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## Forthcoming Events

12-15 May, Lisbon, Portugal  
13th FIG Symposium on Deformation Measurements and Analyses with the 4th IAG Symposium on Geodesy for Geotechnical and Structural Engineering – Measuring the changes  
[measuringchanges.inec.pt](http://measuringchanges.inec.pt)

11-13 June, Enschede, The Netherlands  
International Workshop Sharing Good Practises: e-Learning in Surveying, Geo-Information Sciences and Land Administration  
[www.itc.nl/fig\\_elearning2008](http://www.itc.nl/fig_elearning2008)

14-19 June, Stockholm, Sweden  
FIG Working Week and XXXI General Assembly  
[www.fig.net/fig2008](http://www.fig.net/fig2008)

## Integrating Generations

FIG Working Week 2008 – Integrating Generations will be held in Stockholm, Sweden, in June 2008, the week before Sweden's most traditional celebration, the Midsummer. This conference is hosted jointly by the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the Swedish Association of Chartered Surveyors (Sveriges Lantmätareförening, SLF) which at the same time celebrates its centenary.

This Working Week is for FIG the main event in 2008 and at the same time the mid-term conference for the current Council. The General Assembly will elect new FIG vice-presidents and chairs-elect for all Commissions, thus adding some special excitement to the meeting's normal mix of topics for decision making.

The theme of the Working Week addresses many issues that will face surveyors over coming years. These include questions concerning the need to get young people interested in surveying and geomatics, how to keep our professional qualifications up to date, and the need for capacity building – all issues of great interest to FIG and the conference organisers. The theme can also be read more closely as relating to the profession itself: what is the role of modern technology in GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System), geoinformatics, laser scanning etc? This fast growing technology will change the path taken by our profession.

The prevention of slums, which represent an all too big part of housing globally, is an important part of reaching the Millennium Development Goals. Having no security of tenure and no access to functioning financial mechanisms, one billion people are kept from achieving an acceptable standard of housing. Surveyors play a key role in establishing rights, and in linking functioning markets for housing and finance. During two days of the 2008 Working Week special attention will be paid to this in a series of sessions jointly organised by FIG and UN-Habitat. Here the main focus will be the possibilities open to the surveying world and the financial sector in changing this situation. What are the pro-poor tools that can be used in formalising informal rights and where have they been used successfully? What innovative financial solutions may be used to liberate capital for housing improvements, and what do these require in the form of land administration systems? These are some of the questions to which we will seek answers during what aims to be a dialogue between professionals working within this broad spectrum of activities.

FIG is grateful to the National Land Survey of Sweden (Lantmäteriet) and Swedesurvey, the main sponsors of this conference, who are offering this platform for leaders of national cadastral organisations to meet during a FIG event. I look forward to seeing you in Stockholm.

*Prof. Stig Enemark, President, FIG*

### FIG and SLF welcome you to the FIG Working Week 2008 – Integrating Generations in Stockholm, Sweden on 14–19 June 2008

We want to remind you of some important deadlines for submitting abstracts and papers for the Working Week and for registration and payment of your participation.

31 January 2008	Submission of full papers for peer-review process
31 January 2008	Deadline for abstracts without peer-reviewing
29 February 2008	Notification to authors
14 March 2008	Deadline for early (discounted) registration
31 March 2008	Deadline for submission of full papers for publishing
15 April 2008	Deadline for normal registration
16 April 2008	Late registrations
13–14 June 2008	Pre-Conference Workshop on History of Surveying and Measurement
14–19 June 2008	FIG Working Week

For any further information please consult the conference web site at [www.fig.net/fig2008](http://www.fig.net/fig2008) where news and updates about the conference will also be announced. You are also welcome to contact us at the FIG Office on email [fig@fig.net](mailto:fig@fig.net) or on telephone +45 3886 1081 with any question you may have regarding the Working Week.

We look forward to welcoming you all in Stockholm, June 2008 and to make this Working Week another very successful FIG event.

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## STOCKHOLM 2008



### FIG Working Week – Integrating Generations

Including the Joint FIG–UN-Habitat Seminar on Slum Upgrading and the Importance of Financial Mechanisms

Stockholm, Sweden  
14–19 June 2008

