



## FIG-COMMISSION 7

To : Delegates Commission 7  
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### 1. Opening

Leave taking chair Paul Munro Faure welcomes the new, elected, chair Paul van der Molen and Christiaan Lemmen, new vice chair administrative and is pleased that Paul van der Molen is well prepared and has arranged his life for his new task.

Paul van der Molen, opens the meeting, welcomes the delegates and introduces the agenda. The attendance list circulates.

### 2. Urgent issues

The Commission 7 dinner for delegates and partners on April 24th 2002 and reserved tables for the farewell dinner are communicated.

### 3. Presentation Commission 7 Work Plan 2002-2006

The Commission 7 Workplan will be presented to the General Assembly on Friday 26th of April 2002. This plan has been discussed in detail during the 2001 Annual Meeting in Gävle, Sweden, where it has been decided that a lot of topics could be addressed within the mandate of Commission 7 and its new Working Groups. András Oskó, Hungary, Mikko Uimonen, Finland and Winfried Hawerk, Germany are prepared and available as chairs of the new Working Groups 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3.

Land Administration should have a more appropriate profile at FIG level, e.g. by output of our activities in new FIG publications.

### 4. Appointment of Working Group 7.1

This Working Group will focus on 'Land Administration in non statutory environment'. In many countries Land Administration is identified with the colonial 'part', customary and indigenous rights are not identified in the traditional concepts of Cadastre. There was a general agreement that integration of customary and indigenous rights is required. This is in line with the Bathurst Declaration. After a discussion on pluriform environments with various forms of tenure, the question if surveyors can deal with those issues, the legal frame work in relation to customary land tenure and Land Administration, informal settlements, is decided to exclude the 'non statutory environment' from the name of this Working Group. It has been agreed that the name will be "Creating Land Administration in formal and informal environment".

It has been confirmed that there will be attention and care to the subject women's access to land.

Dr. Clarissa Fourie and Dr. Michael Barry are available to advise the Working Group.

András Oskó, the new chairman of Working Group 7.1 is prepared for an active contribution for the next four years and invites delegates to participate.

### 5. Appointment of Working Group 7.2

Land fragmentation is a problem in many countries. Land consolidation can contribute to solutions in this, cheap and easy procedures have to be provided and the concept has to be evolved. In Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa the approach is land redistribution. This has to be addressed in relation to a land policy. Appropriate instruments for improvement have to be developed. Land redistribution is accepted by the World Bank.

The proposed name 'avoiding land fragmentation through land consolidation' is rare to say. This name includes already the solution, it is suggested to choose a more open name. This will be: 'Instruments for Land distribution'

Mikko Uimonen, the new chairman of Working Group 7.2, will be assisted by Mika Törhönen, Finland, as a secretary. Participants are invited to join the activities of this group.

#### 6. Appointment of Working Group 7.3

The working field of this Working Group will be 'Advances in modern land administration'. Contributions from cadastral domain to spatial data infrastructures, e-commerce, electronic conveyancing and digital signatures are some subjects with impact on land administration systems. Standardisation is a condition here, the ISO Technical Committee 211 already expressed in a resolution its appreciation to develop a model of the basic contents for a cadastre, in co-operation with FIG, the Open GIS Consortium is one more organisation where co-operation has to be developed. A subgroup on 3D Cadastre under Working Group 7.3 could give a follow up to a workshop in Delft on this subject. Dr. Martin Salzmann from the Netherlands cadastre will chair this subgroup. This will be included in the workplan. GPS technologies are further subjects of studies, e.g. in joint co-operation with commission 5.

#### 7. Contribution to Joint Working Groups

- Joint activities will be developed in close co-operation with colleagues from: Commission 2 on Capacity Building in Land Administration. Chair will be Ulf Jensen from Sweden. Commission 7 will be represented by Tommy Osterberg, Sweden and Paul van der Molen and Arbind Tuladhar from the Netherlands.
- Commission 4 on coastal zone management and marine cadastre. Paul van der Molen could not yet identify people in the marine cadastre environment. Michael Barry, Ian Williamson and Paul Munro Faure expressed their interest. Williamson suggests to link some ongoing research activities in Asia-pacific with commission 7. This concerns the harmonisation of cadastre and topographic mapping and coastal zone and marine management.
- Commission 5 on low cost but appropriate technologies. Commission 7 will be represented by Gerda Schennach, Mabel Alvarez, Jacob Opadeyi and Tim Viney.
- Mrs. Gerda Schennach will represent Commission 7 in the FIG Network of underrepresented groups.

#### 5. Contribution to Standardisation

FIG is starting up the FIG standardisation network. Dr. Winfried Hawerk is involved, other delegates are invited to be part of this network.

#### 6. Annual Meetings 2002 and 2003

The annual meeting 2002 of Commission 7 will be organised in Pretoria, South Africa by Api van den Berg. It has preference to organise this meeting later than the Global Conference on Sustainable Development. After tuning to other events the date is fixed to 4-8th November 2002.

In September 2003 the 2nd Cadastral Congress will be organised in Cracow, Poland. Theme: "Cadastre reliable for civil services". ---This Congress will be combined with the 2003 annual meeting of Commission 7, which originally was planned in Paris, France---

The 1st Congress on Cadastre in Europe will be in Granada, Spain, 15-17 May 2002, focus is on harmonisation of European Cadastres. FIG is not officially involved here, we can try to use our influence. Mrs. Gerda Schennach expects this meeting to be well attended. Evaluation of the draft declaration learns this are not in line with Cadastre 2014. She proposes to be in discussion on this before this congress.

The EULIS project, financed by EU supports to development of a front shop model to all related cadastres.

The chairman announces GIS Istanbul, September 2002. There is a call for papers. FIG supports this event. InterGeo, Frankfurt, October 2002.

#### 7. Regional events and contribution to other events

The Commission is committed to develop regional meetings, concentrating on issues in the region, occasionally with UN and Habitat.

#### 8. Closing