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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.



The FIG Office wishes you:

- Seasons Greeting and a Happy New Year!
- Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année
- Fröhliche Weihnachten und Ein Gutes Neues Jahr
- Feliz Navidad y Prospero año nuevo!
- Kul sanna wa'intum b'kheir
- Glædelig jul og godt nytår

Article of the Month – December 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 December 2009 is "GNSS CORS - Reference Frames and Services". It is written by **Volker Schwieger**, Germany, **Mikael Lilje**, Sweden and **Rob Sarib**, Australia. Their paper has been prepared and presented at the 7th FIG Regional Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009. Read the paper:

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/december_2009/december_2009_schwieger_etal.html

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

FIG Congress 2010 - Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity will be held in **Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010**. Final Invitation is available as a .pdf file at: www.fig.net/fig_2010/fig2010_final_invitation.pdf (20 pages, 1.26 MB).

Online registration is open on the congress web site: www.fig2010.com. Early bird registration closes **28 January 2010**.

The organisers have received more than 850 proposals from 80 countries for presentations in the technical programme. Deadline for abstracts has passed and the draft programme is almost ready to be published at www.fig.net/fig2010/techprog.htm. There will be about 150 technical sessions, workshops, special forums etc. A congress not to be missed! Unfortunately, due to the amount of abstracts the programme process and

approval of abstract is delayed, but we try to confirm all authors by 23 December. Deadline for full papers (non peer review) is **21 January 2010** – please submit your paper in time.

News from last month:

General Assembly in Sydney will elect the new FIG President for 2011-2014, 2 Vice Presidents and Chairs of all FIG Commissions and decide on the venue for FIG 2014

At its meeting in Sydney, Australia 11-16 April 2010 the FIG General Assembly will elect the FIG President, 2 Vice Presidents, Chair of each of the 10 Commissions for 2011-2014, and select the venue for the FIG Congress 2014.

The Council has received three nominations for the post of the FIG President: **Iain Greenway** (RICS, UK), **Matt Higgins** (SSSI, Australia) and **Teo CheeHai** (AALSM, Malaysia). For each candidate there is a nomination template that will be distributed together with the General Assembly agenda in early February 2010. Each candidate will make his presentation at the first session of the General Assembly 11 April 2010. All elections and voting will take place at the second session of the General Assembly on 16 April 2010.

The Council has received also three nominations for Vice Presidents: **Dalal Alnaggar** (ECSM, Egypt), **Chryssy Potsiou** (TCG and HARSE, Greece) and **Rudolf Staiger** (DVW, Germany). The General Assembly will elect two Vice Presidents for 2011-2014 and if needed one Vice President for 2011-2012. The candidates will make their presentations at the first session of the General Assembly and their nomination templates will be circulated together with the agenda papers.

The Council has received two bids to host FIG Congress 2014: **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** and **Istanbul, Turkey**. Introductions of these two destinations will be made 11 April and the decision on 16 April 2010.

President Stig Enemark visits RICS and ICES, London, United Kingdom, 10-11 December 2009

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2009/rics_december_2009.htm

President Stig Enemark visits Ordre des Géomètres Expert, Paris, France, 8 December 2009

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2009/paris_oge_december_2009.htm

The Land Administration Domain Model (LADM) Is Becoming to an International Standard – the Proposal Passed Vote at the ISO TC 211 Meeting - Quebec City, Canada, 2-6 November 2009

FIG submitted in 2008 a proposal to develop an International Standard concerning the Land Administration Domain to the Technical Committee 211 on Geographic Information of the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO/TC211). There was a positive vote on the draft at ISO TC 211 plenary meeting in Quebec City in November 2009 on forwarding the ISO 19152 Land Administration Domain Model as a Draft International Standard (DIS). An Editing Committee is working now on the DIS, which is expected to be available in March 2010. The final International Standard is expected in 2011.

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2009/canada_november_2009.htm

Chryssy Potsiou, Chair of FIG Commission 3 attends the 2nd GIS National Congress in Turkey, Izmir, Turkey, 2-6 November 2009



President **Ali Fahri Özten** making his welcome address at the opening ceremony.

Dr. **Chryssy Potsiou** attended the 2nd Turkish GIS Congress "GIS 2009" organized by the Turkish Chamber of Engineers and Architects (TMMOB). The theme of the congress was "NSDI and working cooperatively for a livable future". One of the main goals was to identify the issues of "real world GIS applications" and specifically the problems caused by the lack of interoperability among different parties. The panels and the final NSDI forum showed among other things that interoperability is largely lacking in the country. There is an urgent need to initiate an NSDI of Turkey.

Read more:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/turkey_november_2009.htm

Cooperation with UN-HABITAT, Partner's meeting of the Global Land Tool Network and Meeting of the International Advisory Board, 4-6 November 2009



The flag alley entrance to the UN-HABITAT Headquarters at Gigiri, Nairobi.

FIG President **Stig Enemark** attended the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) Partners' Meeting held 4-5 November 2009 at the UN-HABITAT Headquarters in Nairobi, followed by a meeting at the GLTN International Advisory Board (IAB) held 6 November 2009. The Partners' Meeting was structured around the theme: "Enriching Partnerships and Increasing Activities for Land Reform" and attracted around 60 partner organisations. The key issues of the IAB meeting included a comprehensive evaluation of the overall GLTN activities in 2009 as well as discussions on the future strategies.

Read more:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/nairobi_november_2009.htm

FIG president Stig Enemark Invited to Give The 27th Annual Olumide Memorial Public Lecture, Nigerian Institution of Surveyors, Abuja, Nigeria, 29th October 2009



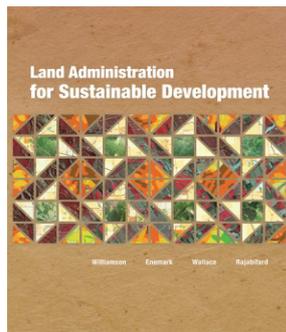
Dr. **Atilola Olusola**, President of The Nigerian Institution of Surveyors, Prof. **Stig Enemark**, President of FIG, and **A. C. P. Njebuome**, Surveyor General of the Federation of Nigeria.

President **Stig Enemark** was invited by the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors (NIS) to give the 27th Olumide Memorial Public Lecture in Abuja, 29 October 2009. The visit was hosted by Dr. **Atilola Olusola**, President of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors (NIS). President Enemark presented a lecture on the theme: "Land Governance: Supporting the Global Agenda and Serving Society". The lecture looked at the linkage between land governance, land reform, and climate change adaptation.

Read more:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/nigeria_october_2009.htm

Comprehensive book on *Land Administration for Sustainable Development* from FIG experts published by ESRI



Prof. **Iain Williamson**, Prof. **Stig Enemark**, Ms. **Jude Wallace** and Dr. **Abbas Rajabifard** - all active and well-known in FIG - have made a comprehensive book on land administration from several aspects from today's perspective. Their book *Land Administration for Sustainable Development* examines global land administration systems at different levels of maturity. Through its presentation of a holistic view of land management for sustainable development, this book outlines basic principles of land administration applicable to all countries and their divergent needs.

Read more:

www.fig.net/news/news_shortstories.htm#Comprehensive

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Job and project opportunities (latest updated **15 December 2009**)

Please notice following:

- **ORGUT** is looking for International Land Administration Advisors, deadline **31 December 2009**.

Read job details: www.fig.net/jobs/orgut_advert_11_2009.pdf

Forthcoming events:

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. Deadline for full papers is **21 January 2010**, please send your paper before the deadline. Deadline for early bird registration closes **28 January 2010**.

9-11 March, Bonn, Germany

2nd International Conference on Machine Control & Guidance. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5 and 6.

Web site: www.mcg.uni-bonn.de

22-24 April, Lviv, Ukraine

15th International Conference Geoforum 2010.

Web site: www.lp.edu.ua/geoforum/

Deadline for papers: **24 January 2010**.

27-29 April 2010, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation

The Sixth International Exhibition and Scientific Congress Industrial Forum "GEO-SIBERIA-2009". Organised by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and ITE Siberian Fair.

Web site: <http://geosiberia.sibfair.ru/eng/>

14-15 May 2010, Alba Iulia, Romania

GeoCAD'2010 Geodesy, Topography, Cadastre and Land Registry. Organised by "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia – Faculty of Sciences University of West Hungary – Faculty of Geoinformatics, Székesfehérvár National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registry, Agency of Alba County. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 2

10-13 July, San Diego, CA, USA

The 2010 Survey & Engineering GIS Summit. Organised as part of the ESRI User Conference. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: www.esri.com/events/survey/index.html

15-17 September, Zurich, Switzerland

2010 International Conference on Indoor Positioning and Indoor Navigation (IPIN). Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5.

Web site: <http://www.ipin.ethz.ch>

15-17 September, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)

International Conference on Spatial Data Infrastructures 2010. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: <http://www.agisee.org/sdiconf2010.htm>

September, Czech Republic

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting.

Web site: www.fig.net/commission7

25-26 November, Copenhagen

FIG Seminar and Handover Ceremony.

Web site: www.fig.net

Contact: fig@fig.net

18-22 May, Marrakech, Morocco

Bridging the Gap between Cultures. FIG Working Week and General Assembly.

Web site: www.fig.net

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