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FIG e-Newsletter July/August 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.

FIG on Social Media

In the November 2012 issue of the FIG e-Newsletter we announced that 2,267 persons were following FIG on LinkedIn. Today the number has increased with 1000 to impressive 3,229. You can now also meet FIG on Facebook and Twitter. We hope to create a platform on the social media not only with news from FIG, updates on FIG Conferences, but especially to give you the possibility to post, comment and be in dialog with surveyors from all over the world and with FIG.

If you have not already joined, join us today:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/internationalfederationofsurveyors>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/FIG_NEWS

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

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.

July 2013

The Article of the Month in July 2013 is written by **Solomon Haile, Ombretta Tempra and Remy Sietchping, UN-habitat, Kenya: Towards a capacity development Framework for Land Policy in Africa**. The article discusses the Land Policy Initiative (LPI) and how relevant activities are planned and implemented to think through and develop strategies and road maps that will culminate into the development of a coherent, unified and cutting edge Capacity Development Framework (CDF). LPI Capacity Development was a sub theme at the Working Week 2013. The LPI was discussed at the GLTN/Director General forum which were spread over 4 sessions during the Working Week and furthermore there was a special session on Africa LPI Capacity Development where Solomon Haile presented the proposed Africa LPI Capacity Development initiative. http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/july_2013/july_2013_solomon_et_al.html

August 2013

The Article of the Month in August 2013 is written by **Gary Strong, Alexander Aronsohn and Ben Elder, United Kingdom: Innovative Approaches to Spatially Enabling Land Administration and Management**. This paper was presented at the FIG Working Week, 6-10 May 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria. This paper explores how, with only a small amount of investment, the development and implementation of internationally agreed and recognised measurement standards will support an improved market efficiency and providing a wide range of beneficial tools to decision makers. http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/august_2013/strong_et_al.html

14 years with FIG – FIG Director Markku Villikka retired from FIG end of July 2013

On 1 January 1999 FIG Director Markku Villikka started working in the FIG Office. Together with four councils and many volunteers he has built the office and FIG to what it is today. FIG events were developed and shaped to Congresses, Working Weeks and Regional Conferences. Markku Villikka served under 4 Presidents, and each has contributed with a short good-bye note to Markku.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/mv_resign_aug_2013.htm



FIG Pacific Small Island Developing States Symposium – 18-20 September 2013



In cooperation with FAO, the Fiji Institute of Surveyors, the University of South Pacific and the Fiji Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources FIG invites you to the Symposium "The Pacific Region Small Island Developing States Symposium". It follows up on the symposium held in 2010, and is addressing:

- Improved governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests
- Geospatial information management; and
- Secure land and property rights for all.

Cross cutting themes include capacity development, professional development and climate change.

Registration has opened: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=104>

Delegates from Fiji shall register through www.lands.gov.fj

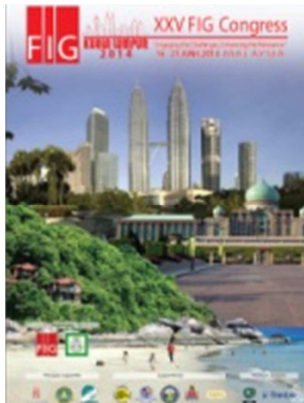
Submit your abstract at: <https://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=19> – NB – deadline **23 August 2013**

Read more: www.fig.net/fiji

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 notice 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



Third Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, 24 – 27 July 2013, Cambridge, United Kingdom



Celebrating the 2nd anniversary of UNGGIM

The United Nations initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management, UNGGIM met for the third time, and at the same time celebrated the second anniversary of UN-GGIM. This UN Committee was established to provide a forum for coordination and dialogue among Member States and between Member States and relevant international organizations, including FIG, on all issues related to geospatial information management. FIG was represented by President CheeHai Teo and Vice Chair of FIG Commission 4 Gordon Johnston.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/ggim_july_2013.htm

International FIG workshop on the Land Administration Domain Model (LADM2013), 24-25 September 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



The Land Administration Domain Model LADM that FIG has worked on for several years was eventually ISO certified in 2012. The LADM can accelerate the implementation of proper land administration systems that will support sustainable development and is useful in many countries. FIG invites to a special workshop on LADM 24-25 September in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in connection with the International Symposium and Exhibition on Geoinformation (ISG 2013)

<http://wiki.tudelft.nl/bin/view/Research/ISO19152/LADM2013Workshop>

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/>

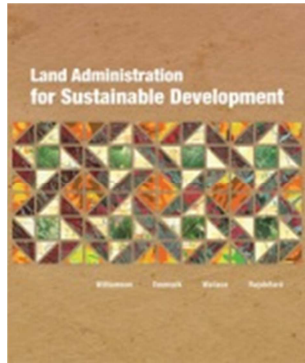
Competition on good practices for tenure security in the Muslim world - Participate!



The Global Land Tool Network has launched a competition on good practices for tenure security in the Muslim world.

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

Land Administration for Sustainable Development - available as e-book Get your free copy



The authors: Professor Ian Williamson, Professor Stig Enemark, Land Policy Lawyer Jude Wallace and Professional Land Surveyor and Chartered Engineer Abbas Rajabifard examine global land administration systems and outlines basic principles applicable to all countries. This book shows how to help ensure social equality, economic growth, and environmental protection through holistic land management. Professors, government officials, and students of land planning, land administrators, land planning managers will find this an invaluable resource. The book is furthermore being translated into French and Spanish which should be available end 2013.).

Download a free copy:

<http://www.esri.com/landing-pages/industries/land-administration/e-book#sthash.Lp4BYcKW.dpbs>

Personalia

We are sad to announce that FIG Honorary President Carl-Olof Ternryd has passed away 8 July 2013 and Alan Wright unexpectedly passed away at the end of June 2013

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

Job vacancies – updated August 2013

GLTN, International Land Coalition, Republic of Namibia

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

Benefits from FIG Corporate Members

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

Forthcoming events

31 August 2013, Potsdam, Germany (alongside the IAG Scientific Assembly)
JBGIS Annual Meeting hosted by IAG, together with the IAG Scientific Assembly

9-11 September 2013, Nottingham, United Kingdom

The second Joint FIG/IAG International Symposium on Deformation Monitoring (JISDM)

Web site: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/engineering/conference/jisdms/index.aspx>

Call for paper: <http://www.fig.net/events/2013/jisdms.pdf>

18-20 September, Suva, Fiji



FIG Pacific Small Island Developing States Symposium, Fiji - Policies and practices for Responsible Governance. Organised in conjunction with FIG, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO, Fiji Institute of Surveyors and University of the South Pacific.

Web site: www.fig.net/fiji

24-25 September, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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10-18 October Lisbon, Portugal

V International and Professional Training Course in Topography for Young Surveyors, organised by CNGeGL, Italy, Co-sponsored by FIG. Please 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/>

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

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