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FIG e-Newsletter January 2011

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 a happy new year 2011.

Article of the Month – January 2011

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 2011 is written by Dr. Juha Talvitie, FIG Honorary President, Finland: **The Evolution of FIG during the Last 20 Years**. The paper is an extended version of the keynote presentation that Dr. Juha Talvitie gave at the FIG Handover Ceremony in Copenhagen, Denmark 27th November 2010. Dr. Talvitie was FIG President 1988-1991 and has been appointed as an FIG Honorary President for his contributions to the Federation.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/january_2011/january_2011_talvitie.html

FIG Working Week 2011 - Bridging the Gap between Cultures - Marrakech, Morocco, 18-22 May 2011



FIG Working Week and General Assembly 2011 will be held in Marrakech, Morocco 18-22 May 2011. The organisers have received more than 550 proposals for papers. Draft programme will be published by the end of January 2011.

FIG Working Week web sites:

www.fig.net/fig2011 (English)

www.onigt.ma/fig2011 (French and Arabic).

Register for the Working Week 2011

Do not miss this spectacular Working Week, held in wonderful Moroccan surroundings. Please register online at: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=74>. Deadline for early bird registration is **16 February 2011**.

Papers

Confirmations of acceptance of non peer review abstracts will be sent by the end of January and the deadline for the submission of the full paper is 16 March. Please remember to use the template for papers and follow the guidelines carefully.

Guidelines for writing papers: http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig_2011_template.doc
Template for papers: http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig_2011_template.doc

Authors of peer review papers will get the first notification of acceptance by 26 January 2011. The deadline for authors to submit revised full paper for 2nd round of peer review (depending on proposed corrections from reviewers) is 31 January 2011 and the second notification to authors of acceptance of peer reviewed papers will be 10 February 2011.

Reports from last month

Four months to go - Preparations Well Under Way for FIG Working Week 2011 - Rabat and Marrakech Morocco, 11-14 January 2011



Local organising committee members at the conference venue.

FIG representatives visited Rabat and Marrakech 11-14 January 2011 to discuss and agree on final arrangements of the Working Week with the Ordre National des Ingénieurs Géomètres Topographes (ONIGT) and the local organising committee on practical arrangements. The team led by Dr. Dalal S. Alnaggar, FIG Vice President are convinced that the organising committee and local surveyors had made their utmost to guarantee a big, professionally interesting and socially unbeatable conference.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2011/morocco_jan_2011.htm

FIG gets a new Council and Commission Chairs for 2011-2014

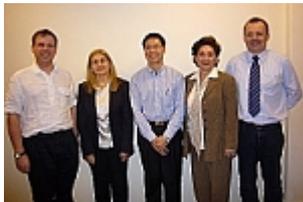


FIG Council 2011-2014.

FIG new Council and new Commission chairs started their four-year term of office 1 January 2011. The new Council is led by President **CheeHai Teo** and the members are: Vice Presidents **Dalal S. Alnaggar** (Egypt), **Iain Greenway** (United Kingdom), **Chryssy Potsiou** (Greece) and **Rudolf Staiger** (Germany) as well as **Michael Sutherland** (Canada/Trinidad&Tobago) as the ACCO Representative (2011-2012). The first task for the Council and Commissions is to finalise their work plans and prepare the Working Week in Marrakech in May 2011.

Read more about the council:

http://www.fig.net/council/council_2011_2014.htm

Read more about the commission chairs:

<http://www.fig.net/comm/comchairs.htm>

FIG Africa Task Force Workshop on Proactive Planning for Infrastructure in Peri-Urban Settlements - Mombasa, Kenya, 11-12 November 2010



Participants of the Africa Task Force workshop in Mombasa.

The seminar was focused on analyzing the governmental challenge of land restitution to victims of abandonment and dispossession under circumstances that will guarantee that they will be granted their rights to justice and truth and they can enrol in the economic life of the country under conditions of dignity and security. More than 200 attended the Seminar, and The Vice President of Columbia also gave a presentation. *Read more:*

www.fig.net/news/news_2010/bogota_november_2010.htm

Final Progress Report of the FIG Council Work Plan 2007-2010 approved at the Council Meeting in Copenhagen 25 November 2010



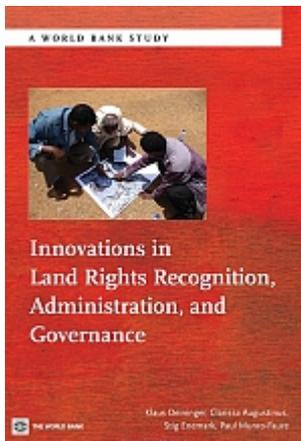
FIG Council meeting in Copenhagen in November 2010

FIG Council approved the Final Progress Report of the FIG Council Work Plan 2007-2010 at its meeting in Copenhagen in conjunction to the Handover ceremony. The final progress report will be brought to the General Assembly for its approval in Marrakech in May 2011. At this last meeting of the FIG Council 2007-2010 the Council approved **Survey Department from Sri Lanka** as an affiliate member, the **East Kazakhstan State Technical University named after D. Serikbayev** as an academic member and **Danos S.A.** from Greece as a new corporate member.

Final progress report:

http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2011/agenda/evaluation_report_2007_2010.pdf

Publications



World Bank publication on land rights recognition

The World Bank has published a book on Innovations in Land Rights Recognition, Administration, and Governance in the World Bank Studies series. The publication is an out come from the FIG/World Bank conference that was held in March 2009. The publication is based on an on-going partnership between the World Bank, FIG, the Global Land Tool Network and FAO which provides tools that can help to address land governance in practice and at scale. The WB hopes that this publication will increase awareness of and support to the successful implementation of innovative approaches.

More information:

http://www.fig.net/news/news_shortstories.htm

Four new publications were launched at the Handover Ceremony in Copenhagen in November. Hard copies will be sent to members in January 2011.

- FIG Publication No. 53: Sydney Agenda for Action. Small Island Developing States and the Millennium Development Goals: Building the Capacity. FIG Report 2010.
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub53/figpub53.htm
- FIG Publication No. 54: Compulsory Purchase and Compensation - Recommendations for Good Practice. FIG Policy Statement, 2010.
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub54/figpub54.htm
- FIG Publication No. 55: Spatial Planning in Coastal Regions. Facing the Impact of Climate Change. FIG Report 2010.
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub55/figpub55.htm
- FIG Publication No. 56: Guidelines for the Planning, Execution and Management of Hydrographic Surveys in Ports and Harbours. FIG Report 2010.
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub56/figpub56.htm

Latest reports and newsletters:

- Commission 5 e-Newsletter - December 2010
www.fig.net/commission5/newsletters/comm_5_xmas_2010.pdf
- Commission 7 e-Newsletter - December 2010
http://www.fig.net/commission7/newsletters/com7_newsletter_dec2010.pdf

- Commission 8 e-Newsletter - December 2010
http://www.fig.net/commission8/news/com8_newsletter_dec2010.pdf

Job vacancies

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

Forthcoming events

22 January, Tirana, Albania

1st International Conference of the Albanian Association of Geodesy. The conference is organised in connection to the 20th Anniversary of AAG. Co-sponsored by FIG

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/albania_2011.pdf

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

10-11 February, Moscow, Russian Federation

Geodesy, Mine Survey and Aerial Topography. At the turn of the centuries. Co-sponsored by FIG

Web site: <http://www.con-fig.ru/?r=indexen>

13 -15 April, Garching/Munich, Germany

The 1st International Workshop on The Quality of Geodetic Observation and Monitoring Systems - QuGOMS 2011. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5

Abstract submission: 15 November 2010

Invitation flyer: <http://www.fig.net/events/2011/qugoms2011.pdf>

Web site: <http://www.gih.uni-hannover.de/qugoms2011>

14-19 April 2011, Newcastle, United Kingdom

24th International Geodetic Students Meeting. Organised by IGSO and co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: <http://www.igsm2011.org.uk/>

27-29 April, Novosibirsk, Russia

Geosiberia - Seventh International Specialised Exhibition and Scientific Congress.

Organised by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and ITE Siberian Fair. Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/geosiberia_2011.pdf

Web site: <http://www.geo-siberia.com/>

27-29 April, Lviv, Ukraine

GEOFORUM 2011- 16th International Scientific and Technical Conference. Organised by Institute of Geodesy, National University. Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/ukraine_2011.pdf

3-8 May Antalya, Turkey

GI4DM - GeoInformation for Disaster Management. Co-sponsored by FIG

Abstract submission: 15 December 2010

Web site: <http://www.gi4dm2011.org/>

18-22 May, Marrakech, Morocco



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

- Web site: <http://www.fig.net/fig2011> and www.onigt.ma/fig2011

- Registration for the Working Week 2011:
<https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=74>
- Call for paper – The submission of abstract has been closed.
- Guidelines for writing papers:
http://www.fig.net/fig2011/guidelines_for_papers_fig2011.pdf
- Template for papers:
http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig_2011_template.doc
- Submission of full peer review papers has been closed

13-16 June, Cracow, Poland

7th International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology Symposium - MMT11. Co-sponsored by FIG

Web site: <http://www.mmtcracow2011.pl/>

22-23 June, Umeå, Sweden

The Geodetic Infrastructure in Europe - today and tomorrow. Organised by CLGE and ASPECT. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5

Web site: <http://www.aspect.se/ASPECT-seminarier-clge-juni-2011.html>

22-24 June, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

11th South East Asian Survey Congress. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: www.seasc2011.org/

7-12 July, San Diego, California, USA

The Survey Summit arranged by Esri and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM). Co-sponsored by FIG

Deadline for abstract submission: 6 December 2010

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

22-24 September 2011, Brijuni, Croatia

INGEO 2011. Organised by the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Faculty of Geodesy, University of Zagreb and FIG Commission

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/ingeo_2011.pdf (pdf 251 kb)

Web Site: <http://www.svf.stuba.sk/INGEO2011>

16-18 November 2011, Delft, the Netherlands

Second International FIG Workshop on 3D-Cadastres. Organised by FIG Commission 7 Working Group and supported by EuroSDR.

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

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