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FIG Newsletter March/April 2015

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG 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 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 Newsletter is circulated monthly or bi-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

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.

April 2015 - FIG President Chryssy Potsiou: Ensuring the Rapid Response to Change, Ensuring the Surveyor of Tomorrow

In this paper FIG President Chryssy Potsiou unveils her ideas for the FIG action plan, which includes a close cooperation among FIG in order to better prepare tomorrow's surveyors today to enable them performing in a sustainable way and within the framework of the FIG vision. She also presents a summary of literature research and brainstorming input accumulated mainly from the FIG kick-off seminar and the FIG side event during the World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/april_2015/potsiou.html

March 2015 - POERBANDONO, Indonesia: Seafloor Swathe Survey for Search and Rescue Mission of Air Asia QZ8501

On the 28 December, 2014, a commercial airplane, Air Asia QZ8501 flying from Surabaya (Indonesia) to Singapore, was reported missing and believed to crash into the sea. This paper focuses upon the search for the flight. Three survey zones were covered: Area-1 (the position of last contact from the airplane), Area-2 (where debris and bodies from the crashed airplane were recovered), and Area-3 (the last RADAR sighting). Area-2 is about 15 km SE of Area-1 and Area-3 is about 89 km NW of Area-2. The survey is executed as seabed search by using Side Scan Sonar imagery and Multi Beam Echo Sounder point cloud data.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/march_2015/poerbandono_march_2015.html

Interview with FIG President Chryssy Potsiou in GIM Magazine

GIM INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEODETIC ENGINEERS PRESIDENT CHRYSSY POTSIU

**The Surveying
Profession Needs to
Think Ahead.**

GIM Magazine March 2015 presents an interview with FIG President Chryssy Potsiou. President Potsiou sees it as one of the main tasks of FIG to change the minds of governments in order to secure property rights for the millions of people currently lacking them.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2015/2015_03_interview.pdf

FIG 38th General Assembly 17 and 21 May 2015 in Sofia Bulgaria



The FIG General Assembly will be held 17 and 21 May in Sofia in conjunction to the FIG Working Week 2015. The main issues on the agenda will be the presentation of the Work Plans 2015-2018 for FIG Council and the Commissions. There will also be a voting on the Working Week venue 2019. The agenda is now available and the FIG Office has sent out invitation and hard copy of the agenda without appendices to all members.

General Assembly agenda:

www.fig.net/organisation/general_assembly/agendas_and_minutes/2015/agenda.asp

General Assembly agenda as a .pdf file (24 pages):

www.fig.net/organisation/general_assembly/agendas_and_minutes/2015/38th_FIG_GA_Agenda-2015.pdf

General Assembly agenda with appendices (without full bids) as a .pdf file (261 pages, 6.17 MB)

www.fig.net/organisation/general_assembly/agendas_and_minutes/2015/38th_FIG_GA_Agenda-2015_full.pdf

General Assembly agenda with appendices (incl full bids) as a .pdf file (482 pages, 24,9 MB)

www.fig.net/organisation/general_assembly/agendas_and_minutes/2015/38th_FIG_GA_Agenda-2015_full_incl_bids.pdf

FIG Working Week 2015 – Register now – programme published



It is now last chance to register for the **FIG Working Week 2015** to be held from **17 to 21 May 2015**. Do not miss the opportunity.



The overall theme of the Working Week is **"From the Wisdom of the Ages to the Challenges of the Modern World"**. Bulgaria is an ancient country with a rich story and heritage of the ages and this theme will be included in several parts of the programme of the Working Week.

At the Working Week you will be able to enjoy a three day technical conference with a packed and interesting conference programme with 400 presentations in over 80 different sessions. Hereto three plenary sessions that will cover:

Day 1: The surveyors' response to changing the city management
Day 2: The surveyors' response to pro-growth land management
Day 3: Global and Regional Professional and Institutional reforms



Register now: <http://www.fig.net/fig2015/registration.htm>

Technical programme: www.fig.net/pub/fig2015/index.htm
(abstracts are available, full papers will be uploaded soon)

Still few sponsorship and exhibition possibilities left



The exhibition is filling up fast. Book your stand at the exhibition now. Check your possibilities:

www.fig.net/fig2015/exhibition_opportunities.htm

There are also various sponsorship possibilities available, see the various options: www.fig.net/fig2015/sponsorship.htm

For updated information about the FIG Working Week 2015 check the conference web site: www.fig.net/fig2015

Preparations for the FIG Working Week 2017 are already well underway, 25-26 March 2015, Helsinki Finland



Organising Committee

The FIG Working Week 2017 is decided to take place on 29 May - 2 June 2017 in Helsinki, Finland. The venue will be Messukeskus Helsinki, Expo and Convention Centre which is placed in the city of Helsinki. The building represents the typical nordic and light building style.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2015/2015_03_finland.htm

Technical Seminar on Vertical Reference Frames - 27-28 July 2015, Singapore

FIG Commission 5, in cooperation with IAG, International Association of Geodesy, ICG, UN Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP), ICG (International Committee on GNSS) and Singapore Land Authority is organising a technical seminar on Vertical Reference Frames.

Deadline for applications to participate **10 May 2015**

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2015/com5_vertical_ref_frames.pdf

Global Geodetic Reference Frame for Sustainable Development (GGRF) resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly Thursday 26 February 2015, co-sponsored by 52 Member States



On 26 February 2015 The United Nations General Assembly adopted the UN resolution on Global Geodetic Reference Frame for Sustainable Development that was initiated by the Republic of Fiji. This UN Resolution is one concrete example of an outcome from the UN GGIM, in which FIG has been active. Last year at the FIG Congress 2014 in Kuala Lumpur a UN-GGIM-AP/FIG Statement was adopted where FIG expressed the importance of the resolution and urged the member organizations to bring the Statement back home to the respective countries.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2015/2015_02_un-ggim-resolution.htm

Newsletters and publications

- Commission 7 Newsletter December 2014
English: www.fig.net/commission7/newsletters/2014_12_Newsletter_English.pdf
French: www.fig.net/commission7/newsletters/2014_12_Newsletter_Francais.pdf

- FIG publication 49 - second and updated edition - FIG Guide on Cost Effective GNSS Positioning Techniques
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub49_2ed/figpub49_2ed.htm
- FIG Publication 61 - CADASTRE 2014 and Beyond - FIG report
<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub61/figpub61.htm>
- FIG Publication 62 - Ellipsoidally Referenced Surveying for Hydrography - FIG guide
<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub62/figpub62.htm>
- FIG Publication 63 - The Africa Task Force 2009-2014 - FIG report
<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub63/figpub63.htm>
- FIG Publication 64 - Reference Frames in Practice Manual - FIG Guide
<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub64/figpub64.htm>
- FIG Publication 65 - The Surveyor's Role in Monitoring, Mitigating, and Adapting to Climate Change - FIG Report
<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub65/figpub65.htm>
- A FIG Review of the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) Phase II Summary Report
http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/stdm_review/STDM_screen.pdf
- FIG Publication 58 - Spatially Enabled Society translated into German: Raumkundige Gesellschaft Spatially Enabled Society:
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub58/figpub58.htm

Vacancies and project opportunities

(UNEP, ITC)

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

FIG on Social Media

Remember that you can follow FIG on the social media.

If you have not already joined, join us today:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/internationalfederationofsurveyors>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/FIG_NEWS

LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2669121&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr

Forthcoming events

20-25 April, Istanbul, Turkey

The World Cadastre Summit, Congress & Exhibition (WCS-CE) organized by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization of Turkey. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: <http://wcadastre.org>

16 May, Sofia Bulgaria

3rd FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting. Organised prior to the FIG Working Week 2015. Invitation: http://www.fig.net/ys/2015_3FIGYSEM_Flyer.pdf

17-21 May 2015, Sofia, Bulgaria



FIG Working Week and General Assembly.

Web site: www.fig.net/fig2015

11-13 August, Gauteng, South Africa

Geomatics Indaba 2015 (GI 2015) organised by GISSA Geo - Information Society of South Africa. Supported by FIG

15-17 September 2015, Stuttgart, Germany

InterGeo 2015, organised by DVW

Web site: www.intergeo.de

6-7 November, Sofia, Bulgaria

XXV International Anniversary Symposium organised by Union of Surveyors and Land Managers in Bulgaria

25-27 November 2015, Kathmandu, Nepal

FIG Commission 2 Workshop 2015, Kathmandu, Nepal "Strengthening Education for Land Professionals and Opportunities for SDI Development. Jointly organised by FIG Commission 2 and ISPRS Working Group IV/4 together with the Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (NICS) and the Nepal Remote Sensing and Photogrammetric Society (NRSPS).

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

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