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## FIG e-Newsletter April 2012

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 2012

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 2012 is written by **Oren Gal** and **Yerach Doytsher**, Israel: *Spatial 3D Analysis of Built-up Areas*. This paper has been successfully peer reviewed for the FIG Working Week May 2012 in Rome, Italy. The paper presents a unique solution to the 3D visibility problem in built-up areas and will be presented in the session TS08H - 3D Principles and Technology. Yerach Doytsher is also chair of FIG Commission 3.

[http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/april\\_2012/april\\_2012\\_gal\\_doytsher.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/april_2012/april_2012_gal_doytsher.html)

### FIG Working Week 2012 - Knowing to manage the territory, to protect the environment and to evaluate the cultural heritage – Rome, Italy 6-10 May 2012

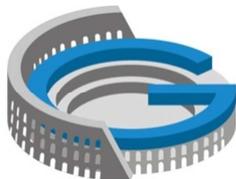


FIG WORKING WEEK 2012

May 6–10 2012  
Rome, Italy

In a few weeks we look forward to welcoming you to the FIG Working Week 2012 "*Knowing to manage the territory, to protect the environment and to evaluate the cultural heritage*" that will be held in Rome 6-10 May 2012 at the Rome Cavalieri Hotel. The conference is organised by Consiglio Nazionale Geometri e Geometri Laureati (CNGeGL) and FIG. The main partner is FAO with several other international and professional partner organisations.



Rome – the eternal city

Do not miss the three plenary sessions:

"*Knowledge to Manage*" represented by **Alexander Mueller**, Assistant Director General of UN FAO, **Stefania Prestigiacomo**, Minister for Environment and Protection of Land and Sea, 2008-2011 and **Franco Maggio**, Director, Agenzia del Territorio, Italy; "*Knowledge to Protect*" introduces **Norbert Lantschner**, Past Director of Clima Haus, ISPRS President **Orhan Altan**, and DVW President **Karl-Friedrich Thöne**; and "*Knowledge to Evaluate*" with experts on preserving the cultural heritage in Italy, **Mario Resca**, General Director, Development for Cultural Heritage, Ministry for Cultural Heritage **Fabio**



Villa Miani - the venue for the Gala Dinner.

**Remondino** from FBK and RICS President **See Lian Ong**.

Furthermore, CNGeGL is organising a high level session "*Professional Woman - Development of Advanced Economy*" on Wednesday 9 May 14:00-15:30 with high profile Italian and international speakers. More information:

[http://www.fig.net/fig2012/downloads/gender\\_session\\_prog.pdf](http://www.fig.net/fig2012/downloads/gender_session_prog.pdf)



**For speakers**

To prepare your presentation, you may want to use the Working Week template for presentations:

[http://www.fig.net/fig2012/downloads/template\\_ww.ppt](http://www.fig.net/fig2012/downloads/template_ww.ppt)

Please submit your presentation on site at the speakers booth.

The first draft of the proceedings is now available:

<http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2012/>

Working Week web site: [www.fig.net/fig2012](http://www.fig.net/fig2012)

Registration:

<https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=82>

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**FIG General Assembly 2012, Rome, Italy, 6 and 10 May 2012**



Rome Cavalieri in Rome waiting for FIG General Assembly.

The FIG General Assembly will be held 6 and 10 May in Rome in conjunction to the FIG Working Week 2012. The main issues on the agenda will be election of two Vice Presidents (2013-2016) and election of Commission Chairs Elect (2013-2014). The General Assembly will also decide on the hosts of Working Week 2015 and Working Week 2016. The agenda is available on the web and the FIG Office has sent an invitation and a hard copy of the agenda without appendices to all members.

General Assembly agenda:

<http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2012/agenda.htm>

General Assembly agenda as a .pdf file (21 pages):

[http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2012/ga\\_agenda\\_2012.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2012/ga_agenda_2012.pdf)

General Assembly agenda with appendices as a .pdf file (330 pages, 28.4 MB):

[http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2012/ga\\_agenda\\_2012\\_full.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2012/ga_agenda_2012_full.pdf)

In connection to the Working Week FIG organises:

### **The First Young Surveyors Conference 4-5 May**

The aim of the Young Surveyors Conference is to create a platform for young surveying professionals to network and discuss issues of common interest.

<http://www.fig.net/fig2012/youngsurveyors.htm>

Template for presentations:

[http://www.fig.net/fig2012/downloads/template\\_ys.ppt](http://www.fig.net/fig2012/downloads/template_ys.ppt)

### **Joint technical seminar on reference frame in practice 4-5 May in cooperation with IAG and UNOOSA**

This seminar is seeking operational geodesists or surveyors who are working with reference frame issues either in a government or commercial based environment. It is also open to academics that have either a post-graduate or Masters degree in a surveying or related discipline. Registration is closed.

<http://www.fig.net/fig2012/commission5.htm>

Template for presentations:

[http://www.fig.net/fig2012/downloads/template\\_iag.ppt](http://www.fig.net/fig2012/downloads/template_iag.ppt)

### **A traditional history workshop Rome 4-5 May**

The History Workshop will take place in the centre of Rome on Friday 4 May with a planned visit to The Vatican Gallery of Maps and Library on Saturday 5 May.

<http://www.fig.net/fig2012/history.htm>

### **FIG Annual Review 2011 and FIG Profile 2011-2014**



The FIG Annual Review 2011 and FIG Profile 2011-2014 are now available. Hard copies will be distributed at the Working Week in Rome and mailed to all members together with the minutes from the General Assembly 2012 at the end of May 2012. To receive your personal copy, please contact the FIG office, email: [FIG@fig.net](mailto:FIG@fig.net).  
[http://www.fig.net/annual\\_review/anrew11/areview2011.pdf](http://www.fig.net/annual_review/anrew11/areview2011.pdf)  
(32 pages, 3.66 MB) as a .pdf-file

FIG Profile 2011-2014 can be downloaded from:

[http://www.fig.net/general/profile/profile\\_2012\\_a4.pdf](http://www.fig.net/general/profile/profile_2012_a4.pdf)

### **Promotion of the Profession of Land Surveyors in Central African Countries Yaounde, Cameroun, 10-13 April 2012**

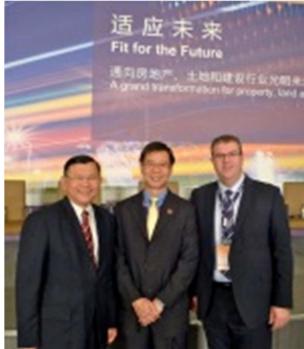


**Daniel Roberge** and Vice-President of OGEC Mr **Joseph Ngassa K.** on the Cameroun national radio network.

The Ordre des géomètres experts du Cameroun (OGEC) organised an international event to promote the profession of land surveyors in this Central African country. Themes like cadastre and land property in Cameroun and in foreign countries, standards, young surveyors, were presented and discussed. Our colleagues from Cameroun had also the opportunity to present national projects that will improve land infrastructures in their country: the national geodetic network and a pilot cadastre project.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2012/cameroun\\_april\\_2012.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/cameroun_april_2012.htm)

## **Fit for the Future – A Grand Transformation for the Property, Land and Construction - RICS International Governing Council Meeting - 28-29 March, Beijing, China P.R.**



RICS Global President **SeeLian Ong**, **CheeHai Teo**, and RICS Chief Executive **Sean Tomkins**

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, RICS a member association of FIG made history by having its International Governing Council Meeting in Beijing, China PR, the first meeting ever outside Europe. Together with this historic event, an international conference was convened. The conference had participants deliberating and discussing the profession's fitness for the future, the theme of the two-day event. The conference had a number of sessions including lively panel discussions covering economy, property investment, investment infrastructure, property market outlooks, affordable housing, valuation standards as well as issues related to urbanization and building cities of the future, impact of technologies and innovation and that of land tenure and the vibrant land market. President **Teo** represented FIG.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2012/beijing\\_march\\_2012.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/beijing_march_2012.htm)

## **UNRCC – PCGIAP International Symposium on Spatially Enabled Government and Society - 14-16- February 2012, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**



Plenary session at the Symposium

The premise for the symposium is that spatial information and data add valuable dimensions to governance decision making processes and supports societies' involvement in the governance process in the pursuit of economic, social, political and environmental objectives. It was clear that spatial enablement of government and societies are desirable, and that these desires are not only contemporary but have been trumpeted by geomatics professionals as needs in the governance decision making process, for decades.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2012/kl\\_seminar\\_feb\\_2012.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/kl_seminar_feb_2012.htm)

### **Job vacancies**

Orgut, The University of Nottingham – China, UN-HABITAT, The University of Cape Town, South Africa, The Technion – Israel Institute of Technology and New Mexico State University.

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

### **Personalia and visits**

<http://www.fig.net/personalia/index.htm>

### **Forthcoming events**

#### **22-28 April, Jael, Spain**

25th International Geodetic Students Meeting. Organised by IGSO and cosponsored by FIG.

Web site: <http://igsm2012.ujaen.es/>

#### **23-25 April, Washington D.C., USA**

Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty, organised by World Bank.

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

#### **25 - 27 April Lviv, Ukraine**

GeoForum 2012 - 17th International Scientific and Technical Conference. Organised by

the Institute of Geodesy, Lviv Polytechnic National University. Co-sponsored by FIG



### **6-10 May, Rome, Italy**

FIG Working Week and General Assembly. Hosted by FIG and CNGGL

Web site: [www.fig.net/fig2012](http://www.fig.net/fig2012)

The FIG Working Week includes following sub events:

4-5 May 2012 - History Workshop

4-5 May 2012 - First FIG Young Surveyors Conference

4-5 May 2012 - FIG & IAG Technical Seminar on reference frame in practice

Register for the conference: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=82>

### **11-12 May, Alba Iulia, Romania**

GeoCAD 2012. Organised by "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia, University of West Hungary, University of Kavala Institute of Technology (TEI), National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registry, Agency of Alba County. Co-sponsored by FIG

Invitation: [http://www.fig.net/events/2012/geocad2012\\_alba\\_iulia.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2012/geocad2012_alba_iulia.pdf)

### **6 July, Rotterdam, the Netherlands**

LADM from Research to Implementation Workshop – Land Administration Domain Modelling at a threshold. Co-sponsored by FIG

Invitation: [http://www.fig.net/events/2012/ladm\\_july\\_2012.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2012/ladm_july_2012.pdf)

### **19-24 July, San Diego, California**

Survey Summit/ACSM Annual Conference. Organised by ESRI.

Web site: <http://www.surveysummit.com/index.html>

### **9-11 October, Hannover, Germany**

INTERGEO 2012. Conference and trade fair for geodesy, geo information and land management.

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

### **25-26 October Shenzhen, China**

The 3rd International FIG workshop on 3D-Cadastres. Organised by FIG Commission 3 and Commission 7

Web site: [www.cadastre2012.org](http://www.cadastre2012.org)

### **8-9 November, Sofia, Bulgaria**

Annual international symposium Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice in Geodesy and related fields including Commission 6 meetings. Organised by Union of Surveyors and Land Managers In Bulgaria, co-sponsored by FIG Commission 6

### **26-29 November, Montevideo, Uruguay**

8th FIG Regional Conference.

Web site: [www.fig.net/uruguay](http://www.fig.net/uruguay)

### **30 November - 4 December, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting. Organised by FIG Commission 7.

### **5 December, Buenos Aires**

FIG Commission 7 International Symposium. Organised by FIG Commission 7 and FADA.

### **11-14 December, Athens, Greece**

The Annual FIG Commission 3 workshop/conference, jointly with the 2012 WPLA workshop.

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)

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