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## **FIG e-Newsletter May 2008**

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the FIG e-Newsletter, which brings you latest information about the 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 by e-mail monthly. 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.

### **Article of the Month – May 2008**

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 May 2008 is written by Dr. **Mathias Lemmens, Christiaan Lemmen** and **Martin Wubbe**, The Netherlands. Their paper "*Pictometry: Potentials for Land Administration*" was originally prepared for and presented at the 6th FIG Regional Conference in San José, Costa Rica 12-15 November 2007.

[www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/may\\_2008/may\\_2008\\_lemmens\\_lemmen\\_wubbe.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/may_2008/may_2008_lemmens_lemmen_wubbe.html)

### **FIG Working Week 2008 – 14-19 June, Stockholm, Sweden**

Technical programme for the FIG Working Week 2008 in Stockholm 14-19 June 2008 is now available at: [www.fig.net/fig2008/techprog.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig2008/techprog.htm)

You can still register to the Working Week and to the FIG/UN-HABITAT Seminar on Improving Slum Conditions through Innovative Financing. If you have not yet booked your hotel do it now, because June will be high season for conferences in Stockholm and the organizers cannot guarantee hotels room for late registrations.

For more information see the conference web site:

[www.fig.net/fig2008](http://www.fig.net/fig2008)

Register online at:

<https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=50>

Information about the FIG / UN-Habitat Seminar on "Improving Slum Conditions through Innovative Financing":

[www.fig.net/fig2008/justnsustshelter/](http://www.fig.net/fig2008/justnsustshelter/) and [www.justnsustshelter.org](http://www.justnsustshelter.org) and

Register to dialogues at: [www.fig.net/registrations/eventreg.htm](http://www.fig.net/registrations/eventreg.htm)

Read more about opportunities for exhibitors and sponsors:

[www.fig.net/fig2008/exhibition\\_01\\_05\\_2008.pdf](http://www.fig.net/fig2008/exhibition_01_05_2008.pdf) and

[www.fig.net/fig2008/sponsorship\\_01\\_05\\_2008.pdf](http://www.fig.net/fig2008/sponsorship_01_05_2008.pdf)

### **General Assembly in Stockholm, Sweden - 15 and 19 June 2008**

The agenda for the FIG General Assembly to be held in Stockholm, Sweden **15 and 19 June 2008** during the FIG Working Week 2008 is available. The General Assembly will among other issues elect two Vice Presidents to the Council for 2009-2012 and Chairs Elect to the technical commissions. The full agenda can be downloaded from the web as a

pdf-file (238 pages and 7,520 kB). If you want to get a hard copy sent by mail, please contact the FIG Office, email: [fig@fig.net](mailto:fig@fig.net).

Read the agenda for the General Assembly:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2008/agenda.htm](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2008/agenda.htm)

The agenda as a .pdf-file (18 pages and 162 KB)

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2008/agenda\\_app/agenda.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2008/agenda_app/agenda.pdf)

The agenda with appendices as a .pdf-file (238 pages and 7,520 KB)

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2008/agenda\\_app/agenda\\_with\\_appendices.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2008/agenda_app/agenda_with_appendices.pdf)

### **News from last month:**

#### **FIG President Stig Enemark attends International Conference on Land Management – Munich, Germany, 17-18 April 2008**

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2008/munich\\_april\\_2008.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/munich_april_2008.htm)

#### **FIG President Stig Enemark attends Map Middle East 2008 Conference - Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 8-10 April 2008**

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2008/dubai\\_april\\_2008.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/dubai_april_2008.htm)

#### **FIG President Stig Enemark attends International Seminar on Land Management - Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 5-6 April 2008**

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2008/riyadh\\_april\\_2008.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/riyadh_april_2008.htm)

#### **International Seminar on State and Public Land Management in Verona, Italy, 9-10 September 2008**

International Seminar on State and Public Land Management will be organised in Verona, Italy, September 9-10, 2008, just before the FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting. The seminar is organised by FIG Commission 7 and the Consiglio Nazionale Geometri (CNG), in co-operation with FIG Commission 9 and FAO Land Tenure and Management Unit. The major goal of the seminar is to share experience and discuss policy options and practices in relation to state and public sector land management, including between land managers, policy advisers and decision makers and their professional advisers, and the civil society organisations working in these areas. The seminar will help raise global awareness of problems associated with state/public land and its management, improve knowledge of good practices in this area, and encourage these to be increasingly addressed in new development initiatives. Registration closes **7 July 2008**.

Invitation: [www.fig.net/events/2008/verona\\_seminar\\_09\\_2008.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2008/verona_seminar_09_2008.pdf)

Web site : [www.collegio.geometri.vr.it/seminar/](http://www.collegio.geometri.vr.it/seminar/)

#### **Applications for a grant from the FIG Foundation in 2008 – last change**

The Board of Directors of the FIG Foundation has announced the grants from The FIG Foundation for 2008. Applications shall be submitted to the Foundation at the FIG Office by **15 May 2008**. The FIG Foundation offers total grants up to 20,000 € in 2008. The guidance notes for the application are available as well as the application form.

Read guidance notes for applications: [www.fig.net/figfoundation/guidancenotes\\_2008.pdf](http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/guidancenotes_2008.pdf)

Application form: [www.fig.net/figfoundation/foundation\\_apply\\_2008.pdf](http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/foundation_apply_2008.pdf)

#### **FIG Task Force on Institutional and Organisational Development Questionnaire**

The Task Force on Institutional and Organisational Development, set up at the 2007 FIG General Assembly, has been progressing its work. A key element to allow further progress is for the Task Force to understand areas where particular support and assistance is required, and whether this is the same throughout the world or varies by region. To allow it to gather information in a structured manner, the Task Force has created an on-line survey which will take about 20 minutes to complete. As many

surveyors, and related professionals, as possible are encouraged to complete the questionnaire. Questionnaires completed by **31 May 2008** will be particularly helpful, as this will allow the Task Force to advance its work at the Working Week in Stockholm in June. Read more about the Task Force at its web site:

<http://www.fig.net/tf/organisation/>

Complete the questionnaire at: [www.questionpro.com/akira/takesurvey?id=878684](http://www.questionpro.com/akira/takesurvey?id=878684)

### **New FIG Publications:**

#### **The FIG Profile and the benefits of being a member 2007 - 2010**

FIG leaflet. Printed copies will be available in Stockholm in June 2008.

Read more: [www.fig.net/general/profile.htm](http://www.fig.net/general/profile.htm)

Download as a .pdf file: [www.fig.net/general/profile/6pages\\_070508.pdf](http://www.fig.net/general/profile/6pages_070508.pdf)

#### **FIG Publication no. 39 - FIG Work Plan 2007-2010**

FIG Regulations. Printed copies will be available in Stockholm in June 2008.

Download as a .pdf file: [www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub39/figpub39.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub39/figpub39.htm)

#### **FIG Publication no. 40 - FIG Statutes, Internal Rules and Guidelines**

FIG Regulations. Draft version - Final version will be available in June 2008 after the General Assembly.

Download as a .pdf file: [www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub40/figpub40.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub40/figpub40.htm)

#### **FIG Publication no. 41 - Capacity Assessment in Land Administration**

FIG Guide. Printed copies will be available in June 2008.

Download as a .pdf file: [www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub41/figpub41.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub41/figpub41.htm)

#### **FIG Publication no. 42 - Informal Settlements: The Road towards More Sustainable Places**

FIG Report. Printed copies will be available in June 2008.

Download as a .pdf file: [www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub42/figpub42.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub42/figpub42.htm)

### **Forthcoming events:**

**International Workshop "Sharing Good Practices: e--Learning in Surveying, Geo-information Sciences and Land Administration" jointly organised by FIG Commission 2, Commission 7 and the International Institute for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (ITC). Enschede, the Netherlands, 11-13 June 2008**

Read more: [www.itc.nl/fig\\_elearning2008](http://www.itc.nl/fig_elearning2008)

**FIG Working Week 2008, Stockholm, Sweden, 14-19 June 2008**

Read more: [www.fig.net/fig2008/](http://www.fig.net/fig2008/)

**International Seminar on State and Public Land Management, Verona, Italy, 9-10 September 2008**

Registration by **7 July 2008**.

Read more: [www.fig.net/commission7](http://www.fig.net/commission7)

Web site: [www.collegio.geometri.vr.it/seminar/](http://www.collegio.geometri.vr.it/seminar/)

**Commission 7 Annual Meeting and International Workshop on "Land Administration – Impact of Big Construction Works on Territory". Verona, Italy, 11-15 September 2008.**

Registration by **7 July 2008**.

Read more: [www.fig.net/commission7](http://www.fig.net/commission7)

Web site: [www.collegio.geometri.vr.it/meeting/](http://www.collegio.geometri.vr.it/meeting/)

**INGEO 2008 – 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Engineering Surveying. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 6. Bratislava, Slovakia, 23-24 October 2008.**

Read more: [web.svf.stuba.sk/kat/GDE/Welcome.html](http://web.svf.stuba.sk/kat/GDE/Welcome.html)

**FIG Working Week 2009, Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009**

Read more: [www.fig.net/fig2009](http://www.fig.net/fig2009)

**7<sup>th</sup> FIG Regional Conference, Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009**

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

**Job opportunities** (latest updated 4 May 2008)

Read more: [www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm](http://www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm)

**Personalia and visits** (latest updated 15 May 2008)

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