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## FIG e-Newsletter October 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

Each month on the FIG web site we publish 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 October 2012 is written by **C.J. (Kees) de ZEEUW**, The Netherlands: **Land administration for people, profit and planet**. This paper was presented at FIG Working Week in Rome, 8 May 2012 and describes twelve trends relevant for land administration systems. These trends are related to actual and future user demand in society. Trends, developments and proposed concepts are explained and examples are given of land administration products, services and business approaches recently developed at Kadaster in the Netherlands.

[http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/october\\_2012/oct\\_2012\\_dezeeuw.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/october_2012/oct_2012_dezeeuw.html)

### 8th FIG Regional Conference 26-29 November 2012 in Montevideo, Uruguay



Uruguay offers a great variety as a tourist destination

The eighth FIG Regional Conferences which will be held 26 - 29 November 2012 in Montevideo, Uruguay in collaboration with Asociación de Agrimensores del Uruguay (AAU). The theme of the conference is "**Surveying towards Sustainable Development**", emphasizing the importance of sustainability in the region and the key role surveying plays in ensuring sustainable futures. This Regional Conference offers a three-day technical programme, a Uruguayan dinner and on 29 November a one day technical tour to Colonia's historic quarter, a World Heritage Site.

Exhibition and sponsor possibilities still open:

[http://www.agrimensores.org.uy/8RegionalConference/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=175&Itemid=207](http://www.agrimensores.org.uy/8RegionalConference/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=175&Itemid=207)

Deadline for submission of full paper: **30 October 2012**

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

Registration:

[www.agrimensores.org.uy/8RegionalConference/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=211](http://www.agrimensores.org.uy/8RegionalConference/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=211) Register before **15 November** to get the normal fee:

[www.agrimensores.org.uy/8RegionalConference/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=211](http://www.agrimensores.org.uy/8RegionalConference/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=211)



Please also remember to book your hotel. Conference hotel is the Radisson Victoria Plaza. Book your room now to secure availability:

[http://www.agrimensores.org.uy/8RegionalConference/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=168:radisson-hotel&catid=34:articulos&Itemid=55](http://www.agrimensores.org.uy/8RegionalConference/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=168:radisson-hotel&catid=34:articulos&Itemid=55)

### **FIG Working Week 2013 6-10 May in Abuja, Nigeria**



Nicon Luxury Hotel

FIG Working Week 2013 will take place in Abuja, Nigeria 6-10 May 2013. The city of Abuja is the new capital of Nigeria taking over from the coastal city of Lagos in 1991. It is the first time in the history of FIG that a Working Week will take place in Sub-Saharan Africa. The International Conference Centre (ICC) Abuja is the Conference venue together with the Nicon Luxury Hotel and is situated within the Central Business District. The main theme for this working week is "**Environment for Sustainability**" moving the Surveying Profession to the next level.

The Nigerian Institution of Surveyors, NIS, is working hard on the preparations for the Working Week to secure a successful Working Week. The level of preparedness is high and especially those that are visiting Nigeria for the first time will experience a hitch free and memorable occasion.

#### **Call for papers**

Deadline for the submission of abstracts is **30 November 2012**

Call for papers: [http://www.fig.net/fig2013/call\\_for\\_papers.pdf](http://www.fig.net/fig2013/call_for_papers.pdf)

Submit your abstract:

[www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=18](http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=18)

Important deadlines:

[www.fig.net/fig2013/important\\_dates\\_nigeria\\_2013.pdf](http://www.fig.net/fig2013/important_dates_nigeria_2013.pdf)



Market in Abuja

#### **Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities:**

[http://www.fig.net/fig2013/FIGWW2013\\_sponsorship\\_possibilities\\_exhibition\\_2012\\_10\\_08.pdf](http://www.fig.net/fig2013/FIGWW2013_sponsorship_possibilities_exhibition_2012_10_08.pdf)

Visit [www.fig.net/fig2013](http://www.fig.net/fig2013) which will be updated regularly.

### **Preparations for the FIG Working Week 2013 - FIG Office visits Abuja Nigeria, 15-19 October 2012**



FIG Office visits Nigerian Institution of Surveyors

FIG Working Week 2013 is not far away and the very active members of Nigerian Institution of Surveyors are working intensely to organise an exciting and successful Working Week. FIG Office visited Abuja to coordinate the preparations and also got a chance to meet the Surveyor General of the Federation and SURCON.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2012/abuja\\_october\\_2012.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/abuja_october_2012.htm)

### **World Bank Annual Conference on Land and Poverty 2013 – Call for papers Washington, 8-11 April 2013**



Every year, the World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty brings together

representatives from governments, the development community, civil society, academia, and the private sector to discuss issues of concern to communities, land practitioners and policymakers worldwide. The conference aims to foster dialogue and sharing of good practices around the diversity of reforms, approaches and experiences that are being implemented in the land sector around the world.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2012/wb\\_2013\\_conf.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/wb_2013_conf.htm)

### **Denmark releases its digital raw material - Meeting with The Danish National Survey and Cadaster 11 September 2012**



President Teo visits The Danish National Survey and Cadaster

The Danish National Survey and Cadaster, KMS has initiated an agreement that improves and links public registers of basic data and makes data available to the private sector for free. Once the public authorities have tidied up, merged all data and stopped parallel registration, annual savings in administration is estimated to amount to DKK 260 mio (35 Mio EUR) in 2020. Basic data includes private addresses, companies' business registration numbers, or the cadastral numbers of real properties.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2012/kms\\_sept\\_2012.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/kms_sept_2012.htm)

### **NSDI and INSPIRE Days and Cartography and Geoinformation Conference 25-29 September 2012, Zagreb, Croatia**



The Conference was supported by FIG, and held in the Hotel International in Zagreb. A wide range of topics and distinguished keynote speakers guaranteed interesting presentations. One of the presenters was Dr. Chryssy Potsiou, FIG Vice President.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2012/sdi\\_days.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/sdi_days.htm)

### **IV International Training Course in Topography for Young Surveyors 17-28 September 2012, Madrid, Spain**



Eva-Maria after Opening Ceremony (image courtesy of Lilia D'Alesio)

Fifty young surveyors from 17 countries participated in this year's training course. Areas of study included topographical and geometric surveys, production of large-scale orthoimages, GNSS surveys, geodetic reference systems, RTK, photogrammetric and LIDAR surveys, geo-referencing of cadastral maps, remote sensing and structural monitoring and deformation surveys.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2012/training\\_course\\_topography.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/training_course_topography.htm)

### **Sixth World Urban Forum, 2-7 September, 2012, Naples, Italy**



Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-Habitat.

The theme for the Forum was "the urban future". In his opening speech, UN-Habitat Executive Director Dr. Joan Clos said the Forum provided UN-HABITAT with the perfect chance to listen to what the stakeholders had to say and that it is the responsibility of his agency to relay to governments what the participants wanted done. FIG Young Surveyors Network through Kate Fairlie and Eva-Maria Unger actively participated in the Forum.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2012/wuf6\\_sep\\_2012.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/wuf6_sep_2012.htm)

## Second Session of the United Nations Committee of Expert on Global Geospatial Information Management, New York, 13-15 August 2012



The second session of the UNCE-GGIM was convened at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

UNCE-GGIM was established to be the official United Nations consultative mechanism on place, locality and geography. UNCE-GGIM plays a leading role in setting the agenda for the development of global geospatial information, while promoting its use to meet key global challenges. In his opening remarks, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. **HongBo WU** said that understanding and analysing geospatial information has become a key driver of competition and underpins new waves of productivity growth, innovation and services.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2012/GGIM\\_Sept\\_2012.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/GGIM_Sept_2012.htm)

### FIG Foundation Grant and Scholarship



The FIG Foundation

The FIG Foundation will be providing scholarships of up to 4,000 EUR to PhD students.

Deadline: **1 November 2012**

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

### Job vacancies

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

### Forthcoming events

#### 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

#### 22-23 November 2012, Hong Kong

The First International FIG Workshop on Monitoring High Rise and Tall Engineering Structures: Development and Practices. Co-organised by Hong Kong Polytechnic University, SAR Hong Kong China, FIG commission 6, Engineering Surveys and The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.

Web site: <http://www.lsgj.polyu.edu.hk/highrise2012>

Call for paper: <https://www.softconf.com/d/highrise2012>

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#### 30 November - 4 December, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The FIG Commission 7 Annual meeting 2012 and International Symposium. Co-organized by FIG Commission 7, the Consejo Federal de Catastro de Argentina (CFC) and the Federación Argentina del Agrimensores (FADA).

For more information and registration: <http://fig2012-c7.jimdo.com>  
Contact: [figcom7@gmail.com](mailto:figcom7@gmail.com)

### **10-14 December, Athens, Greece**

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

Web site: [http://bit.ly/FIG3\\_Athens2012](http://bit.ly/FIG3_Athens2012)

Call for paper: [http://www.fig.net/events/2012/com3\\_athens\\_dec\\_2012\\_call-for-paper.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2012/com3_athens_dec_2012_call-for-paper.pdf)

### **13-15 December, 2012, Enschede, The Netherlands**

The 8th International Conference on Geo-information for Disaster Management - Gi4DM 2012.

Web site: <http://www.gi4dm.net/2012>

### **8-11 April, Washington DC, USA**

Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty. Supported by FIG including a joint programme.

Web site: <http://go.worldbank.org/RTWVJ2OA20>

Call for papers: <https://www.conftool.com/landandpoverty2013/>



Environment for Sustainability. FIG Working Week and General Assembly.

Web site: <http://www.fig.net/fig2013>

Call for papers: [http://www.fig.net/fig2013/call\\_for\\_papers.pdf](http://www.fig.net/fig2013/call_for_papers.pdf)

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