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FIG e-Newsletter December 2008

Dear Colleague,

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 – December 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 December 2008 is written by Mr. **Willi Zimmermann** from Germany. His paper "*Effective and Transparent Management of Public Land*" is an updated version of the paper that has been presented at the FIG/FAO/CNG International Seminar on State and Public Land Management in Verona, Italy, 9-10 September 2008. Read the paper:

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/december_2008/december_2008_zimmermann.html

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

The organisers of FIG Working Week 2009 have received almost 300 proposals for presentations. Deadline for abstracts for non peer review papers has passed but still some late coming proposals will be considered. The authors will be informed about their papers in early January and the programme will be published mid January 2009.

Submit your proposal for non peer review abstract online at:

www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=10.

Registration is open at: https://www.ortra.com/fig/default-register_r.htm

Conference web site: www.fig.net/fig2009

News from last month:

John Neel appointed as General Manager of FIG

Mr. **John Neel** from Denmark has been appointed to the General Manager of FIG. John was selected among a range of qualified candidates. As General Manager he will have complete responsibility for the management and administration of the FIG Office. John will start in the FIG Office by 1 January 2009

Read more: www.fig.net/indexmain.htm#John

FIG President Stig Enemark attends Expert Group Meeting on Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and Natural Resources - FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, 24-25 November 2008

FIG President **Stig Enemark** attended the Expert Group Meeting on Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and other Natural Resources at FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, 24-25 November 2008. FAO, and partners such as the World

Bank, UN-HABITAT, IFAD (International Federation of Agricultural Development), and FIG have been working since 2005 on governance of land administration to raise awareness and produce guidelines.

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2008/rome_nov_2008.htm

Nomination of Chair Elect for Commission 8 and 10

FIG Council is looking for nominations for the position of Chair Elect in Commission 8 – Spatial Planning and Development and Commission 10 - Construction Economics and Management. The Chair Elect will serve as Chair Elect of the Commission 2009-2010 and he/she will in normal situation then be appointed as the chair of his/her Commission for 2011-2014. Member association willing to make a nomination are requested to send the nomination letter together with the profile of the candidate to the FIG Office, email: fig@fig.net by **3 January 2009**. The election will take place at the General Assembly in Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009. A letter on making the nomination has been sent to the member associations.

Read more: Template for making a nomination of a chair elect as a doc-file:

www.fig.net/news/news_2008/nominations_2009/template_chairelect_2009.doc

Template for making a nomination of a chair elect as a .pdf-file:

www.fig.net/news/news_2008/nominations_2009/template_chairelect_2009.pdf

Internal rules about the election of a Chair Elect:

www.fig.net/news/news_2008/nominations_2009/rules_chairelect_2009.pdf

Publications:

FIG Publication no. 44 - Improving Slum Conditions through Innovative Financing

Summary report of the FIG/UN-HABITAT Seminar, Stockholm, Sweden, 16–17 June 2008. Published in the FIG Report series.

Hard copies have been mailed to FIG members.

Read more: www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub44/figpub44.htm

Young Surveyors Newsletter – December 2008

Read more: www.fig.net/commission1/newsletters/FIG_YS_Newsletter_December08.pdf

Forthcoming events:

Exhibition on the Evolution from Local Measures to the Meter, Braine-l'Alleud, Belgium, 9 January – 7 February 2009

Organised by the International Institution for the History of Surveying and Measurement, Permanent Institution of FIG

Web site: www.fig.net/events/2009/history_2009.htm

Commission 3 Workshop on Spatial Information for Sustainable Management of Urban Areas. Mainz, Germany, 2-4 February 2009

Read more: www.i3mainz.fh-mainz.de/FIG-Workshop/

Second Map World Forum: A Promise for Sustainable Planet Earth, Hyderabad, India, 10-13 February 2009

One seminar organised by FIG.

Read more: www.mapworldforum.org

3rd Conference of the International Academic Association on Planning, Law and Property Rights, Aalborg, Denmark, 11-13 February 2009

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 8.

Read more: <http://planninglaw2009.land.aau.dk>

Navigating the Future of Surveying Education - Workshop on Educational Management and Marketing, Vienna, Austria, 26-28 February 2009

Organised by FIG Commission 2 WG 2.3.

Read more: <http://fig09.ovg.at/>

Joint FIG / World Bank Conference – Land Governance in Support of the Millennium Development Goals: Responding to New Challenges, 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/wb2009

GEO-SIBERIA – 2009. 5th International Exhibition and Scientific Congress, 21-23 April 2009, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: www.geosiberia.sibfair.ru

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

You can still offer abstract for non peer review presentation online at:

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Conference web site: www.fig.net/fig2009

9th 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/>

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

Co-sponsored by FIG.

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

Co-sponsored by Commission 5.

Read more: www.iag209.com.ar

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

Read more: www.fig.net/vietnam

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

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

Job and project opportunities (latest updated 5 December 2008)

Read more: www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm

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