.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/beijing_july_2008.htm)

**FIG International Workshop - Sharing Good Practices: E-learning in Surveying, Geo-Information Sciences and Land Administration - ITC, Enschede, The Netherlands, 11-13 June 2008**

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2008/enschede\\_june\\_2008.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/enschede_june_2008.htm)

Proceedings: [www.fig.net/commission2/enschede\\_2008/index.html](http://www.fig.net/commission2/enschede_2008/index.html)

**A Report on the Joint Symposium "Measuring the Changes" of the FIG 13th Symposium on Deformation Measurement and Analysis and the IAG 4th Symposium on Geodesy for Geotechnical and Structural Engineering - Lisbon, Portugal, 12-15 May 2008**

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2008/lisbon\\_may\\_2008.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/lisbon_may_2008.htm)

### **Vice President Matt Higgins visits GEO-Siberia-2008 - Novosibirsk, Russian Federation, 22-24 April 2008**

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2008/novosibirsk\\_april\\_2008.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/novosibirsk_april_2008.htm)

### **Other news:**

### **International Seminar on State and Public Land Management in Verona, Italy, 9-10 September 2008**

International Seminar on State and Public Land Management will be organised in Verona, Italy, September 9-10, 2008, just before the FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting. The seminar is organised by FIG Commission 7 and the Consiglio Nazionale Geometri (CNG), in co-operation with FIG Commission 9 and FAO Land Tenure and Management Unit. The major goal of the seminar is to share experience and discuss policy options and practices in relation to state and public sector land management, including between land managers, policy advisers and decision makers and their professional advisers, and the civil society organisations working in these areas. The seminar will help raise global awareness of problems associated with state/public land and its management, improve knowledge of good practices in this area, and encourage these to be increasingly addressed in new development initiatives. Registration has been extended to **30 July 2008**.

Web site and registration: [www.collegio.geometri.vr.it/seminar/](http://www.collegio.geometri.vr.it/seminar/)

### **FIG/CIREA/HKIS Seminar on Appraisal and Property Protection - 18-19 October, Beijing, China P. R.**

Seminar on Appraisal and Property Protection is organised by FIG Commission 9, CIREA and HKIS and supported by FIG Commission 8.

Web site: [www.fig.net/commission9/beijing\\_2008](http://www.fig.net/commission9/beijing_2008)

Register at: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=60>

Deadline for abstracts: **1 September 2008**

Deadline for registrations: **5 September 2008**

### **FIG Task Force on Institutional and Organisational Development Questionnaire**

The Task Force on Institutional and Organisational Development, set up at the 2007 FIG General Assembly, has been progressing its work. A key element to allow further progress is for the Task Force to understand areas where particular support and assistance is required, and whether this is the same throughout the world or varies by region. To allow it to gather information in a structured manner, the Task Force has created an on-line survey which will take about 20 minutes to complete. As many surveyors, and related professionals, as possible are encouraged to complete the questionnaire.

Read more about the Task Force at its web site: <http://www.fig.net/tf/organisation/>

Complete the questionnaire at: [www.questionpro.com/akira/takesurvey?id=878684](http://www.questionpro.com/akira/takesurvey?id=878684)

### **New FIG Publications that are now available as hard copies:**

#### **The FIG Profile and the benefits of being a member 2007 - 2010**

FIG leaflet. Printed copies can be ordered from the FIG Office.

Read more: [www.fig.net/general/profile.htm](http://www.fig.net/general/profile.htm)

Download as a .pdf file: [www.fig.net/general/profile/6pages\\_070508.pdf](http://www.fig.net/general/profile/6pages_070508.pdf)

#### **FIG Publication no. 39 - FIG Work Plan 2007-2010**

FIG Regulations. Printed copies can be ordered from the FIG Office.

Read more: [www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub39/figpub39.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub39/figpub39.htm)

**FIG Publication no. 40 - FIG Statutes, Internal Rules and Guidelines**

FIG Regulations. Printed copies can be ordered from the FIG Office.

Read more: [www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub40/figpub40.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub40/figpub40.htm)

**FIG Publication no. 41 - Capacity Assessment in Land Administration**

FIG Guide. Printed copies can be ordered from the FIG Office.

Read more: [www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub41/figpub41.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub41/figpub41.htm)

**FIG Publication no. 42 - Informal Settlements: The Road towards More Sustainable Places**

FIG Report. Printed copies can be ordered from the FIG Office.

Read more: [www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub42/figpub42.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub42/figpub42.htm)

**FIG Publication no. 43 - Costa Rica Declaration on Pro-Poor Coastal Zone Management**

FIG Policy Statement. Printed copies can be ordered from the FIG Office.

Read more: [www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub43/figpub43.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub43/figpub43.htm)

**Forthcoming events:**

**2008 ESRI Survey & Engineering GIS Summit – Building New Opportunities, San Diego, CA, USA, 2-5 August 2008**

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: [www.esri.com/events/survey/index.html](http://www.esri.com/events/survey/index.html)

**3<sup>rd</sup> International Geo-Information Technology Exhibition – Integrated Portal of Dynamic Information, Jakarta, Indonesia, 6-9 August 2008**

Read more: [www.geospacial-exh.com/](http://www.geospacial-exh.com/)

Co-sponsored by FIG.

**International Seminar on State and Public Land Management, Verona, Italy, 9-10 September 2008**

Organised by CNG, FAO and Commission 7. Co-sponsored by Commission 9.

Registration has been extended to **30 July 2008**.

Read more: [www.fig.net/commission7](http://www.fig.net/commission7)

Web site: [www.collegio.geometri.vr.it/seminar/](http://www.collegio.geometri.vr.it/seminar/)

**Commission 7 Annual Meeting and International Workshop on “Land Administration – Impact of Big Construction Works on Territory”, Verona, Italy, 11-15 September 2008.**

Organised by Commission 7 and CNG.

Registration has been extended to **30 July 2008**.

Read more: [www.fig.net/commission7](http://www.fig.net/commission7)

Web site: [www.collegio.geometri.vr.it/meeting/](http://www.collegio.geometri.vr.it/meeting/)

**European Surveyors Congress Strasbourg 2008 – The Perspectives: The Role of Surveyors in the European Economy and Society, Strasbourg, France, 17-19 September 2008**

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: [www.geometre-strasbourg2008.eu/](http://www.geometre-strasbourg2008.eu/)

**10<sup>th</sup> Congreso Internacional Topografía, Catastro y Geodesia, San José, Costa Rica, 18-20 September 2008**

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: [www.colegiotopografoscr.com/congreso2008.htm](http://www.colegiotopografoscr.com/congreso2008.htm)

**Seminar on Appraisal and Property Protection, Beijing, China P.R., 18-19 October 2008**

Organised by Commission 9, CIREA and HKIS and co-sponsored by Commission 8.  
Deadline for abstracts is **1 September 2008** and for registrations **3 September 2008**.  
Read more: [www.fig.net/commission9/beijing\\_2008/](http://www.fig.net/commission9/beijing_2008/)

**INGEO 2008 – 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Engineering Surveying. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 6. Bratislava, Slovakia, 23-24 October 2008**

Second invitation: [www.fig.net/events/2008/INGEO%202008/ingeo\\_2announcement.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2008/INGEO%202008/ingeo_2announcement.pdf)  
Read more: [web.svf.stuba.sk/kat/GDE/Welcome.html](http://web.svf.stuba.sk/kat/GDE/Welcome.html)

**Commission 3 Workshop on Spatial Information for Sustainable Management of Urban Areas. Mainz, Germany, 3-5 February 2009.**

Deadline for papers: 6 October 2008  
Read more: [www.fig.net/commission3](http://www.fig.net/commission3)

**Workshop on Educational Management and Marketing, Vienna, Austria, 26-28 February 2009**

Organised by FIG Commission 2 WG 2.3.  
Read more: [www.fig.net/commission2](http://www.fig.net/commission2)

**Joint FIG / World Bank Conference – Land Governance in Support of the MDGs, Washington DC, USA, 9-10 March 2009**

Conference is organised by FIG and the World Bank – attendance by invitation only.  
Read more: [www.fig.net](http://www.fig.net)

**FIG Working Week 2009, Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009**

Read more: [www.fig.net/fig2009](http://www.fig.net/fig2009)

**9<sup>th</sup> Conference on Optical 3-D Measurement Techniques, Vienna, Austria, 1-3 July 2009**

Co-sponsored by Commission 5 and 6.  
Read more: <http://info.tuwien.ac.at/ingeo/optical3d/>

**10<sup>th</sup> South East Asian Survey Conference (SEASC'09), Bali; Indonesia, 4-7 August 2009**

Co-sponsored by FIG.  
Contact: [dkirana@bakosurtanal.go.id](mailto:dkirana@bakosurtanal.go.id)

**7<sup>th</sup> FIG Regional Conference, Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009**

Read more: [www.fig.net/vietnam](http://www.fig.net/vietnam)

For **additional FIG and FIG Commission events** see always up-to-date information at: [www.fig.net/events/events.htm](http://www.fig.net/events/events.htm)

**Job opportunities** (latest updated 15 July 2008)

Read more: [www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm](http://www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm)

**World around FIG** (latest updated 4 July 2008)

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