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## FIG e-Newsletter May 2010

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 – May 2010

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 2010 is "*Spatially Enabled Government and Society - the Global Perspective*". It is written by Dr. **Abbas Rajabifard**, Australia, and was presented as a keynote presentation at the XXIV FIG Congress in Sydney 11-16 April 2010 in plenary session on spatially enabled society. Dr. Rajabifard is the President of the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure (GSDI) Association. He is Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for Spatial Data Infrastructures and Land Administration at the Department of Geomatics, the University of Melbourne. At the FIG Congress in Sydney FIG and GSDI also signed a memorandum of understanding.

[www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/may\\_2010/may\\_2010\\_rajabifard.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/may_2010/may_2010_rajabifard.html)

### XXIV FIG Congress – Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity - Biggest FIG Congress in the history full of professional highlights



Aboriginal dance at the opening ceremony.



Tim Flannery making his key note address.

The XXIV FIG Congress *Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity* held in Sydney Australia 11-16 April 2010 turned out to be the biggest FIG congress ever. With more than 2,200 participants from 100 countries it gathered the biggest attendance to an FIG event. Among participants there were 120 students and 250 accompanying persons.

The technical programme with more than 1,000 offered papers out of which more than 700 were presented in Sydney was a big hit. In totally there were more than 150 technical and flash sessions, workshops and special seminars. The total number of presented papers exceeded 800. The participants packed both plenary halls and technical session rooms at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre in Darling Harbour in the heart of Sydney. Read the full report and see the picture galleries:

[www.fig.net/news/fig2010](http://www.fig.net/news/fig2010)

Congress proceedings including handouts of PowerPoint presentations available at:

[www.fig.net/pub/fig2010](http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2010)

## FIG General Assembly 2010, Sydney, Australia, 11 and 16 April 2010 – Teo CheeHai elected as the next FIG President (2011-2014) and Congress 2014 voted for Kuala Lumpur



**Stig Enemark**, FIG President 2007-2010 and **Teo CheeHai**, President Elect 2011-2014 after the election.



Malaysian delegation making their presentation at the General Assembly.

The FIG General Assembly 2010 was held in conjunction to the FIG Congress 2010 in Sydney, Australia. The General Assembly was attended by 67 member associations and the total number of participants exceeded 300. The biggest interest in the agenda was election of the next FIG President and new Vice Presidents. **Teo CheeHai** from Malaysia was elected as the next FIG President in a very close race. He will be the first FIG President from Asia. The term of the new President is four years starting 1st January 2011.

Dr. **Chryssy Potsiou** from Greece and Prof. **Rudolf Staiger** from Germany were elected as new Vice Presidents for term of office 1.1.2011-31.12.2014 and Dr. **Dalal S. Alnaggar** from Egypt for term of office 1.1.2011-31.12.2012.

FIG Congress 2014 was given to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia after a very tight competition.

The General Assembly decided that a Sydney Declaration will be published as outcome of the Congress. The draft Sydney Declaration is now available for comments. Comments are requested by **14 June 2010**.

The FIG Office has sent all members a hard copy of the minutes together with the FIG Annual Review and a set of latest publications.

Read full report from the General Assembly:

[www.fig.net/news/fig2010/ga.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/fig2010/ga.htm)

General Assembly minutes:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2010/minutes.htm](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2010/minutes.htm)

Draft of Sydney Declaration:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2010/sydney\\_declaration\\_draft.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2010/sydney_declaration_draft.pdf)

### Other reports from last month

#### FIG President Stig Enemark attends the World Bank Annual Conference on Land Policy and Administration at the World Bank Headquarters, Washington D.C., USA, 26-27 April 2010



The World Bank Conference was a follow up to the conference in March 2009 organised jointly between the World Bank and FIG. This year, however, the contribution from FIG was limited due to the FIG Congress in Sydney taking place just prior to the WB annual conference. The conference aimed to increase awareness of the successful implementation of innovative approaches which can help to not only improve land governance, but also contribute to the well-being of the poorest and the achievement of the MDGs. The conference was organized around three themes: Large Scale Agricultural Investments; Land Governance; and Research and Capacity Building. Read the report:

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2010/washington\\_april\\_2010.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2010/washington_april_2010.htm)

## **President Stig Enemark attends the 5<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum, and meeting of the GLTN International Advisory Board in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 22-26 March 2010**



The famous Copacabana beach with the Sugar Loaf cliff in the background

The Fifth World Urban Forum (WUF-5) organised by UN-HABITAT took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 22-26 March 2010. The theme of this WUF was "*The Right to the City - Bridging the Urban Divide*". Through a series of round-table discussions, dialogues, and networking events participants discussed formal and informal ways of action-oriented proposals on how to bridge the urban divide.

Read the report:

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2010/rio\\_march\\_2010.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2010/rio_march_2010.htm)

## **Job vacancies**

### **The University of the South Pacific - USP**

School of Islands and Oceans seeks a Lecturer/Assistant Lecturer in Surveying/Geomatics.

Closing date for applications **1 June, 2010**.

Read more: [www.fig.net/jobs/2010/2010\\_may\\_geomatics-surveying-lecturer.pdf](http://www.fig.net/jobs/2010/2010_may_geomatics-surveying-lecturer.pdf)

More jobs: [www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm](http://www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm) (updated 18 May 2010)

## **Forthcoming events**

### **10-13 July, San Diego, CA, USA**

The 2010 Survey & Engineering GIS Summit. Organised as part of the ESRI User Conference. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: [www.esri.com/events/survey](http://www.esri.com/events/survey)

### **26-28 August, London, United Kingdom**

FIG Commission 2 Workshop. Organised by FIG Commission 2.

Web site: [www.fig.net/commission2](http://www.fig.net/commission2)

### **6-10 September, Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic**

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting and International Seminar.

Web site and registration: <http://figc7am2010.xf.cz>

### **15-17 September, Zurich, Switzerland**

2010 International Conference on Indoor Positioning and Indoor Navigation (IPIN). Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5.

Web site: [www.ipin.ethz.ch](http://www.ipin.ethz.ch)

### **15-17 September, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)**

International Conference on Spatial Data Infrastructures 2010. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: [www.agisee.org/sdiconf2010.htm](http://www.agisee.org/sdiconf2010.htm)

### **16-18 September, San Jose, Costa Rica**

Geomatics, an integral discipline at obtaining and processing geospace data. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Invitation: [www.fig.net/events/2010/costa-rica-2010.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2010/costa-rica-2010.pdf)

### **5-7 October, Cologne, Germany**

INTERGEO.

Web site: [www.intergeo.de](http://www.intergeo.de)

### **8-10 November, Las Vegas, USA**

Trimble Dimensions 2010 - Converge. Connect. Collaborate.

Web site: [www.trimbledimensions.com](http://www.trimbledimensions.com)

**14-17 November, Sofia Bulgaria**

Joint FIG Commission 3 Annual Meeting and Comm. 3 and 7 Workshop on: "Information and Land Management. A Decade after the Millennium"

**25-26 November, Copenhagen, Denmark**

FIG Seminar and Handover Ceremony.

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

**18-22 May, Marrakech, Morocco**

Bridging the Gap between Cultures. FIG Working Week and General Assembly.

Web site: [www.fig.net/fig2011](http://www.fig.net/fig2011) and [www.onigt.ma/fig2011](http://www.onigt.ma/fig2011)

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)

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