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FIG e-Newsletter June 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.

Article of the Month – June 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 June 2011 is written by **Rohan Bennett, Abbas Rajabifard, Mohsen Kalantari, Jude Wallace and Ian Williamson**, Australia: **Cadastral Futures: Building a New Vision for the Nature and Role of Cadastres**. This paper has been selected to the article of the month because of it is the background paper for the special session on Cadastre 2034 at the FIG Working Week in Marrakech in May 2011. This paper was originally presented at the FIG Congress in Sydney in 2010. It was also a starting point for the special issue of GIM International on future cadastres.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/june_2011/june_2011_bennett_rajabifard_et_a_l.html

Handouts of the presentation:

http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2010/ppt/ts08k/ts08k_bennett_rajabifard_et_al_ppt_4096.pdf

FIG Working Week 2011 - Biggest FIG Working Week strengthens links between cultures - Marrakech, Morocco, 18-22 May 2011



FIG Fanfare at the Opening Ceremony.



Moroccan ministers and President **CheeHai Teo**, FIG and President **Aziz Hilali**, ONIGT.

The FIG Working Week "Bridging the Gap between Cultures" and the XXXIV General Assembly was held in Marrakech, Morocco from 18 to 22 May 2011. The Working Week included also the 6th National Congress of the Ordre National des Ingénieurs Géomètres Topographes (ONIGT) that was the local host of the Working Week.

FIG 2011 turned out to be the biggest FIG Working Week ever both in the size of the exhibition and the number of participants. More than 1,500 participants from 90 countries attended. The technical programme comprised of more than 90 technical sessions, workshops and special forums. Total number of presented papers was almost 450. The Working Week was held at the fully packed Palais des Congrès in Marrakech.

Read report: <http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/index.htm>

Picture Galleries:

General Assembly I - Wednesday 18 May 2011:

http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/picture_gallery_01.htm



The biggest exhibition in the history of FIG Working Weeks at the Palais des Congrès.



Moroccan music entertained participants at the welcome reception.

General Assembly II - Sunday 22 May 2011:

http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/picture_gallery_02.htm

Opening Ceremony - Thursday 19 May 2011:

http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/picture_gallery_03.htm

Plenary Sessions:

http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/picture_gallery_04.htm

Technical sessions, China Forum, other Forums and special workshops:

http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/picture_gallery_05.htm

Exhibition:

http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/picture_gallery_06.htm

Administrative Meetings - Presidents' Meeting, Council, Commissions, partners, members and administration:

http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/picture_gallery_07.htm

Social Events - Welcome Reception, ONIGT Dinner and Commission Dinners:

http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/picture_gallery_08.htm

Social Events - FIG Foundation Dinner and Gala Dinner:

http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/picture_gallery_09.htm

FIG Closing Ceremony, Closing of 6th ONIGT Congress and Farewell Reception:

http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/picture_gallery_10.htm

Registration, venue and Marrakech:

http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/picture_gallery_11.htm

List of participants:

<http://www.fig.net/news/fig2011/participantlist.pdf>

Proceedings:

<http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2011/index.htm>

Working Week web site: <http://www.fig.net/fig2011>

Web site in French/Arabic: <http://www.onigt.ma/fig2011>

FIG General Assembly 2011 - FIG Work Plans and Budget Adopted - Marrakech, Morocco, 18 and 22 May 2011 - Minutes are now available



General Assembly in Morocco

FIG General Assembly 2011 was held during the Working Week in Marrakech, Morocco. 50 member associations with almost 300 participants attended the first session. The second session was attended by 48 member associations and about 250 participants representing all member categories as well as observers. At this General Assembly, FIG appointed immediate past President Prof. Stig Enemark as an Honorary President.

Report from the General Assembly:

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2011/ga_marrakech_may_2011.htm

Minutes from the FIG General Assembly 2011, Marrakech, Morocco, 18 and 22 May 2011 without appendices (21 pages):

http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2011/ga_minutes_2011.pdf

Minutes with appendices (118 pages - 9.75 MB).:

http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2011/ga_minutes_2011_full.pdf

Prof. Stig Enemark appointed FIG Honorary President - Marrakech, Morocco 18 May 2011



President **Henning Elmstroem**, DdL, Honorary President **Stig Enemark** and President **CheeHai Teo**, FIG.

FIG's 34th General Assembly saluted Prof. Stig Enemark's contributions to the Profession and the Federation with an appointment as FIG Honorary President. The nomination came from the Danish Association of Chartered Surveyors (DdL), unanimously supported by the Council and President Henning Elmstroem of DdL made the recommendation before the General Assembly in Marrakech, Morocco. The General Assembly and the Federation thanked Prof. Enemark for an energetic and illustrious Presidency.

Heartiest Congratulations to FIG Honorary President Prof. Stig Enemark!
http://www.fig.net/news/news_2011/enemark_morocco_may_2011.htm

GIM International – Special FIG Edition



For the FIG Working Week, which was held from 18th to 22nd May 2011 in Marrakech, Morocco, GIM International has created a dedicated edition. This edition is available online.

The theme of this issue is cadastre and the developments that specialists expect in the time to come: an interview with Hernando De Soto and the series of articles Beyond Cadastre 2034.

http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate_benefits.htm

On-line edition: http://www.gim-international.com/news/id5799-GIM_International_FIG_Special.html

Latest FIG Publications and Newsletters

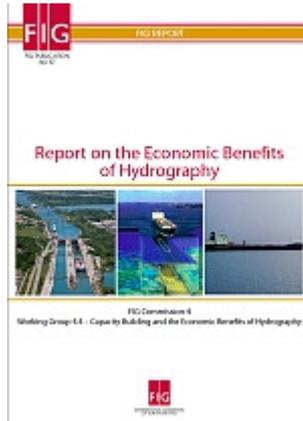
FIG Annual Review 2010



The FIG Annual Review 2010 is now available as a .pdf-file. Hard copies will be mailed to all members together with the minutes from the General Assembly in Marrakech. To receive your personal copy, please contact the FIG office, email: FIG@fig.net.

The FIG Annual Review 2010 as a .pdf-file (32 pages, 3 MB):
http://www.fig.net/annual_review/anrew10/areview2010.pdf

New publication on the Economic Benefits of Hydrography - FIG Publication No. 57



Commission 4 workgroup 4.4 on *Capacity Building and the Economic Benefits of Hydrography* has prepared a report to bring awareness and promote the role of hydrography as an essential investment in economic development. This FIG publication no. 57 provides a snapshot of the workgroup's efforts from various conferences and symposia to stimulate thought and exchange ideas in this regard. The publication **Report on the Economic Benefits of Hydrography** has been published in FIG report series and is available only on the web.

<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub57/figpub57.htm>

Commission 5 e-Newsletter - June 2011:

http://www.fig.net/commission5/newsletters/comm5_june_2011_enewsletter.pdf

The FIG Profile and the benefits of being a member 2011 - 2014. FIG leaflet in .pdf-format:

<http://www.fig.net/general/profile.htm>

Further news from last month

The United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) 26th Session, Vienna, Austria 2-6 May 2011



Mr Gert Steinkellner and Chair-person Helen Kerfoot.

Mr. **Gert Steinkellner**, the President of the Austrian member organisation participated for FIG as observer in The United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. This experts group deals with technical, cultural and linguistic aspects of geographical names. It is organised in geographical/ linguistic divisions and working groups amongst others for on toponymy, exonyms and terminology.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2011/ungegn_may_2011.htm

Geosiberia 2011 visited by FIG Vice President Rudolf Staiger - Novosibirsk, Russian Federation, 26-29 April 2011



Official Opening of Geosiberia 2011

Geosiberia 2011 was organized from the 26th to 29th of April in Novosibirsk, Russia by the Siberian State Academy of Geodesy. This event which was already the 7th edition was organized under the lead of Prof. **Alexander Karpik** and Prof. **Vladimir Seredovich**. FIG was one of the co-sponsors and was represented by Vice President **Rudolf Staiger**.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2011/geosiberia_april_2011.htm

Personalia and visits (last updated 9 June 2011)

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

News from the world around FIG (updated 15 June 2011)

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

Job vacancies (incl. Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, New Mexico State University and UN-HABITAT (Call for expression of interest).

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

Forthcoming events

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/

24-26 June, Kladovo, Serbia

I International Scientific Conference and XXIV Meeting Of Serbian Surveyors "Professional Practice and Education in Geodesy and Related Fields". Organised by The Serbian Union of Surveyors together with University Of Belgrade - Faculty of Civil Engineering and University of Novi Sad - Faculty of Technical Sciences. Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/serbia_june_2011.pdf (pdf 166 kb)

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

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

19-22 July, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, USA

SAGES/FIG Workshop on Curriculum and Core Survey Knowledge. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 2.

Web site: www.sages2011.uprm.edu

31 August - 2 September, Copenhagen, Denmark

3rd International Colloquium - Scientific and Fundamental Aspects of the Galileo Programme, organised by The European Space Agency (ESA) and the Technical University of Denmark. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5.

Web site: <http://www.congrex.nl/11A12/>

4-8 September, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

International Workshop on Innovative Technologies for an Efficient Geospatial Management of Earth Resources. Third International Workshop organised by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and FIG Commissions 5 and 6.

14-16 September, Zurich, Switzerland

UAV-g 2011 - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle in Geomatics. Technical sessions at ETH Zurich on September 14 and 16, and invitation to system providers, researchers and users to contribute with live demonstrations at Airfield Birrfeld on 15 September. Organised by

ETH Zurich and co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5 and 6.
Web site: <http://www.uav-g.ethz.ch>

19-20 September, Skopje Macedonia

International NSDI Conference: Impact of the NSDI in Society, Challenges for Establishment. Organised by Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Agency for Real Estate Cadastre and Faculty of Civil Engineering. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Invitation: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/nsdi_macedonia_2011.pdf (pdf 449 kb)

Web site: www.katastar.gov.mk/nsdi2011/

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 6.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/ingeo_2011.pdf

Web Site: <http://web.svf.stuba.sk/kat/GDE/Ingeo2011/Ingeo.html>

25 September–1 October, Innsbruck, Austria

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting 2011 and International Symposium "Cadastre 2.0" Organised by FIG Commission 7.

Web site: <https://sites.google.com/site/figsymposium2011/>

27-29 September 2011, Nürnberg, Germany

INTERGEO, Conference and trade fair for geodesy, geo information and land management

Web site: <http://www.intergeo.de/en/englisch/index.php>

28-30 September, Ilidza, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Second Congress on Cadastre in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Organised by Geodetic Society of Herzeg-Bosnia (GSHB). Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/bosnia-herzegovina_congress_2011.pdf

25-28 October 2011, Paris, France

FIG Commission 3 Workshop - "The Empowerment of Local Authorities: Spatial Information and Spatial Planning Tools" and Commission 3 Annual Meeting.

Invitation (pdf): http://www.fig.net/commission3/events/comm3_paris_2011.pdf

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.

Web site: <http://3dcadastres2011.nl/>

21-23 November 2011, Vienna, Austria

8th Symposium on Location-based Services. Organised by Vienna University of Technology. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5.

Web site: <http://www.lbs2011.org/>

23-25 November, Warsaw, Poland

3rd Cadastral Congress "Cadastre in the sustainable management of space". Organised by the Association of Polish Surveyors and Surveyor General of Poland, and co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: <http://www.congress.sgp.geodezja.org.pl/>

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