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FIG e-Newsletter February 2009

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG e-Newsletter, which brings you latest information about the 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 by e-mail monthly. 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.

Article of the Month – February 2009

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 February 2009 is written by Prof. **Kauko Viitanen** from Finland and Ms. **Ibimina Kakulu** from Nigeria. Their paper "*Global Concerns in Compulsory Purchase and Compensation Processes*" was prepared and presented as a presentation at the FIG Working Week in Stockholm, Sweden 14-19 June 2008. Read the paper:

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/february_2009/february_2009_viitanen_kakulu.html

FIG Working Week 2009 - Surveyors Key Role in Accelerated Development, Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009

In the technical programme of the FIG Working Week 2009 there are about 250 papers in almost 60 technical sessions and workshops. Deadline for abstracts has passed but still some late coming proposals will be considered. Submit your proposal for non peer review abstract online immediately at: www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=10.

All speakers have been confirmed on the acceptance of their paper. Deadline for submitting the final paper is **26 February 2009**.

Please notice that technical tours are offered to the Israel - Egypt and Israel - Jordan boundaries; to the research tunnel at Mount Amram; to the copper mines of Timna; and to the City of Eilat. All tours will all be most interesting, both from professional and from tourist point of view.

The Licensed Surveyors Association in Israel – ALSI, our host association in Israel, has decided to offer **three complimentary tickets** for the **excursion to Petra** (on Saturday, 9 May 2008) and three complimentary tickets to the **FIG Foundation Dinner** (on Thursday 7 May 2009). The lucky winners will be found by drawing lots between those participants who have registered during the early bird registration period.

Registration is open at: https://www.ortra.com/fig/default-register_r.htm. Deadline for early bird registration is **26 February 2009**.

Conference web site: www.fig.net/fig2009

News from last month:

FIG Council meets at the FIG Office to prepare General Assembly 2009 and activities for 2009-2010 - Copenhagen, Denmark, 6-7 February 2009

The FIG Council had a two-day meeting at the FIG Office in Copenhagen, 6-7 February 2009. This was the first meeting for the new Vice Presidents **Teo CheeHai** and **Iain Greenway**, whose four-year term of office started in January. The Council used the meeting to discuss all issues related to the FIG General Assembly to be held in Eilat, Israel during the FIG Working Week, 3-8 May 2009. Other issues included future FIG events and other activities that the Council will implement during its remaining term of office 2009-2010. A special focus was given to discussion on FIG finance issues and also in development of the FIG administration.

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2009/council_february_2009.htm

FIG Commission 3 Workshop on "Spatial Information for Management of Sustainable Urban Areas" - Mainz, Germany, 2-4 February 2009

The 2009 Workshop and Annual Meeting of FIG Commission 3 on "*Spatial Information for Management of Sustainable Urban Areas*" took place in Mainz, Germany, from 2nd to 4th February 2009. The technical program included the opening session, 9 technical sessions, and the closing session; in total 55 papers were presented. In total 73 participants had registered to the workshop coming from 24 countries.

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2009/mainz_february_2009.htm

Publications:

Commission 2 Newsletter – January 2009

Read more: www.fig.net/commission2/newsletters/comm2_newsletter_jan_2009.pdf

Forthcoming events:

Navigating the Future of Surveying Education - Workshop on Educational Management and Marketing, Vienna, Austria, 26-28 February 2009

Organised by FIG Commission 2 WG 2.3.

Read more: Workshop web site <http://fig09.ovg.at/> and final programme:

www.fig.net/commission2/vienna_2009/technical_program_final.htm

Joint FIG / World Bank Conference – Land Governance in Support of the Millennium Development Goals: Responding to New Challenges, Washington DC, USA, 9-10 March 2009

Conference is organised by FIG and the World Bank – attendance by invitation only.

Read more: www.fig.net/wb2009

GEO-SIBERIA – 2009. 5th International Exhibition and Scientific Congress, 21-23 April 2009, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: www.geosiberia.sibfair.ru

14th International Scientific and Technical Conference – Geoforum 2009, 23-25 April 2009, Lviv; Ukraine

Conference is co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: www.lp.edu.ua/Geoforum/2009_eng.htm

Surveyors Key Role in Accelerated Development, Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009

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Deadline for submitting full papers is **26 February 2009**.

Conference web site: www.fig.net/fig2009

GeoCAD '09, 8-9 May 2009, Alba Iulia; Romania

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 2.

Read more: www.uab.ro/sesiuni_2009/geocad09/

Be Conference 2009. Bentley Conference, Charlotte; North Carolina, USA, 11-14 May 2009

Read more: www.bentley.com/en-US/Community/BE+Conference

Towards a Unique Map for the Arab World - Une carte unifiée pour le monde arabe, Beirut, Lebanon, 29 June – 1 July 2009

First International Symposium of the Arab Union of Surveyors. Co-sponsored by FIG.

9th Conference on Optical 3-D Measurement Techniques, Vienna, Austria, 1-3 July 2009

Co-sponsored by Commission 5 and 6.

Read more: <http://info.tuwien.ac.at/ingeo/optical3d/>

The 2009 Survey & Engineering GIS Summit, SanDiego, CA, USA, 11-14 July 2009

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: www.esri.com/events/survey/index.html

6th International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology – MMT2009, Presidente Prudente, São Paulo, Brazil

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5.

Read more: <http://www4.fct.unesp.br/simposios/mmt09/ingles/>

10th South East Asian Survey Conference (SEASC'09), Bali; Indonesia, 4-7 August 2009

Co-sponsored by FIG.

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Geodesy for Planet Earth IAG2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 31 August – 4 September 2009

Co-sponsored by Commission 5.

Read more: www.iag209.com.ar

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting and one-day International Symposium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12-16 October 2009

Organised by FIG Commission 7.

Read more: www.fig.net/commission7

7th FIG Regional Conference, Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009

Read more: www.fig.net/vietnam

International Symposium "modern technologies, Education and Professional Practice in Geodesy and Related Fields, Sofia, Bulgaria, 5-6 November 2009

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 2.

Sixth International Bridge Design, Construction and Maintenance Conference, New Delhi, India, 5-6 November 2009

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 6

Read more: www.ice-bdcm.com/

XXIV FIG International Congress - Facing the Challenges - Building the Capacity and XXXIII General Assembly, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010

Read more: www.fig2010.com latest e-blast:

www.tourhosts.com.au/eblast/v2/public/elist100.asp?456ELWq=538&AWQgdt6=489564AGBDcw52qwr

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

Job and project opportunities (latest updated 5 February 2009)

Read more: www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm

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