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## **FIG e-Newsletter January 2013**

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.

### **FIG welcomes one new corporate member**



ISQ-Portugal – Category F - <http://www.isq.pt>  
ISQ is a private and independent organization, founded in 1965, offering technical inspection, training and consultancy services, supported by research and development activities and by accredited laboratories.

### **Article of the Month**

Each month on the FIG web site we publish 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 a FIG conference or another event. The Article of the Month in January 2013 is written by Msc. Ing. Raquel SOSA, Msc. Ing. Agrim. Rosario CASANOVA, Facultad de Ingeniería and Ing. Agrim. Jorge FRANCO, Dirección Nacional de Topografía, Uruguay: gvSIG Batoví an Educational GIS. The paper summarises a keynote presentation given at the 8th FIG Regional Conference, Montevideo, Uruguay, 27 November 2012 and describes a comprehensive and impressive Uruguayan project called "Plan Ceibal". All school children have received a free lap top, and a software to manage geographic information has been developed, implemented and used at all Uruguayan schools. At the same time the project shows a remarkable cooperation between different Uruguayan organisations.

[http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/January\\_2013/jan\\_2013.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/January_2013/jan_2013.html)

### **FIG Working Week 2013 6-10 May in Abuja, Nigeria – registration has now opened**



#### **Register now at the Early Bird Fee – deadline 24 February**

Do not miss the FIG Working Week that takes place in the city of Abuja, the new capital of Nigeria. The main theme for this working week is "**Environment for Sustainability**" moving the Surveying Profession to the next level. Experience Nigeria at the conference as well as on one of the post tours, and also a technical and a social tour is organised during the conference. Two dinners are offered, a Nigerian Evening where you experience the Nigerian culture, as well as a Gala Dinner. Registration for the conference has now opened. Included in the registration is the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception, General Assembly, Plenary and Technical sessions, lunches and coffees as well as the farewell reception. Register now at the early bird fee.

<https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=95>

Deadline for early bird fee is 24 February 2013.



Nicon Luxury Hotel – the conference hotel and partly venue together with the International Conference Center

Please notice: Participants from **Nigeria, Ghana and Cameroon** shall register through Nigeria:  
[www.fig2013.nisngr.com](http://www.fig2013.nisngr.com)

It is the first time in the history of FIG that a Working Week will take place in Sub-Saharan Africa. The International Conference Centre (ICC) Abuja is the Conference venue together with the Nicon Luxury Hotel and is situated within the Central Business District. We recommend international participants to book their room at the conference hotel Nicon Luxury Hotel.

### **Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities**

Exhibition will take place 7-9 May 2013. The exhibition is filling up so if you are interested in exhibiting, please contact Louise [louise.friis-hansen@fig.net](mailto:louise.friis-hansen@fig.net) now. Read more about the opportunities on the conference web site:  
[http://www.fig.net/fig2013/exhibition\\_opportunities.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig2013/exhibition_opportunities.htm)



Market in Abuja

### **Technical programme**

Most authors have received confirmations on their abstracts, and at the moment the technical programme is being designed. Once it is finalised it will be published on the conference web site.

### **More information**

The conference web site will be updated regularly:

[www.fig.net/fig2013](http://www.fig.net/fig2013)

Read report from FIG Office visit to Abuja:

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2012/abuja\\_october\\_2012.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/abuja_october_2012.htm)

## **FIG 8th Regional Conference 26-29 November 2012 in Montevideo Uruguay**



Participants at the Conference

The 8th FIG Regional Conference titled "Surveying towards Sustainable Development" was held in Montevideo, Uruguay 26-29 November 2012 with more than 250 participants from all over Latin America and all other continents, altogether 33 countries. The successful Regional Conference in Uruguay proved that Latin America is a very interesting area both for the Surveying society and for hosting a conference.

The local host of the Regional Conference was Asociación de Agrimensores del Uruguay (AAU) who organised the conference in cooperation with FIG. The conference was co-sponsored by UN-HABITAT, OAS, and the World Bank.



Tango in Uruguay...

The main focus both in the plenary sessions and the technical sessions were on the Latin American region and during the conference there were many professional discussion within the different areas of surveying between participants from the region and from all over the world.

[http://www.fig.net/news/uruguay\\_2012/index.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/uruguay_2012/index.htm)

## **Environmental Resilience: An agenda for Action African Task Force Workshop, Elmina, Ghana, October 2012**



Participants at the Workshop

The African Task Force (ATF) held its third Land Professionals Workshop on 21st to 22nd October 2012 in Elmina, Ghana. The focus was on "Environmental Resilience: An agenda for Action." Africa faces considerable challenges in the near future, and development must be accelerated further. Accordingly the Task Force agenda has been given set themes within the framework of Professional Development and Ethics.

[http://www.fig.net/tf/africa/2012\\_ghana/report\\_and\\_proceedings\\_%20Elmina\\_2012.pdf](http://www.fig.net/tf/africa/2012_ghana/report_and_proceedings_%20Elmina_2012.pdf)

### **Newsletters and publications**

Proceedings of 3rd International Workshop on 3D Cadastres: Development and Practices  
<http://www.fig.net/pub/compub/compubindex.htm>

### **Job vacancies – updated January 2013**

University of Florida, FAO, UN-HABITAT, INES Ruhengeri Rwanda  
<http://www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm>

### **Personalia and visits (last updated January 2013)**

<http://www.fig.net/personalia/index.htm>

### **Benefits from FIG Corporate Members**

[http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate\\_benefits.htm](http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate_benefits.htm)

### **Forthcoming events**

#### **8-11 April, Washington DC, USA**



Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty. Supported by FIG including a joint programme.

Web site: <http://go.worldbank.org/RTWVJ2OA20>

#### **1-3 May, Tainan, Taiwan**

The International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology (MMT2013). Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5 and 6

Web site: <http://conf.ncku.edu.tw/mmt2013/>

#### **6-10 May, Abuja, Nigeria**



Environment for Sustainability. FIG Working Week and General Assembly.

Web site: <http://www.fig.net/fig2013>

#### **17-20 June, Texas at Tyler, USA**

The 24th Biannual SaGES Colloquium & FIG Regional Conference. Co-organised by FIG Commission 2 and the Partnership Degree Program in Surveying and Mapping at Tyler

Junior College and the University of Texas at Tyler.  
Web site: <http://www.tjc.edu/SaGESconference>

**18-20 June 2013, Manila, Philippine**

The 12th South East Asia Survey Congress "Geospatial Cooperation towards a Sustainable Future". Co-organised by FIG Commissions 5 and 6

**31 August 2013, Potsdam, Germany** (alongside the IAG Scientific Assembly)  
JBGIS Annual Meeting hosted by IAG, together with the IAG Scientific Assembly

**9-11 September 2013, Nottingham, United Kingdom**

The second Joint FIG/IAG International Symposium on Deformation Monitoring (JISDM)  
Web site: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/engineering/conference/jisdms/index.aspx>  
Call for paper: <http://www.fig.net/events/2013/jisdms.pdf>

**21-25 October, Yaounde, Cameroon**

2nd Surveying Week: Building Capacities in Land Reforms and Land Management jointly with the annual assembly of Commission 2 and Commission 7 and the general assembly of the FGF. Organised by l'Ordre des Géomètres du Cameroun, FIG Commission 2 and 7

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

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**FIG Congress 2014 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16-21 June 2014**

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