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OFFICE INTERNATIONAL DU CADASTRE ET DU RÉGIME FONCIER
INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF CADASTRE AND LAND RECORDS
INTERNATIONALES AMT FÜR KATASTER UND GRUNDBUCHWESEN

OICRF - the International Office for Cadastre and Land Records - is one of the permanent bodies of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG). OICRF serves as a documentation and study centre for land administration and is charged with the following tasks:

- collecting and systematically filing and indexing all documentation material relating to existing cadastres and land registration systems,
- conducting comparative studies of this material and publishing the results,
- providing information and advice on all cadastres and land registration systems to all interested persons and institutions for the purposes of study or to help countries wishing to set up a cadastre or land registration system or improve an existing system,
- maintaining the documentation system on a daily basis.

1. Activities

All societies revolve around land. Regardless of whether we are seeking to promote economic growth, alleviate poverty, provide social housing, assure a secure food supply, protect vulnerable groups, or support nature conservation, the way we deal with land, access to land, and access to land related opportunities is known to be a critical success factor. This is why land allocation is one of the main themes in policy documents and research papers, such as the poverty reduction strategy papers drawn up by many countries, reports compiled by international donors (such as the World Bank, the EU, DFID and GTZ) and policy guidelines issued by UN agencies (such as Habitat, FAO, UNHCR and UNDP).

OICRF has evolved in line with global developments and has expanded its range of activities to meet today's requirements. The cadastre (which was originally intended for taxation purposes only) and the land register (which was originally set up to help provide legal protection) have since become multipurpose cadastres that play an important part in the framework of land information systems.

OICRF has advised and continues to advise important international institutions and a growing number of governments of countries that wish to set up such a system or improve an existing but malfunctioning one.

2. The digital Land Administration Library in 2007

OICRF maintains a digital library that contains approximately 7,300 publications (1st of January 2008), which include things such as conference documents, magazine articles and reports on land administration.

All of the available documents and the most recent publications can be accessed electronically at www.oicrf.org and downloaded in PDF format.

The website includes a function that enables users to search for publications and documents by 'Title' or 'Author' or on the basis of an 'Abstract' or 'Keyword'. A 'Language'-based search is also possible.

Users can also trace documents linked to a certain event, such as papers linked to a specific conference or seminar. The website is a popular resource. In 2007 the digital library got about 480,000 hits, about 300.000 articles have been downloaded.

3. Comparatative studies in 2007

In 2007 OICRF published several comparatative studies:

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Lemmens, M., Lemmen, C.H.J. and Wubbe, M. (2007) Pictometry : potentials for land administration. In: Proceedings of the 6th FIG regional conference 12-15 November 2007, San José, Costa Rica. / Fredriksberg : International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), 2007. 13 p.

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4. Contact

OICRF does its utmost to provide the best possible service for anyone who requests information - not least the members of FIG and other professionals who work within the industry. This is made possible by the support of our host, the Netherlands Cadastre, Public Registers and Mapping Agency.

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