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FIG e-Newsletter March 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 – March 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 March 2011 is written by **Bashkim Idrizi**, Macedonia (FYROM), **Pal Nikolli**, Albania, **Murat Meha** and **Ismail Kabashi**, Kosovo: *Data Quality of Global Map and Some Possibilities/Limitations for Its Wide Utilization for Global Issues*. This paper has been presented at the joint Commission 3 and Commission 7 Workshop in November 2010 in Sofia. It has been selected as the article of the month because it gives a good introduction on Global Map, its consistent quality and data standards and its value as a handy tool to monitor the environmental status at regional and global scale. FIG has also selected this paper as recognition of the professional development in Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia (FYROM).
http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/march_2011/march_2011_idrizi_nikolli_etat.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. For details see the FIG Working Week web site: www.fig.net/fig2011 and www.onigt.ma/fig2011 (French and Arabic).

You can still register to the Working Week

Register now online at: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=74>. Please note that the registration price will increase after **7 April 2011**.

Technical Programme and paper submission

The organisers have received more than 600 proposals for presentations. The draft technical programme is available on the web at: www.fig.net/fig2011/techprog.htm. In the draft programme there are more than 500 presentations in 90 sessions and workshops. Please notice that some late arrived proposals are still under evaluation and that there may be changes in the draft programme. Deadline for submission of full paper passed **16 March 2011** so please send your full paper immediately if you have not yet

done so. Please remember to use the template for papers and read 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

When you register to the Working Week please book your technical tours, sightseeing tours and social events at the same time. We recommend to book accommodation at the Mansour Eddabhi Hotel that has been selected as the main conference hotel. See instructions for booking and special rates on the conference web site. Royal Air Maroc has been selected as the official carrier – see details on the web.

FIG General Assembly 2011 - Marrakech, Morocco, 18 and 22 May 2011 – Agenda paper will be available 21 March 2011



Palais des Congres, Marrakech

The main issues on the General Assembly agenda in 2011 will be adoption of the Council and Commission work plans. These will be our roadmap over the next four years. As there will be no election at this year's General Assembly, there will be more time available for discussions. The Council is considering a break-out session focusing particularly on issues related to the rights and obligations of membership. Please check the FIG Web site: www.fig.net on 21 March for the agenda. The agenda will also be sent to all members of FIG.

Reports from last month

Courtesy Visit to Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, Hong Kong SAR, 3 March 2011



FIG President **CheeHai Teo** visiting Hong Kong

President of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, Mr **WONG Bay** together with a representation from the association, warmly welcomed FIG President CheeHai Teo in Hong Kong. Apart from being shown around HKIS impressive premises and in-house facilities on Hong Kong Island, President CheeHai Teo thanked President WONG Bay for HKIS's continued contribution and engagement with FIG and welcomed HKIS's interest to play a more active role within FIG's Commissions, Networks and Task Forces.

www.fig.net/news/news_2011/hong_kong_march_2011.htm

The Land Administration Domain Model is at Draft International Stage



The Land Administration Domain Model (LADM) has been published as a Draft International Standard by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), as ISO 19152. P-Members of ISO/TC 211, Geographic Information/Geomatics, can comment on the draft and are in the position to vote on continuation of the development. Liaisons to ISO/TC 211, such as FIG, can also comment on the draft. The deadline for voting and comments is 20 June 2011. The development of this standard is an initiative from FIG. It is a comprehensive, extensive, formal process with a continuous review and a continuous, creative approach to find common denominators in land administration systems and included data sets.

www.fig.net/news/news_2011/ladm_feb_2011.htm

Job vacancies (incl. FAO, The University of Nottingham in China and New Mexico State University)

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

Forthcoming events

12 April 2011, Prishtina, Kosovo

International Seminar "Land Administration and Management – Prishtine 2011". Main organizers: Geo-SEE and KCA,. Co-sponsored by FIG

Web site: <http://LandAM.geo-see.org>

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

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

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>

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

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

5-7 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>

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.

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

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/>

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

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