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## FIG Newsletter – May/June 2017

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the May/June issue of FIG Newsletter. These months were in the sign of the FIG Working Week and its many activities. Find reports in this newsletter from the Working Week. There are also other reports and an interesting initiative from the FIG Young Surveyors. It is also time to look into the future towards the large FIG Congress that will be held in May 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey. First Call for Papers is included.

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### Welcome to new two new FIG Honorary Members and an Honorary Ambassador

#### Daniel Steudler and Yerach Doytsher – FIG Honorary Members



Yerach Doytsher, Israel, and Daniel Steudler, Switzerland were appointed Honorary Members at the General Assembly in Helsinki, Finland, May 2017. Both new Honorary Members have an impressive record of activities that they have been involved in within FIG since 1990'ies. Congratulations!

#### Paul Munro-Faure, FAO, appointed FIG Honorary Ambassador



30 years of faithful commitment to FIG was appreciated by FIG with the appointment as Honorary Ambassador. Read the acceptance speech from Paul Munro-Faure

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2017/05\\_ww\\_munro-faure.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/05_ww_munro-faure.asp)

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### FIG GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017 – REPORT



The 40th General Assembly included close voting between Poland and Ghana, two new Honorary Members, discussion on Commission structure, voting on a change of statutes.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2017/05\\_ga\\_report.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/05_ga_report.asp)

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## Article of the Month

Each month on the FIG web site we publish a paper called the Article of the Month.

### May 2017

**Maarit KAHILA** and **Anna BROBERG**, Finland: *Making cities wiser - Crowdsourcing for better decisions*

This paper was presented at the FIG Working Week 2017 in Helsinki, Finland, 29 May – 2 June. The paper presents different innovative case studies from Finland and abroad where Maptionnaire (a leading solution for collecting, analyzing and discussing resident insight on a map) has been used. Based on the findings a new public participation model has been drafted.

[www.fig.net/resources/monthly\\_articles/2017/kahila\\_etal\\_may\\_2017.asp](http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2017/kahila_etal_may_2017.asp)

### June 2017

**Fernando SOARES**, **Maria João HENRIQUES** and **César ROCHA**, Portugal: *Concrete Block Tracking in Breakwater Models*

This paper was presented at the FIG Working Week 2017 in Helsinki, Finland, 29 May – 2 June. This paper focuses on breakwater(BW) and evaluate the effectiveness of the shape and of the protective elements to save the harbour. This study proposes a methodology to estimate displacements of concrete blocks of the outer layer, also called protection layer, of rubble-mound breakwater models.

[www.fig.net/resources/monthly\\_articles/2017/soares\\_etal\\_June\\_2017.asp](http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2017/soares_etal_June_2017.asp)

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## FIG WORKING WEEK 2017 – HELSINKI, FINLAND - REPORT



FIG Working Week 2017 Augmented Reality Card Board Glasses

### The sun rose over the Working Week

The Working Week attracted around 1400 participants from 90 countries around the world, and was a busy week with plenary sessions, over 80 technical sessions, special sessions, inspirational session and partner sessions. The plenary speakers set the scene for the overall theme and for a busy and packed week of activities.

Report: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2017/05\\_ww\\_report.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/05_ww_report.asp)

Proceedings:

[www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig\\_proceedings/fig2017/index.htm](http://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2017/index.htm)

Photo Gallery: [www.fig.net/images/conference/2017\\_gallery.asp](http://www.fig.net/images/conference/2017_gallery.asp)

General Assembly report:

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2017/05\\_ga\\_report.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/05_ga_report.asp)

Conference web site [www.fig.net/fig2017](http://www.fig.net/fig2017)

FIG President report to the General Assembly:

[www.fig.net/organisation/general\\_assembly/agendas\\_and\\_minutes/2017](http://www.fig.net/organisation/general_assembly/agendas_and_minutes/2017)



Sibelius' Finlandia marked the opening played beautifully accompanied by photos showing the sunrise

We thank our sponsors and partners:



## FIG Congress 2018 – Call for Papers



***Embracing our smart world where the continents connect:  
enhancing the geospatial maturity of societies***

is the overall theme of the large 4-year Congress that will be held in Istanbul, Turkey 6-11 May 2018. Do not miss the opportunity to attend. The Call for Papers is out, and please note the deadlines for: Peer Review Papers: 1 October (full paper) and Normal papers: 15 November (abstracts) Call for papers: [www.fig.net/fig2018/call.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig2018/call.htm)

## FIG-YS Volunteer Community Surveyor Program - expression of interest



Joint competence based volunteer program with Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) (facilitated by UNHabitat) and the International Federation of Surveyors Young Surveyors Network (FIG YSN) [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2017/07\\_Ys\\_vcsp.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/07_Ys_vcsp.asp)

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## NEWS

### UN-Habitat “Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda”



The 26th session of the UN Governing Council. FIG Vice President Diane Dumashie attended three partnership meetings in Nairobi, Kenya to maintain engagement and strengthening relationships for FIG with key International partners.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2017/05\\_un-habitat.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/05_un-habitat.asp)

### Delegation from Ministry of Land and Resources of China (MLR) visits FIG office



FIG Director Ms. Louise Friis-Hansen and President of the Danish Association of Chartered Surveyors (DdL) Torben Juulsager met a delegation from Ministry of Land and Resources of China (MLR) at the DDL and FIG premises.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2017/06\\_chinese\\_delegation.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/06_chinese_delegation.asp)

### The Surveyed Land: 200 Years of the Cadastre in Slovenian Lands



Gerda Schennach, chair of FIG Commission 7 and ACCO representative to Council attended the conference organised by The Association of Surveyors of Slovenia to celebrate the 200-anniversary of the land cadastre.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2017/05\\_slovenia.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/05_slovenia.asp)

### Cost Effective Positioning and Geo Data Seminar



The Seminar was organised by FIG Commission 5. The primary objective of the Seminar was to shape a vision for the future of cost-effective positioning technologies. The seminar was aimed at bringing developers of precise low-cost solutions, surveyors, and other potential users together.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2017/04\\_comm5\\_novosibirsk.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/04_comm5_novosibirsk.asp)

## PUBLICATIONS

### FIG ANNUAL REVIEW



2016 was an exciting and busy year for FIG. The Annual Review highlights some of the activities and achievements throughout the year.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2017/05\\_annual\\_review.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/05_annual_review.asp)

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## EVENTS

### 8-11 July 2017, San Diego, CA, USA

ESRI 2017 Imaging & Mapping Forum - Empowering 3D GIS with Remotely Sensed Content.

Web site: <http://www.esri.com/events/imaging-and-mapping/>

### 10-14 July 2017, San Diego, CA, USA

ESRI User Conference 2017

Web site: <http://www.esri.com/events/user-conference>

### 29-30 July 2017, Kobe, Japan

*Technical Seminar on Reference Frame* Organised by FIG Commission 5 in cooperation with Japan Federation of Surveyors, IAG, UN-GGIM-AP and ICG

Web site: <http://www.fig.net/organisation/comm/5/index.asp>

### 10-11 August 2017, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Sustainable Development Goals: a time for innovations and investment in land administration and management organised by The Institution of Surveyors of Tanzania (IST), The Tanzanian Institution of Valuers & Estate Surveyors (TIVEA) in collaboration with The Commonwealth Association of Surveying & Land Economy (CASLE)

[http://www.fig.net/events/2017/2017\\_CASLE\\_Conference\\_Tanzania.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2017/2017_CASLE_Conference_Tanzania.pdf)

### 14-16 September 2017, Bucharest, Romania

GeoPreVi 2017. Scientific event of the Faculty of Geodesy - Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest organised this year in partnership with Romanian Surveyors Union, Romanian Association of Private Surveyors, FIG Commissions 7, 8 and 9 and National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registration.

Web site: [www.geoprevi.ro](http://www.geoprevi.ro)

### 26-28 September 2017, Berlin, Germany

*InterGeo* Organised by DVW

Web site: <http://www.intergeo.de/>

### 5-6 October 2017, Hanoi, Vietnam

International Conference on Geo-Spatial Technologies and Earth Resources GETR-2017, organised by Hanoi University of Mining and Geology (HUMG) and VGCR (co-organiser of FIG Working Week 2019).

Web site: <http://ism2017.humg.edu.vn/>

### 18-20 October 2017, Lisbon, Portugal

Ingeo 2017. Organised by the Department of Surveying STU Bratislava (Slovakia) and LNEC Lisbon (Portugal), Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 6

Web site: <http://ingeo2017.lnec.pt>

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Kind regards,

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### FIG WORKING WEEK 2017



29 May - 2 June  
Helsinki Finland

Web site: [www.fig.net/fig2017](http://www.fig.net/fig2017)



### FIG Congress 2018, 6-11 May 2018, Istanbul, Turkey

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