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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.

At the turn of the year the **FIG President**, the **FIG Council** and the **Staff of the FIG Office** send all of you our [Warmest Season Greetings and the Very Best Wishes for the New Year](#) where in particular we are looking forward to the [Working Week 2008](#) in Stockholm, Sweden. We thank you for your contribution to FIG through 2007 and trust that 2008 will be equally exiting and mutually beneficial to FIG and all our members around the world.

Please observe the [important deadlines](#) for abstracts and paper submission for the Working Week. Abstracts for the Working Week in Stockholm should be submitted online from <http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=9>
Send full papers by e-mail to fig@fig.net observing the guidelines and templates for submission:

[Guidelines for authors](#)

[Template for preparing the paper \(.dot-format\)](#)

and at the same time make your registration to the Working Week. This can be done online from the website using this link:

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

[Article of the Month - December 2007](#)

In the FIG [Article of the Month](#) series high-level papers focusing on interesting topics to all surveyors are published. The paper can be picked up from FIG conference or another event. The Article of the Month in December was [Teo Chee Hai: Changing the Game: Sustaining the Profession](#). It is written by Mr. **Teo Chee Hai**, Malaysia and was presented as a paper during the 6th FIG Regional Conference 2007 in San José, Costa, November 2007

[News from last months:](#)

The 6th FIG Regional Conference was organized by the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the Colegio Federado de Ingenieros y de Arquitectos de Costa Rica (CFIA)/ Colegio de Ingenieros Topógrafos de Costa Rica (CIT) which is the FIG member association in Costa Rica.

As has been the case with the previous FIG regional conferences the conference in San

José was organized in co-operation with other international and regional organizations like the United Nations and its agencies as well as with international and regional spatial information societies.

The expected attendance to the conference was mainly Latin American but the conference attracted delegates from Australia, the Americas, Asia, Africa, and Europe. 65% of the delegates came from the Central America and the Caribbean. To help regional and local participation the conference was held in English and Spanish.

This was the first time that the FIG Regional Conference was held in Latin America. Costa Rica offers best possible venue for such an important event. The theme of this regional event was selected so that it focused on the hot topics in the region which are capacity building, land administration and environmental issues, especially the use and future of coastal regions. Based on the outcome of the conference "*Coastal Areas and Land Administration – Building the Capacity*" FIG will also prepare an FIG publication "*Methodologies for Pro-Poor Coastal Zone Management*"

The Technical Programme held a very high professional standard and the overall impression of the Regional Conference was very positive both from the organizers point of view and from the delegates

Read more in the Conference Report here:

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2007/costarica.htm

FIG President Stig Enemark attends the celebration of Prof. Ian Williamson on the occasion of his 60th birthday and retirement as Head of Department of Geomatics by the end of 2007.

Read more: http://www.fig.net/news/news_2007/celebration_williamson.htm

FIG President Stig Enemark attends 9th South East Asia Congress, Christchurch, New Zealand - 30 October- 2 November 2007

Read more: http://www.fig.net/news/news_2007/christchurch_october-november_2007.htm

FIG President Stig Enemark visits Quebec Conference 2007 - Quebec, Canada, October 2007

Read more: http://www.fig.net/news/news_2007/quebec_october_2007.htm

Forthcoming events:

International Congress of Geomatic and Surveying Engineering. Co-sponsored by FIG and including FIG Commission 3 Annual Meeting and Workshop "Spatial Information Management Toward Environmental Management of Mega Cities". Valencia, Spain, 18-21 February 2008

Read more: www.fig.net/commission3

New Call for papers and revised deadlines as a [pdf file](#)

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: <http://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: http://www.itc.nl/fig_elearning2008

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

Read more: <http://www.fig.net/fig2008/>

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