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## FIG e-Newsletter August 2014

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.

### 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.

The Article of the Month in August 2014 is written by Gary Strong and David Pilling (United Kingdom): **Why Technical Standards are not enough for Professionals Working in Land, Property and Construction and the Importance of International Standards on Ethics**. This article was presented at the FIG Congress 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The paper explores the opportunities and very real benefits that could be afforded not only to professionals working in land, property and construction but also to clients, the public and society more generally by the setting, promotion and monitoring of international standards on ethics.

[http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/august\\_2014/strong\\_pilling.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/august_2014/strong_pilling.html)

### FIG Working Week 2015 – First Call for Papers



It is our privilege and honour to invite you to the **FIG Working Week 2015** to be held from **17 to 21 May 2015**. The Working Week is hosted by the International Federation of Surveyors, FIG and the Chamber of Graduated Surveyors, Bulgaria as the local host. Our Bulgarian colleagues are experienced professionals and great hosts as they have had the leadership of FIG and have successfully organized several memorable international events, FIG Commission workshops and the FIG Congress in 1983. The FIG Working Week 2015 is locally supported by all relevant local major sectors, such as the academia, the government and the private practitioners.

The overall theme of the Working Week is **"From the Wisdom of the Ages to the Challenges of the Modern World"**. Bulgaria is an ancient country with a rich story and heritage of the ages and this theme will be included in several parts of the programme of



The Theater that is used in the 2015 Working Week logo

the Working Week.

The carefully prepared Technical Programme will offer both specially invited high profile presentations and papers that are selected through the open call for papers procedure.

The Call for Papers is open for both **peer review** and **non-peer review** submissions. The deadline for **full papers** for peer review papers is: **20 October 2014** (please also remember to submit your abstract by the deadline).

Deadline for abstract submission for non-peer review papers: **15 November 2014**.

Call for papers:

[http://fig.net/fig2015/downloads/call\\_for\\_papers.pdf](http://fig.net/fig2015/downloads/call_for_papers.pdf)

Important deadlines:

<http://fig.net/fig2015/downloads/deadlines.pdf>

For updated information about the FIG Working Week 2015 check the conference web site: [www.fig.net/fig2015](http://www.fig.net/fig2015)

### 2015 FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships and Academic Research Grants



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#### 2015 FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships

The FIG Foundation will be providing scholarships of up to 4,000 euros to PhD students. Deadline for application is 1 February 2015.

[www.fig.net/figfoundation/2015\\_phd\\_scholarship.htm](http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/2015_phd_scholarship.htm)

#### 2015 FIG Foundation Academic Research Grants

The FIG Foundation will be providing research grants of up to 30,000 euros spread over three years. Deadline for application is 31 March 2015.

[www.fig.net/figfoundation/2015\\_research\\_grants.htm](http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/2015_research_grants.htm)

### XXV FIG Congress - Engaging the Challenges, Enhancing the Relevance - 16-21 June 2014 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia



"The FIG Congress is our global forum where sciences, technologies, knowledge and practices come together; where issues, initiatives, researches and results converge and where cultures, diversity, specialization and expertise assemble"; said FIG President Teo CheeHai, at the opening ceremony of the Congress. The Congress was co-organised by FIG and the Malaysian Association of Land Surveyors, PEJUTA.



The FIG Congress - where young and experienced surveyors meet

The proceedings are available, however do you not find your paper or presentation included in the proceedings, please contact Claudia Stormoen at [csp@fig.net](mailto:csp@fig.net)

Conference Proceedings: [www.fig.net/pub/fig2014/index.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2014/index.htm)

Report from the congress: [www.fig.net/news/fig2014/index.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/fig2014/index.htm)

Congress web site: [www.fig.net/fig2014](http://www.fig.net/fig2014)

YouTube: Feature on the opening of the congress with Prime Minister of Malaysia: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8BUApdgv5w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8BUApdgv5w)

Programme Book (pdf – hard copy version):

[www.fig.net/fig2014/downloads/Malaysia\\_programme\\_screen.pdf](http://www.fig.net/fig2014/downloads/Malaysia_programme_screen.pdf)

UN-GGIM-AP/FIG Statement on Global Geodetic Reference Frame:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/minutes/UNGGIMAP-FIG\\_statement\\_on\\_ggrf.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/minutes/UNGGIMAP-FIG_statement_on_ggrf.pdf)



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### General Assembly

Report from FIG General Assembly 2014:

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2014/ga\\_kl\\_june\\_2014.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2014/ga_kl_june_2014.htm)

Minutes from FIG General Assembly 2014:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/minutes.htm](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/minutes.htm)

Report by FIG President Teo:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/agenda/app\\_08\\_pres\\_report.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/agenda/app_08_pres_report.pdf)

Handouts of FIG President Teos presentation:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/minutes/app\\_08\\_presidents\\_report\\_handouts.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/minutes/app_08_presidents_report_handouts.pdf)

Closing address by FIG President Teo:

[www.fig.net/pub/fig2014/ppt/closing\\_president\\_pres.pdf](http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2014/ppt/closing_president_pres.pdf)



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### Young Surveyors

Young Surveyor Conference Report:

[www.fig.net/news/fig2014/2nd\\_YSC\\_Report.pdf](http://www.fig.net/news/fig2014/2nd_YSC_Report.pdf)

Report from 1st YS-AP meeting:

[www.fig.net/news/fig2014/1st\\_FIG\\_YSN\\_AP\\_Meeting\\_Report.pdf](http://www.fig.net/news/fig2014/1st_FIG_YSN_AP_Meeting_Report.pdf)

STDM training – report:

[www.fig.net/news/fig2014/STDM\\_Report.pdf](http://www.fig.net/news/fig2014/STDM_Report.pdf)

## Fourth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, 6 – 8 August 2014, United Nations Headquarters in New York



*"The many environmental, developmental and humanitarian challenges we are facing today, make it increasingly apparent that location matters. Thus, geospatial information is fundamental to decision making, policy formulation, measuring and monitoring development elements, all critical to the post 2015 development agenda. I encourage you to remain continuously engaged and provide your expert advice for all the processes mentioned above."* said Mr. **WU HongBo**, Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations (6th August 2014).

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2014/un-ggim\\_new-york\\_aug.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2014/un-ggim_new-york_aug.htm)

## 21st Meeting of the International Steering Committee on Global Mapping 5 August 2014, United Nations Headquarters in New York



L-R: Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UN Statistics Division; Toru Nagayama, Secretary General ISCGM & Prof. Paul Cheung, Chair ISCGM

ISCGM had its birth at the first Rio Conference and is supported by a commitment of the Japanese Government to this day. They proposed the "Global Mapping Project" as a contribution to global environmental conservation from the mapping sector, in response to "Agenda21" adopted at the "Earth Summit" in 1992. ISCGM currently also cooperate with UN-GGIM and its Working Group on Global Mapping for Sustainable Development (WG GM4SD). ISCGM is participated by UN member states and is currently chaired by Prof. Paul Cheung. FIG has liaison status and was represented by President CheeHai Teo.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2014/mapping\\_new-york\\_aug.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2014/mapping_new-york_aug.htm)

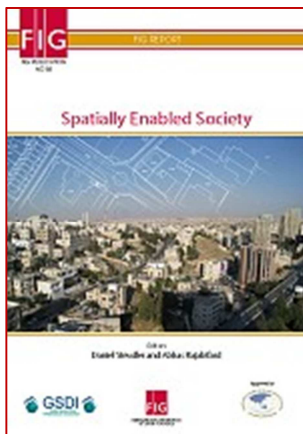
## 2014 Annual Meeting of the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JBGIS) 4 August 2014, UN Statistics Division, 2 UN Plaza, New York



The 2014 Annual Meeting of JBGIS was attended by nine of the ten participating international organization. The meeting agreed to support ICA's initiative for an "International Map Year" that will be launched at ICA's 2015 Congress. The initiative will seek to showcase and raise awareness of the contributions and importance of geospatial information, of cartography and of maps. The fourth Session of UNGGIM endorsed ICA's proposed initiative for the "International Map Year" for 2015/2016.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2014/jbgis\\_new-york\\_aug.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2014/jbgis_new-york_aug.htm)

### **FIG Publication 58 - Spatially Enabled Society translated into German: Raumkundige Gesellschaft Spatially Enabled Society**



The FIG Publication 58 – Spatially Enabled Society edited by Daniel Steudler and Abbas Rajabifard is now available in German language. The translation into German has been done by FIG Honorary Member **Jürg Kaufmann**, on behalf of the Office for Spatial Development of the Canton Zurich, Department of Geoinformation. FIG heartily thanks Jürg Kaufmann for this big job and encourages others to also translate relevant FIG material into other languages.

[www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub58/figpub58.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub58/figpub58.htm)

### **2nd FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting, 7th October 2014, Berlin, Germany**



The 2nd FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting is jointly organized by FIG Young Surveyors Network and KONGEOS (Conference of Geodetic Students) supported by FIG, FIG Foundation, CLGE, DVW, BDVI and OE.

Young Surveyors from Europe are invited to apply for a joint FIG Foundation and FIG Young Surveyors fund.

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

### **FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting and GeoConference 2014 - 7-11 October 2014 in Canada**



The Commission 7 team, in close collaboration with the Canadian colleagues and the Fédération des géomètres francophones (FGF – the Francophone Federation of Surveyors), is preparing this year a unique event which will take place in the Old Quebec City, Canada, a UNESCO World Heritage. FIG Commission 7 Annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the conference.

More information:

[www.fig.net/commission7/news/2014\\_com7\\_canada.htm](http://www.fig.net/commission7/news/2014_com7_canada.htm)

Web site: [www.geocongres2014.ca](http://www.geocongres2014.ca)

### **FIG Commission 3 Workshop and Meeting - 4-7 November 2014 in Bologna, Italy**



The 2014 Workshop with the overall theme "Geospatial Crowdsourcing and VGI: Establishment of SDI & SIM" will be held in Bologna Italy 4-7 November 2014. At the same event Commission 3 will also hold it's annual meeting. Deadline for full papers for referee and for abstracts for other papers: 7 September 2014.

Deadline for early bird registration: 1 October 2014

More information:

[www.fig.net/commission3/events/bologna\\_2014/Bologna-2014-FIG3.pdf](http://www.fig.net/commission3/events/bologna_2014/Bologna-2014-FIG3.pdf)

Web site: [www.com3fig.wix.com/fig-commission3-2014](http://www.com3fig.wix.com/fig-commission3-2014)

## Newsletters and publications

- FIG publication 49 - second and updated edition - FIG Guide on Cost Effective GNSS Positioning Techniques  
[www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub49\\_2ed/figpub49\\_2ed.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub49_2ed/figpub49_2ed.htm)
- FIG Publication 61 - CADASTRE 2014 and Beyond - FIG report  
<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub61/figpub61.htm>
- FIG Publication 62 - Ellipsoidally Referenced Surveying for Hydrography - FIG guide  
<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub62/figpub62.htm>
- FIG Publication 63 - The Africa Task Force 2009-2014 - FIG report  
<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub63/figpub63.htm>
- FIG Publication 64: Reference Frames in Practice Manual - FIG Guide  
<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub64/figpub64.htm>
- A FIG Review of the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) Phase II Summary Report  
[http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/stdm\\_review/STDM\\_screen.pdf](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/stdm_review/STDM_screen.pdf)
- FIG Annual Review 2013 -  
[http://www.fig.net/annual\\_review/anrew13/ARReview2013.pdf](http://www.fig.net/annual_review/anrew13/ARReview2013.pdf)
- FIG Publication 58 - Spatially Enabled Society translated into German: Raumkundige Gesellschaft Spatially Enabled Society:  
[www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub58/figpub58.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub58/figpub58.htm)
- FIG Commission 5 Newsletter July 2014 and FIG XXV Congress 2014 Report:  
[www.fig.net/commission5/reports/Com5\\_Congress\\_KL\\_%20Report\\_and\\_August2014\\_eNewsletter.pdf](http://www.fig.net/commission5/reports/Com5_Congress_KL_%20Report_and_August2014_eNewsletter.pdf)
- FIG Commission 7 Newsletter - June 2014:  
[www.fig.net/commission7/newsletters/2014\\_june\\_FIGC7\\_eneews.pdf](http://www.fig.net/commission7/newsletters/2014_june_FIGC7_eneews.pdf)
- FIG Commission 4 Newsletter - June 2014:  
[www.fig.net/commission4/newsletters/2014-June-Newsletter.pdf](http://www.fig.net/commission4/newsletters/2014-June-Newsletter.pdf)

## Vacancies and project opportunities

UN-Habitat, University of Calgary and University of Stuttgart.

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

## FIG on Social Media

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## Forthcoming events

### 4-5 September, Taipei, Taiwan

33rd National Surveying and Spatial Information Conference, organised by National Taiwan University

### **29 Sept – 3 Oct Medellin, Colombia**

The 16th International Symposium 2014, " The geoinformation serving to society" organized by the Latin American Society of Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems SELPER and The Faculty of Engineering of Universidad Distrital (Bogotá, Colombia)

Web site: <http://www.selpercolombia2014.com/>

### **6-10 Oct, Bogota, Colombia**

"XX Cadastral Week - Geosciences and Land Management Systems" organized by the Cadastral and Geodesy Engineering and The Faculty of Engineering of Universidad Distrital (Bogotá, Colombia)

Web site:

### **7 October 2014, Berlin, Germany**

2nd FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting

Web site: <http://www.fig.net/ys/index.htm>

### **7-9 October 2014, Berlin, Germany**

InterGeo - Organised by DVW, Germany.

Web site: <http://www.intergeo.de/intergeo/index.php>



### **7-11 October Québec, Canada**

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More information: [http://www.fig.net/commission7/news/2014\\_com7\\_canada.htm](http://www.fig.net/commission7/news/2014_com7_canada.htm)

Web site: [www.geocongres2014.ca](http://www.geocongres2014.ca)

### **10-12 October 2014, Zagreb, Croatia**

10th Jubilee Cartography and Geoinformation International Conference organised by the Croatian Cartographic Society and co-sponsored by FIG. Web-site: [www.kartografija.hr](http://www.kartografija.hr)

### **25-27 October, Jiangxi Province, China**

ChinterGEO2014 will be held in Nanchang International Exhibition Center, Jiangxi Province, China. Organised by Chinese Society for Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation. Web site: [www.chintergeo.com](http://www.chintergeo.com)

28-30 October, A celebrarse en la ciudad de Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

IV Congreso Nacional de Administración de Tierras

Flyer: <http://www.fig.net/events/2014/guatemala.pdf>



### **4-8 November 2014, Bologna, Italy**

FIG Commission 3 Workshop "Geospatial Crowdsourcing and VGI: Establishment of SDI & SIM" And Commission 3 Annual Meeting, organised by FIG Commission 3

More information:

[www.fig.net/commission3/events/bologna\\_2014/Bologna-2014-FIG3.pdf](http://www.fig.net/commission3/events/bologna_2014/Bologna-2014-FIG3.pdf)

Web site: <http://com3fig.wix.com/fig-commission3-2014>

### **9-11 November 2014, American University in Dubai (AUD), United Arab Emirates**

4th International FIG 3D Cadastre Workshop

Website: <http://www.gdmc.nl/3DCadastres/workshop2014/>  
Deadline for the submission of extended abstracts is 30 June 2014.

**25-27 November 2014, Suva, Fiji Islands**

Pacific GIS/RS User Conference, Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing in the Pacific, cosponsored by FIG

**26-28 November 2014, Vienna, Austria**

11th International Symposium on Location-based Services, by Vienna University of Technology and International Cartographic Association (ICA)

Web site: <http://www.lbs2014.org>

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

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