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FIG e-Newsletter March 2012

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 2012

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 February 2012 is written by **Chryssy Potsiou** and **Ifigenie Boulaka** Greece: **Informal Development in Greece: New Legislation for Formalization, the Chances for Legalization and the Dead Capital**. FIG-Vice President Chryssy Potsiou is beside other responsibilities leading the Task Force on Property and Housing which is very relevant for FIG in these challenging times. The Task Force will have two sessions during the Working Week in May 2012. In this peer-reviewed paper the authors present the results of a recent scientific research on the problem of informal development in Greece and explain the new legislation for formalization of those informal constructions, that are built on legally owned land in the planned and the non-planned areas; the existing informalities refer only to planning and building regulations.

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/march_2012/march_2012_potsiou_boulaka.html

FIG Working Week 2012 - Knowing to manage the territory, protect the environment, evaluate the cultural heritage – Rome 6-10 May 2012

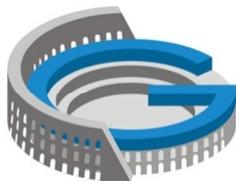
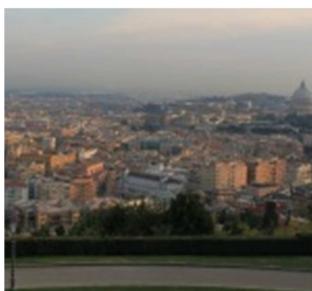


FIG WORKING WEEK 2012

May 6–10 2012
Rome, Italy



The beautiful view over Rome from Conference Hotel Hilton Cavalieri

FIG Working Week 2012 "*Knowing to manage the territory, protect the environment, evaluate the cultural heritage*" will be held in Rome 6-10 May 2012 at the Hilton Cavalieri Hotel. The conference is organised by Consiglio Nazionale Geometri e Geometri Laureati (CNGeGL) and FIG. The main partner is FAO. **Keynote speakers** include Mr. **Alexander Mueller**, Assistant-Director General of FAO and Ms. **Aisa Kirabo Kacyira**, Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director of UN-Habitat. We expect more than 1,200 participants from 100 countries to attend.

Book your **accommodation** now at the conference hotel **Hilton Cavalieri**, which is also the conference venue. Rooms are offered at a special rate by **30 March 2012**.

http://www.fig.net/fig2012/accommodation.htm#Rome_Cavalieri



Villa Miani - the venue for the Gala Dinner.

Already many have shown interest in the **exhibition** 7-9 May 2012, and the exhibition area is filling fast. Find more information about the exhibition and sponsor possibilities at: http://www.fig.net/fig2012/exhibition_opportunities.htm

Working Week web site www.fig.net/fig2012

Draft programme:

http://www.fig.net/fig2012/technical_program.htm

Registration:

<https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=82>

Platinum Sponsors for FIG Working Week 2012:



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FIG General Assembly 2012, Rome, Italy, 6 and 10 May 2012 Agenda is now available



Rome Cavalieri in Rome waiting for FIG General Assembly.

The FIG General Assembly will be held 6 and 10 May in Rome in conjunction to the FIG Working Week 2012. The main issues on the agenda will be election of two Vice Presidents (2013-2016) and election of Commission Chairs Elect (2013-2014). The General Assembly will also decide on the hosts of Working Week 2015 and Working Week 2016. The agenda is now available and the FIG Office has sent an invitation and hard copy of the agenda without appendices to all members.

General Assembly agenda:

<http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2012/agenda.htm>

General Assembly agenda as a .pdf file (21 pages):

http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2012/ga_agenda_2012.pdf

General Assembly agenda with appendices as a .pdf file (330 pages, 28.4 MB):

http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2012/ga_agenda_2012_full.pdf

In connection to the FIG Working Week FIG organizes:

The First Young Surveyors Conference 4-5 May

The aim of the Young Surveyors Conference is to create a platform for young surveying professionals to network and discuss issues of common interest.

<http://www.fig.net/fig2012/youngsurveyors.htm>

Joint technical seminar on reference frame in practice 4-5 May in cooperation with IAG and UNOOSA

This seminar is seeking operational geodesists or surveyors who are working with reference frame issues either in a government or commercial based environment. It is also open to academics that have either a post-graduate or Masters degree in a surveying or related discipline. There are still a few seats left and if you are interested in

participating please email Mikael Lilje (mikael.lilje@lm.se) and Rob Sarib (robert.sarib@nt.gov.au). <http://www.fig.net/fig2012/commission5.htm>

A traditional history workshop Rome 4-5 May

The History Workshop will take place in the centre of Rome on Friday 4 May with a planned visit to The Vatican Gallery of Maps and Library on Saturday 5 May.

<http://www.fig.net/fig2012/history.htm>

Please notice that there are separate registration forms for the Working Week, Young Surveyors Conference, and History Workshop.

Nigerian Surveyors Welcome All Surveyors to FIG Working Week 2013 in Abuja -Abuja, Nigeria, 6-10 March 2012



NIS President **Yakubu Maikano** and President **Teo** together with the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives **Emeka Ihedioha**.

FIG President **CheeHai Teo** and FIG Director **Markku Villikka** visited Nigeria to prepare and discuss with the local organisers the arrangements for the FIG Working Week 2013 that will be held in Abuja **6-10 May 2013**. During their visit they met with the three Nigerian member associations, representatives from different public institutions and several local surveyors. The local interest and support to the first FIG Working Week to be held in Sub Saharan Africa is huge. It is expected that 2,000-3,000 participants will attend this main FIG conference next year.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/abuja_march_2012.htm

First Day of the European Surveyor and Geoinformation – Mercator Day A Council of European Geodetic Surveyors (CLGE) Celebration, Brussels, 5 March 2012



Gerardus Mercator, born at Rupelmonde (present day Belgium) on 5th March 1512 was a remarkable man, a man in his times and provided solutions to his times. He was a surveyor, a cartographer, an engraver, an instrument maker who is best remembered by the Profession for the map projection that bears his name till this day, the Mercator Projection. It is fitting that the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors (CLGE) has chosen to celebrate the First "Day of the European Surveyor and Geoinformation" on the 500th anniversary of Mercator's birth, on 5th March 2012 in Brussels, Belgium.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/brussels_march_2012.htm

Securing Land Rights for All - Strengthening Partnerships - Global Land Tool Network Partners Meeting, 15 & 16 November 2011, UNON, Nairobi, Kenya

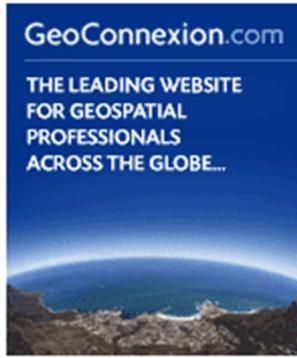
The fourth GLTN Partners Meeting as convened by UN-HABITAT in Nairobi, Kenya on 15 & 16 November 2011 and was followed by a further two days of what is known as "Learning Exchange". The meeting had a theme "Strengthening Partnerships: Sustaining a Paradigm Shift towards designing, developing and implementing pro-poor land tools and approaches".

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2011/gltn_nov_2011.htm

Benefits from FIG Members

Fit for the future. Conference organised by RICS will take place 28-29 March, Beijing, China. FIG members are offered registration at a discounted rate. For further information please contact fitforthefuture@rics.org or tel +86 10 6581 3818.

Web site: www.ricsasia.org/fitforthefuture



Job vacancies

University of Calgary, The University of Nottingham – China, UN-HABITAT, The University of Cape Town, South Africa, The Technion – Israel Institute of Technology and New Mexico State University.

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

Personalia and visits

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

Latest FIG Publications and Newsletters

Commission 7 e-newsletter (English, French and Spanish):

http://www.fig.net/commission7/newsletters/2011_12_newsletter.pdf

Forthcoming events

27-29 March, Stuttgart, Germany

3rd International Conference on Machine Control Guidance, MCG. Organised by University of Stuttgart and University of Hohenheim, Germany. Co-sponsored by FIG Invitation (pdf): http://www.fig.net/events/2012/mcg_germany_march_2012.pdf

Web site: <http://www.uni-stuttgart.de/ingeo/mcg2012/>

9-15 April, Yaoundé, Cameroon

Yaoundé International Conference on Surveying Week. Organised by O.G.E.C. Co-sponsored by FIG

Web site: www.yaounde-surveying-week-2012.info

17-19 April, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation

Interexpo Geo-Siberia-2012. Organised by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy (SSGA). Co-sponsored by FIG

Web site: www.expo-geo.ru

22-28 April, Jael, Spain

25th International Geodetic Students Meeting. Organised by IGSO and cosponsored by FIG.

Web site: <http://igsm2012.ujaen.es/>

23-25 April, Washington D.C., USA

Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty, organised by World Bank.
Web site and call for paper: <http://www.landandpoverty.com/>

25 - 27 April Lviv, Ukraine

GeoForum 2012 - 17th International Scientific and Technical Conference. Organised by the Institute of Geodesy, Lviv Polytechnic National University. Co-sponsored by FIG



6-10 May, Rome, Italy

FIG Working Week and General Assembly. Hosted by FIG and CNGGL
Invitation leaflet: <http://www.fig.net/fig2012/invitation.pdf>
Web site: www.fig.net/fig2012

The FIG Working Week includes following sub events:

4-5 May 2012 - History Workshop

4-5 May 2012 - First FIG Young Surveyors Conference

4-5 May 2012 - FIG & IAG Technical Seminar on reference frame in practice

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Call for paper: http://www.fig.net/fig2012/fig_2012_call_for_papers.pdf

11-12 May, Alba Iulia, Romania

GeoCAD 2012. Organised by "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia, University of West Hungary, University of Kavala Institute of Technology (TEI), National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registry, Agency of Alba County. Co-sponsored by FIG
Invitation: http://www.fig.net/events/2012/geocad2012_alba_iulia.pdf

19-24 July, San Diego, California

Survey Summit/ACSM Annual Conference. Organised by ESRI.
Web site: <http://www.surveysummit.com/index.html>

9-11 October, Hannover, Germany

INTERGEO 2012. Conference and trade fair for geodesy, geo information and land management.
Web site: <http://www.intergeo.de/en/englisch/index.php>

25-26 October Shenzhen, China

The 3rd International FIG workshop on 3D-Cadastres. Organised by FIG Commission 3 and Commission 7

Call for papers: <http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=3dcad2012>
(abstracts submission deadline is 15 June 2012).

8-9 November, Sofia, Bulgaria

Annual international symposium Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice in Geodesy and related fields including Commission 6 meetings. Organised by Union of Surveyors and Land Managers In Bulgaria, co-sponsored by FIG Commission 6

26-29 November, Montevideo, Uruguay

8th FIG Regional Conference.

30 November - 4 December, Buenos Aires, Argentina

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting. Organised by FIG Commission 7.

5 December, Buenos Aires

FIG Commission 7 International Symposium. Organised by FIG Commission 7 and FADA.

11-14 December, Athens, Greece

The Annual FIG Commission 3 workshop/conference, jointly with the 2012 WPLA workshop.

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

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