

FIG Commission 4.3
Hydrography: Coastal Zone Management, Ocean Governance, Marine
Cadastre

Report on the Workgroup Meeting
at
FIG Working Week 2003, April 13-17, 2003, Paris, France

Attendees (Commission 4):

Michael Sutherland, Chair (Canada)

David Neale (Trinidad and Tobago)

Attendees (Commission 7):

Michael Barry (University of Calgary, Canada)

Guest(s):

Gordon Johnston (Thales Geosolutions Group Ltd., UK)

Commission 4.3 produced a poster as contribution to Commission 4's display.

There were three meetings scheduled, but it was observed that due to other commitments by attending members of the working group the attendees at each meeting varied in composition. However, the outcome of all meetings considered, enough deliberations occurred to support decisions on the future directions of the working group. Documents relating to the status of coastal zone management, ocean governance, and marine cadastre in relation to Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, and The Netherlands were exchanged among the attending members as expected. It was also decided by the working group that:

- Basic understanding of the general concepts relating to coastal zone management, ocean governance, and marine cadastre should be demonstrated by the working group as the basis for eventually producing a document outlining an understanding of hydrography's link to these areas of study.
- Further meetings and online communications should define how the group will meet the stated goals.

It was also brought up at the meeting that the Land and Coastal Studies Group, Department of Geodesy and Geomatics Engineering, University of New Brunswick is in the planning stages of organizing a meeting of "experts" in the matters of ocean governance and marine cadastre. The meeting is slated for sometime in September/October 2003. The members of the working group agreed that this meeting could be leveraged to make progress towards achieving the objectives of Commission 4.3. It was therefore agreed that once the preliminary meeting details were finalized, Commission 4.3 and all other stakeholders in Commission 4, Commission 7 etc. would be advised and encouraged to attend.