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## **FIG e-Newsletter April 2009**

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 2009**

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 2009 is written by Ms. **Silke Boos** and Prof. **Hartmut Müller** from Germany. Their paper "*SDI Developments in the World's Currently Existing Mega Cities*" has been prepared as part of FIG Commission 3 WG 3.2 (Spatial Data Infrastructure) project. Interim reports of the project have been presented at the Commission 3 Workshop "*Spatial Information for Sustainable Management of Urban Areas*" in Mainz, Germany, 2-4 February 2009 and will be presented at the FIG Working Week in Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009. Final report will be presented at the FIG Congress in Sydney, Australia in April 2010.

Read the paper:

[www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/april\\_2009/april\\_2009\\_boos\\_mueller.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/april_2009/april_2009_boos_mueller.html)

### **FIG Working Week 2009 - Surveyors Key Role in Accelerated Development, Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009**

In the technical programme of the FIG Working Week 2009 there are about 250 papers in almost 60 technical sessions and workshops.

Please notice that technical tours are offered to the Israel - Egypt and Israel - Jordan boundaries; to the research tunnel at Mount Amram; to the copper mines of Timna; and to the City of Eilat. All tours will all be most interesting, both from professional and from tourist point of view. Tourism to Israel is continuously increasing and e.g. in 2008 more than three million tourists visited Israel. In 2009 the Pope will visit Israel immediately after the FIG Working Week in May.

When registering please book your hotel at the same time. We recommend booking at the Dan Eilat Hotel which is the conference venue and offers good value for money.

Please register to the Working Week now at:

[https://www.ortra.com/fig/default-register\\_r.htm](https://www.ortra.com/fig/default-register_r.htm).

Conference web site: [www.fig.net/fig2009](http://www.fig.net/fig2009)

Technical programme: [www.fig.net/fig2009/techprog.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig2009/techprog.htm)

### **FIG General Assembly 2009 - Eilat, Israel, 4 and 8 May 2009**

The agenda with appendices for the FIG General Assembly 2009 is available on the FIG web site. The FIG Office has sent a hard copy of the agenda without appendices to all members. If you need a hard copy of the full set of the agenda, please contact the FIG

Office, email: [fig@fig.net](mailto:fig@fig.net). Any changes to the agenda will be posted on the web version of the agenda.

The member associations are requested to inform the FIG Office about the delegation to the General Assembly and who is leader of their delegation.

Agenda on the web: [www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/agenda.htm](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/agenda.htm)

Agenda as .pdf file: [www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/agenda/ga\\_agenda\\_2009.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/agenda/ga_agenda_2009.pdf) (17 pages)

Agenda with appendices as a .pdf file:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/agenda/ga\\_agenda\\_2009\\_full.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/agenda/ga_agenda_2009_full.pdf) (172 pages, 6,355 KB)

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

#### **Integrating Land Management, Cadastre and Geodesy in the CIS Countries - International Seminar for CIS Countries, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation, 20 April 2009**

FIG and the Siberian State Academy of Geodesy (SSGA) Siberian State Academy of Geodesy (SSGA) together with the Federal Agency of Geodesy and Cartography (Roskartographia) and the Federal Real Estate Cadastre Agency (Rosnedvizhimost) organise an International Seminar on "*Integrating Land Management, Cadastre and Geodesy in the CIS Countries*" as part of the 5th GeoSiberia 2009 in Novosibirsk, Russian Federation. Representatives from CIS countries and central Asia are warmly welcomed.

Web site: [www.geosiberia.sibfair.ru](http://www.geosiberia.sibfair.ru)

Seminar programme as a .pdf file:

[www.fig.net/events/2009/cis\\_seminar\\_geosiberia\\_2009.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2009/cis_seminar_geosiberia_2009.pdf)

#### **JB-GIS Best Practices Booklet on Geo-information for Risk and Disaster Management - Call for abstracts**

The Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JB-GIS, [www.fig.net/jbgis/](http://www.fig.net/jbgis/)) and UN-SPIDER jointly invite you to contribute to a "*Best Practices Booklet on Geo-information for Risk and Disaster Management*" that will create a decision support forum based on the knowledge and experience of experts, and outline the potential uses of the Geo-Information Technologies to governmental, institutional and operative decision makers. The Booklet is intended to cover all regions of the world and all phases of the disaster management cycle. The abstracts should not exceed 400 words and should outline a successful application, including data acquisition, information extraction and dissemination, and a clear statement of the benefits and further potential of the practice described as compared to classical methods. The deadline for submitting the abstracts is 30 April 2009 and the deadline for submission of the selected full papers is 30 September 2009. Publication and worldwide announcement of the "*Best Practices Booklet*" is planned for 2 July 2010 in Vienna at UN-SPIDER.

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2009/best\\_practises\\_disaster\\_mgt\\_2009.pdf](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2009/best_practises_disaster_mgt_2009.pdf)

#### **7th FIG Regional Conference - Spatial Data Serving People - Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity, Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009**

*7th FIG Regional Conference - Spatial Data Serving People - Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity* will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009.

The topics of the conference are selected to address the issues at the top of the regional and local agenda, and at the same time giving a platform for international discussions.

The key topics are likely to be in the areas of land administration and environmental management. The conference thereby provides an excellent opportunity for FIG member associations and surveyors all over the world to meet and share experiences and achievements.

Integrated to the FIG Regional Conference the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will be organizing a Regional Conference on Voluntary guidelines for responsible governance of tenure of land and other natural resources. The Regional Conference will bring together governmental, professional, private sector and civil society

stakeholders to work on regional assessments on the state of governance of tenure of land and other natural resources and to prepare a joint statement for region's proposal on the content of the Voluntary Guidelines.

Conference web site: [www.fig.net/vietnam](http://www.fig.net/vietnam)

Themes and topics: [www.fig.net/vietnam/themes.htm](http://www.fig.net/vietnam/themes.htm)

Submit your abstract now online at: [www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=11](http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=11) Deadline for abstracts: **10 June 2009**.

### **FIG Congress 2010 - Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010**

Call for papers for FIG 2010 is now available at:

[www.fig.net/fig\\_2010/call.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig_2010/call.htm).

Please notice that deadline for abstracts and full papers for peer review is already **22 September 2009**.

You can submit your abstract online at: [www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12](http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12)

The organisers have also announced the FIG 2010 Congress Prize, read more:

[www.fig.net/fig\\_2010/prize.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig_2010/prize.htm)

The congress web site is available at: [www.fig2010.com](http://www.fig2010.com) where you can also register for your interest to the congress. Registration will be opened at the end of April and the Final Invitation and Call for Papers brochure will be available in May 2009.

### **Publications:**

### **FIG - WB Conference "Land Governance in Support of the Millennium Development Goals: Responding to New Challenges", World Bank, Washington DC, 9-10 March 2009**

Proceedings on the FIG web site: [www.fig.net/pub/fig\\_wb\\_2009/](http://www.fig.net/pub/fig_wb_2009/)

### **Forthcoming events:**

### **Integrating Land Management, Cadastre and Geodesy in the CIS Countries, 20 April 2009, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation**

International Seminar organised by FIG and Siberian State Academy of Geodesy (SSGA) in conjunction to the 5th Geo-Siberia.

Read more: [www.fig.net/events/2009/cis\\_seminar\\_geosiberia\\_2009.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2009/cis_seminar_geosiberia_2009.pdf)

### **GEO-SIBERIA – 2009. 5<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition and Scientific Congress, 21-23 April 2009, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation**

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: [www.geosiberia.sibfair.ru](http://www.geosiberia.sibfair.ru)

### **14<sup>th</sup> International Scientific and Technical Conference – Geoforum 2009, 23-25 April 2009, Lviv, Ukraine**

Conference is co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: [www.lp.edu.ua/Geoforum/2009\\_eng.htm](http://www.lp.edu.ua/Geoforum/2009_eng.htm)

### **Surveyors Key Role in Accelerated Development, Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009**

Register online at: [https://www.ortra.com/fig/default-register\\_r.htm](https://www.ortra.com/fig/default-register_r.htm). When registering please book your hotel at the same time.

Conference web site: [www.fig.net/fig2009](http://www.fig.net/fig2009)

### **GeoCAD '09, 8-9 May 2009, Alba Iulia; Romania**

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 2.

Read more: [www.uab.ro/sesiuni\\_2009/geocad09/](http://www.uab.ro/sesiuni_2009/geocad09/)

**Be Conference 2009. Bentley Conference, Charlotte; North Carolina, USA, 11-14 May 2009**

Read more: [www.bentley.com/en-US/Community/BE+Conference](http://www.bentley.com/en-US/Community/BE+Conference)

**Intergraph's International Users' Conference, Washington, D.C., USA, 15-18 June 2009**

Read more: [www.intergraph2009.com](http://www.intergraph2009.com)

**Towards a Unique Map for the Arab World - Une carte unifiée pour le monde arabe, Beirut, Lebanon, 29 June – 1 July 2009**

First International Symposium of the Arab Union of Surveyors. Co-sponsored by FIG.

**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/>

**The 2009 Survey & Engineering GIS Summit, SanDiego, CA, USA, 11-14 July 2009**

Co-sponsored by FIG.

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

**6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology – MMT2009, Presidente Prudente, São Paulo, Brazil, 21-24 July 2009**

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5.

Read more: <http://www4.fct.unesp.br/simposios/mmt09/ingles/>

**FIG Commission 5 and 6 and SSGA Workshop on "Innovative Technologies for an Efficient Geospatial Management of Earth Resources", Listvyanka, Lake Baikal, Russian Federation, 23-30 July 2009**

This Commission 5 and 6 Workshop is organised for the first time in Russia jointly with the Siberian State Academy of Geodesy (SSGA).

Web site: [www.s-tur.com/geo/](http://www.s-tur.com/geo/)

Invitation brochure as a .pdf-file: [www.fig.net/commission5/baikal\\_2009/invitation.pdf](http://www.fig.net/commission5/baikal_2009/invitation.pdf)

More information: [argina@gmx.de](mailto:argina@gmx.de)

Deadline for abstracts: **25 April 2009**.

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

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Contact: [www.seasc2009.org](http://www.seasc2009.org)

**Geodesy for Planet Earth IAG2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 31 August – 4 September 2009**

Co-sponsored by Commission 5.

Read more: [www.iag209.com.ar](http://www.iag209.com.ar)

**Laserscanning2009, Paris, France, 1-2 September 2009**

ISPRS Workshop cosponsored by FIG Commission 6.

Read more: <http://laserscanning2009.ign.fr>

**FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting and one-day International Symposium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12-16 October 2009**

Organised by FIG Commission 7.

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

Preliminary invitation as a .pdf file:

[www.fig.net/commission7/malaysia\\_2009/am\\_2009\\_preliminary\\_notice.pdf](http://www.fig.net/commission7/malaysia_2009/am_2009_preliminary_notice.pdf)

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

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**International Symposium "Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice in Geodesy and Related Fields, Sofia, Bulgaria, 5-6 November 2009**

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 2.

**XXIV FIG International Congress - Facing the Challenges - Building the Capacity and XXXIII General Assembly, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010**

Read more: [www.fig2010.com](http://www.fig2010.com) and register your interest.

Submit your abstract online at: [www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12](http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12)

Latest e-blast:

[www.tourhosts.com.au/eblast/v2/public/elist100.asp?456ELwq=596&AWQgdt6=489564AGBDcw52qwr](http://www.tourhosts.com.au/eblast/v2/public/elist100.asp?456ELwq=596&AWQgdt6=489564AGBDcw52qwr)

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 and project opportunities** (latest updated 12 April 2009)

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