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FIG e-Newsletter January 2009

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 – January 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 January 2009 is written by Prof. **Bela Markus**, Chair of FIG Commission 2 from Hungary. His paper "*Thinking about e-Learning*" was prepared and presented as a keynote presentation at the FIG International Workshop 2008 "*Sharing Good Practices: E-learning in Surveying, Geo-information Sciences and Land Administration*" in Enschede, the Netherlands, 11-13 June 2008. Read the paper:

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/january_2009/january_2009_markus.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 have been informed about the acceptance of their papers and the preliminary programme will be posted on the conference web site by 26 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. Deadline for early bird registration is **26 February 2009**.

Conference web site: www.fig.net/fig2009

News from last month:

Preparations for FIG Working Week 2009 in Eilat in Good Progress - Plenary Session Programme Confirmed during the Visit of FIG Director - Tel Aviv and Eilat, Israel, 5-9 January 2009

FIG Director visited Israel 5-9 January 2009 to prepare the FIG Working Week 2009 and to meet with the representatives of the Associations of Licensed Surveyors in Israel, ALSI, and Survey of Israel to settle the remaining open issues related to the conference. The FIG Working Week 2009 will be held at Dan Eilat Hotel and Herods Hotel in Eilat at the on the southernmost edge of Israel from 3rd to 8th May 2009.

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2009/israel_january_2009.htm

FIG Representatives visit Morocco to launch the FIG Working Week 2011 - Rabat and Marrakech, Morocco, 16-20 December 2008

FIG President Prof. **Stig Enemark**, Vice President Dr. **Dalal S. Alnaggar** and the FIG Director visited Morocco 16-20 December 2008 in conjunction to the launch of the FIG Working Week 2011. During the visit they attended the seminar organised by ONIGT and had meetings with the Council of ONIGT, the organising committee of FIG 2011, representatives of the Moroccan government, parliament and as well as tourism authorities. The delegation also had the opportunity to meet with the Moroccan surveyors both in Rabat and in Marrakech.

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2008/morocco_december_2008.htm

FIG Vice President Matt Higgins attends the Third Meeting of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG) - Pasadena, California, USA, 8-12 December 2008

The International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG), met in Pasadena, California, USA, from 8 to 12 December 2008. Vice President **Matt Higgins** attended representing the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG).

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2008/pasadena_december_2008.htm

Publications:

Commission 5 Newsletter – December 2008

Read more: www.fig.net/commission5/newsletters/december_%202008.pdf

Forthcoming events:

Exhibition on the Evolution from Local Measures to the Meter, Braine-I' 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

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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 22 December 2008)

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

Personalia and Visits (latest updated 17 January 2009)

Read more: www.fig.net/personalia/index.htm#Visits

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