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FIG e-Newsletter September 2013

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 or bi-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.

Meet FIG at stand A2.015 in Hall 2

Again this year FIG will be at **InterGeo 2013** which this year takes place in Essen, Germany. Come by our stand and meet representatives from FIG Congress 2014 and FIG Working Week 2015. FIG is looking forward to seeing our members and other representatives, and if you want to book a meeting, please contact Louise Friis-Hansen at louise.friis-hansen@fig.net.

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 a FIG conference or another event.

The Article of the Month in September 2013 is written by **Frank F. K. Byamugisha, World Bank: Improving Land Governance for Development: Opportunities and Challenges for the Survey Profession**. This paper is an annotated version of a keynote addressed by Frank Byamugisha from the World Bank at the FIG Working Week, 6-10 May 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria. The central message of the paper is that surveyors and other land professionals have an important role to play in improving land governance in Africa, which is critical to unlocking the continent's potential of abundant land to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity. Furthermore, Frank Byamugisha has just published the book *Securing Africa's Land for Shared Prosperity* about land administration and reforms in Sub-Saharan Africa. http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/september_2013/byamugisha.html
Download the book. <http://www.scribd.com/doc/144377306/Securing-Africa-s-Land-for-Shared-Prosperity>

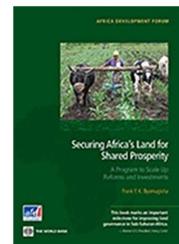


FIG General Assembly 2014 - Call for bids to host FIG Working Week 2017 or FIG Congress 2018



2017 FIG WORKING WEEK BID MANUAL
2018 FIG CONGRESS BID MANUAL

FIG member associations are invited to consider making a bid to host the FIG Working Week 2017 or FIG Congress 2018 together with FIG. At its meeting in Kuala Lumpur 16-21 June 2014, the FIG General Assembly will select the host and venue for the two events. The Council has prepared bidding guidelines for making the bid. These guidelines explain in detail the information that is required for a successful bid.

More information:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid_cover_letter_2013.pdf

FIG Working Week 2017 deadline: **30 November 2013**

Guidelines for FIG Working Week 2017:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid_2017.pdf

FIG Congress 2018 deadline: **15 December 2013**

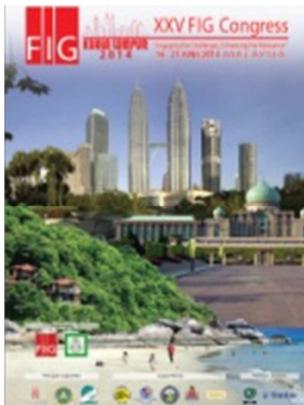
Guidelines for FIG Congress 2018:

http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid_2018.pdf

FIG Congress 2014 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16-21 June 2014 – Call for papers



The impressive Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



Call for papers

Submit your abstract for FIG Congress 2014 now. Again you can submit an abstract either for a peer review paper (please note that the deadline for the submission of **full paper** is **1 November 2013**) or for a normal non-peer-review paper. Deadline for submitting abstract for normal paper is **1 December 2013**.

<http://www.fig.net/fig2014/submission.htm>

General Assembly including several votings

The General Assembly 2014 will among other important items vote for the new President of FIG, two new Vice Presidents, the venues both for the 2017 Working Week and 2018 Congress. The Congress which takes place at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, also offers an interesting four-day technical program including plenary sessions, special forums and seminars as well as technical sessions.

Exhibition

The exhibition will be large and attractive and already now many booths are reserved. More information on the exhibition:

<http://www.fig.net/fig2014/exhibition.htm>

Sponsorship opportunities:

http://www.fig.net/fig2014/exhibition_opportunities.htm

Travel in and around Kuala Lumpur and Malaysia

Malaysia and Kuala Lumpur are attractive destinations with many possibilities. Plan your travel already now. The congress web site gives you information on possibilities in and around Kuala Lumpur as well as hotel information. A special carbon offset technical tour for Presidents or Heads of Delegations is organized and a Golf tour is also being planned either before or after the Congress.

Follow the congress web site: www.fig.net/fig2014

Platinum sponsors of the Congress are Trimble and Esri, and primary supporter is Malaysia Convention and Exhibition Bureau



FIG Foundation presents:



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2014 FIG Foundation Academic Research Grants

Research grants will be provided of up to 20,000 euros spread over two years. Applicants shall be based in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline **31 March 2014**.

Read more: www.fig.net/figfoundation/2014_research_grants.htm

2014 FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships

Scholarships will be provided of up to 4,000 euros to PhD students. Applicants shall be studying for a PhD degree and registered solely in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline **1 February 2014**.

Read more: www.fig.net/figfoundation/2014_phd_scholarship.htm

2014 FIG Foundation Young Surveyors Fellowship

The FIG Foundation Young Surveyors Fellowships will provide funding for individuals to cover the costs to attend and participate in the 2014 FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, including attendance at all FIG Young Surveyors events during the congress. Deadline **1 December 2013**.

Read more: www.fig.net/figfoundation/index.htm#2014_fellowship

STDM - Introduction to a pro-poor land information system in Malaysia



The participants at the event

On 23 September 2013 the Social Tenure Domain Model was introduced in Malaysia. The pro-poor land information system was welcomed by a group of 35 land professionals and experts. The Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) is a concept and tool developed by UN Habitat Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) in close co-operation with FIG and builds on the Land Administration Domain Model (LADM).

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/stdm_sep_2013.htm

Cadastre 2014 - available in Macedonian



At the XX FIG Congress 1994 in Melbourne, commission 7 initiated a working group looking at trends and developments in the field of cadastre. The working group was active from 1994-1998 and presented the results at the FIG-Congress in Brighton in July, 1998. It projected the trends and developed visions of what cadastral systems might be in 20 years' time – thus today! Cadastre 2014 has received worldwide attention and has been translated into 28 languages – and is now also available in Macedonian: www.fig.net/cadastre2014/translation/c2014-macedonian.pdf

See the publication in all languages:
www.fig.net/cadastre2014/index.htm

At FIG Congress 2014 two special sessions will be dedicated

Cadaster 2014.

The Value of Geoinformation for Disaster and Risk Management (VALID) Booklet Launch



O. Altan and R. Backhaus

On 3 September 2013, Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JBGIS), International Council for Science (ICSU) - GeoUnions, and United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) presented a new report in Vienna, Austria, which shows the economic, humanitarian and organizational benefits of applying Geoinformation to disaster management. This report was edited by a team headed by **Orhan Altan** and **Robert Backhaus**. The publication aims to raise awareness and to help set priorities in research and development. FIG as a member of JBGIS was represented by **Gert Steinkellner**, the president of the Austrian FIG-member organization.

Download the publication here:

<https://app.box.com/s/ch80uodlfz29tzn11f9g>

1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting 17-18 October 2013, Lisbon, Portugal



"European Young Surveyors Together for Tomorrow's Challenges" is the theme of the first European Young Surveyors meeting and will cover various topics announced in the programme. This meeting is essential for European Young Surveyors - WE are the future - and this will be the kick-off event of the EUROPEAN YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK!

<http://figysn.ordemengenheiros.pt/pt/>

Personalia

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

Job vacancies – updated September 2013

GLTN, Bulent Ecevit University, Zonguldak, Turkey, UN-Habitat, Namibia.

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

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http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate_benefits.htm

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LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2669121&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr

Forthcoming events

8-10 October 2013, Essen Germany

Intergeo 2013. Conference and trade fair for geodesy, geo information and land management. Organised by DVW, Germany.

<http://www.intergeo.de/en/index.html>

10-12 October, Beijing, China

The tenth national Representative Assembly of Chinese Society of Geodesy Photogrammetry and Cartography, and the Annual Comprehensive Academic Conference in 2013. Organised by the Chinese Society of Geodesy Photogrammetry and Cartography, co-organised by FIG.

10-18 October Lisbon, Portugal

V International and Professional Training Course in Topography for Young Surveyors, organised by CNGeGL, Italy, Co-sponsored by FIG. Alease note: Applications must come from local association and target group is Young Surveyors who have graduated.

17-18 October, Lisbon, Portugal

1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting
Web site: <http://figysn.ordemengenheiros.pt/pt/>

21-25 October, Yaounde, Cameroon

2nd Surveying Week: Building Capacities in Land Reforms and Land Management jointly with the annual assembly of Commission 2 and Commission 7 and the general assembly of the FGF. Organised by l'Ordre des Géomètres du Cameroun, FIG Commission 2 and 7
<http://fig2013-c7.jimdo.com/>

7-8 November, Sofia, Bulgaria

The XXIII International Symposium On Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice In Geodesy and Related Fields
Web site: <http://geodesy-union.org/>

13-16 November, Skopje, FYROM

International Scientific Conference on "Spatial Data Infrastructures & Spatial Information Management 2013".
Invitation: http://www.fig.net/events/2013/skopje_2013.pdf
Web site : <http://conf2013.geo-see.org/>

3-4 April, Prague, Czech Republic

INGEO 2014 - 6th International Conference on Engineering Surveying
Announcement: http://www.fig.net/events/2014/ingeo_announcement.pdf

16-18 April, Novosibirsk, Russia

Interexpo GEO-Siberia 2014 on "Advanced Geospatial and Surveying Technologies for Environmental Management and Sustainable Territorial Development" organized by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and LLC
Web site : <http://www.expo-geo.ru>



16-21 June, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

XXV FIG Congress and General Assembly.
Web site: www.fig.net/fig2014

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

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