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FIG e-Newsletter
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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 – April 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 April 2008 is written by Prof, **Ian P. Williamson**, Centre for Spatial Data Infrastructures and Land Administration, The University of Melbourne, Australia. His paper "*Using Cadastres to Support Sustainable Development*" was presented for the first time at the Spanish IX National Congress of Surveying Engineers TOP-CART 2008 in Valencia, Spain 18-21 February 2008.

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/april_2008/april_2008_williamson.html

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

The draft of the technical programme for the FIG Working Week 2008 in Stockholm 14-19 June 2008 is now available at:

www.fig.net/fig2008/techprog.htm

Please notice that this is still a draft programme. There are still some papers under evaluation so there may be some additions as well as cancellations. Please notice also that all authors need to register latest by **30 April 2008** otherwise their paper will not be included in the final programme. **Deadline for registration** at normal rate closes **30 April 2008**. Please also **book your hotel** by **30 April 2008** as June will be high season for conferences in Stockholm.

For more information see the conference web site:

www.fig.net/fig2008

Register online at:

<https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=50>

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

www.justnsustshelter.org

Read more about opportunities for exhibitors and sponsors:

www.fig.net/figww2008/FIGWW2008%20Sponsorship%20and%20Exhibition%20Package.pdf

General Assembly in Stockholm, Sweden - 15 and 19 June 2008 - Agenda available

The agenda for the FIG General Assembly to be held in Stockholm, Sweden **15 and 19 June 2008** during the FIG Working Week 2008 is now available. Invitation and the agenda without appendices have been mailed to all members as a hard copy. The General Assembly will among other issues elect two Vice Presidents to the Council for 2009-2012 and Chairs Elect to the technical commissions. The full agenda can be downloaded from the web as a pdf-file (238 pages and 7,520 kB). If you want to get a hard copy sent by mail, please contact the FIG Office, email: fig@fig.net.

Read the agenda for the General Assembly:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2008/agenda.htm

The agenda as a .pdf-file (18 pages and 162 KB)

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2008/agenda_app/agenda.pdf

The agenda with appendices as a .pdf-file (238 pages and 7,520 KB)

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2008/agenda_app/agenda_with_appendices.pdf

News from last month:

FIG President Stig Enemark attends International Congress on Geomatics and Surveying Engineering, IX National Congress of Surveying Engineers TOP-Cart 2008, and FIG Commission 3 Workshop - Valencia, Spain, 18-21 February 2008

Read more: http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/valencia_pres_february_2008.htm

Vice President Matt Higgins attends Munich Satellite Navigation Summit - Munich, Germany, 19-21 February 2008

Read more: http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/munich_february_2008.htm

Applications for a grant from the FIG Foundation in 2008

The Board of Directors of the FIG Foundation has announced the grants from The FIG Foundation for 2008. Applications shall be submitted to the Foundation at the FIG Office by **15 May 2008**. The FIG Foundation offers total grants up to 20,000 € in 2008. The guidance notes for the application are now available as well as the application form.

Read guidance notes for applications: www.fig.net/figfoundation/guidancenotes_2008.pdf

Application form: www.fig.net/figfoundation/foundation_apply_2008.pdf

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. Questionnaires completed by **31 May 2008** will be particularly helpful, as this will allow the Task Force to advance its work at the Working Week in Stockholm in June. 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.

Forthcoming events:

Canadian Hydrographic Conference and National Surveyors Conference Including FIG Commission 4 Workshop on Administering Marine Spaces. Victoria B.C., Canada, 5-8 May 2008

Read more: www.chc2008.ca

13th FIG Symposium on Deformation Measurements and Analysis (WG 6.1) with the 4th IAG Symposium on Geodesy for Geotechnical and Structural Engineering (SC 4.2) - Measuring the Changes. Lisbon, Portugal, 12-15 May 2008

Read more: measuringchanges.lnec.pt

International Workshop "Sharing Good Practices: e--Learning in Surveying, Geo-information Sciences and Land Administration" jointly organised by FIG Commission 2, Commission 7 and the International Institute for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (ITC). Enschede, the Netherlands, 11-13 June 2008

Read more: www.itc.nl/fig_elearning2008

FIG Working Week 2008, Stockholm, Sweden, 14-19 June 2008

Read more: www.fig.net/fig2008/

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

Registration by 7 July

Read more: www.fig.net/commission7

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

Read more: web.svf.stuba.sk/kat/GDE/Welcome.html

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

Read more: www.fig.net/fig2009

7th FIG Regional Conference, Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009

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

Job opportunities (latest updated 28 March 2008)

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