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FIG e-Newsletter July/August 2012

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 normally circulated monthly by e-mail, however, please notice that this volume covers July and August and we will be back again on a monthly bases from September. 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 an FIG conference or another event. The Article of the Month in July 2012 is written by **Diego Alfonso ERBA and Mario Andrés PIUMETTO**, Argentina: **3D Cadastre in the Federal Countries of Latin America**. This paper was presented at the FIG Working Week 2012 in Rome Italy, and the main question asked is: Is it realistic to develop spatial concepts for parcels and legal land objects and to propose a 3D cadastral model in the federal countries of Latin America at this time? The conclusion indicates that this is the right time to start thinking about it, compiling the legislation and systematizing the 2D definitions as a first step. Latin America occupies approximately 15% of the Earth's land surface and therefore a focus on this continent is appropriate. The next FIG Regional Conference will therefore take place in Uruguay, 26-29 November 2012, with emphasis on the challenges of the region.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/july_2012/july_2012_erba_piumetto.html

FIG Foundation Grant and Scholarship



The FIG Foundation

The FIG Foundation will be providing research grants of up to 20,000 EUR spread over two years as well as scholarships of up to 4,000 EUR to PhD students.

Deadline for Academic Research Grant: **30 July 2012**

Deadline for Scholarships: **1 November 2012**

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

Hangzhou Forum on UN-GGIM & PCGIAP EB Meeting, Hangzhou, China, 24-26 May 2012



Vice Minister **Deming Xu** showing Dr **Paul Cheung** and other official visitors to NASG Headquarters in Beijing the model of the China's Geomatics Park

The Forum provided a platform to discuss priority issues for the regional implementation strategy of the UN-GGIM initiative, and was organised by the National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation (NASG) of China organized jointly with the Secretariat of the United Nations initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management. The Forum provided a better understanding of key issues that UN-GGIM and international organizations need to focus on; an appreciation on the importance of consultations at global, regional and local levels to agree and pursue strategies towards managing all information spatially.

www.fig.net/news/news_2012/hangzhou_may_2012.htm

8th FIG Regional Conference 26-29 November 2012 in Montevideo, Uruguay



Uruguay offers a great variety as a tourist destination



View over the city of Montevideo

Don't miss the eighth FIG Regional Conference will be held 26 - 29 November 2012 in Montevideo, Uruguay in collaboration with Asociación de Agrimensores del Uruguay (AAU). The theme of the conference is "**Surveying towards Sustainable Development**", emphasizing the importance of sustainability in the region and the key role surveying plays in ensuring sustainable futures. This Regional Conference offers a three-day technical programme, a Uruguayan dinner and on 29 November a one day technical tour to Colonia's historic quarter, a World Heritage Site. The overall technical programme should stimulate discussions amongst participants on the role and contribution of the surveying profession in addressing the challenges of the times, in particular, towards sustainability in the region. Deadline for the submission of abstracts is **15 August 2012**. Deadline for registration at early bird rate is **15 September 2012**.

Conference web site: www.fig.net/uruguay

Submit your abstract:

<http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=17>

Call for paper: http://www.fig.net/uruguay/call_for_paper.pdf

Important deadlines:

http://www.fig.net/uruguay/deadlines_papers.pdf

Guidelines for papers:

http://www.fig.net/uruguay/guidelines_for_papers_fig_uruguay_2012.pdf

Template for papers (.docx):

http://www.fig.net/uruguay/fig_2012_Uruguay_Template.docx

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FIG Working Week 2013 will be held 6-10 May in Abuja, Nigeria



FIG Working Week 2013 will take place in Abuja, Nigeria 6-10 May 2013. The city of Abuja is the new capital of Nigeria taking over from the coastal city of Lagos in 1989. It is the first time in the history of FIG that a Working Week will take place in Sub-Saharan Africa. The International Conference Centre (ICC) Abuja is the Conference venue and is situated within the Central Business District. The Conference Hotel is the Nicon Luxury Hotel, located very close to the (ICC) for added convenience.

The main theme for this working week is "**Environment for Sustainability**" moving the Surveying Profession to the next level.



NIS President **Yakubu Maikano** welcomes all to the FIG Working Week 2013



The Parliament building in Abuja

For about four years now, the 2,500 members of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors who are in government, academia and the private sector, have all come together to ensure adequate support to the 2013 FIG Working Week. Nigeria has two other sister-members of FIG, The Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS) and the Nigeria Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV) who are working together with NIS on the preparations for the Working Week. The level of preparedness is high and especially those that are visiting Nigeria for the first time will experience a hitch free and memorable occasion.

Call for paper will be announced shortly. It will be possible to submit abstracts for both normal and peer review papers. Please notice that the deadline for the submission of full paper for peer review is **30 September 2012**. Please visit www.fig.net/fig2013 which will be updated constantly with further information.

Inspiration – German Initiative on recruitment of Students in Geodesy and Surveying



Many countries experience that young people have a lack of knowledge in the field of Surveying and Geodesy and face a decrease in the number of student. A German initiative by DVW has resulted in a web site which is now also published in English. The web site gives a broad overview about Geodesy and its diverse disciplines. Furthermore it provides rich information regarding the study courses (focused on Germany). Have a look at the web site and be inspired how you could also promote the profession in your country.

<http://www.arbeitsplatz-erde.de/index.php?id=1&L=1>

FIG Working Week 2012 - Knowing to manage the territory, to protect the environment and to evaluate the cultural heritage – Rome, Italy 6-10 May 2012



FIG WORKING WEEK 2012

May 6–10 2012
Rome, Italy



President Fausto Savoldi at the opening ceremony.

The FIG Working Week Knowing to manage the territory, protect the environment, evaluate the cultural heritage and the XXXV General Assembly was held in Rome, Italy from 6 to 10 May 2012. If you have not yet read the report, seen the photos and looked at the proceedings, please read here:

Report from FIG 2012: www.fig.net/news/fig2012/index.htm

Proceedings: www.fig.net/pub/fig2012/index.htm

Job vacancies

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

Forthcoming events

19-24 July, San Diego, California

Survey Summit/ACSM Annual Conference. Organised by ESRI.

Web site: <http://www.surveysummit.com/index.html>

14- 16 September, Paphos, Republic of Cyprus



FIG Commission 9 Workshop: International Workshop on Mass Appraisal Systems at Neapolis University. Organised by FIG Commission 9, Cyprus Association of Property Valuers and Neapolis University Pafos.

Web site: www.NUP.ac.cy/fig

Call for papers: www.nup.ac.cy/fig/papers.html

18-19 September 2012, Almaty, Kazakhstan



FIG Commissions 5,6 Workshop Innovative Technologies for an Efficient Geospatial Management of Earth Resources. Organised by FIG Commission 5 and 6, Kazakh National Technical University after K.I. Satpaev (KazNTU) and Siberian State Academy of Geodesy (SSGA).

More information:

http://www.fig.net/commission5/news/FIG_com5_%206_workshop_kazakhstan.pdf

20-21 September, Budapest, Hungary

International Seminar on State Land Management in Transitional Countries: Issues and Ways Forward, at the Ministry of Rural Development. Organised by FIG Commission 7 and FAO.

First announcement and call for paper:

http://www.fig.net/events/2012/seminar_state_land_mgt_budapest_sept_2012.pdf

26-28 September, Moscow, Russia



FIG Commission 2 International Workshop "Global trends and convergence in Surveying Education". Organised by FIG Commission 2 and Moscow State University of Geodesy and Cartography, Economics and Land Management Faculty

Web site: <http://fig.miigaik.ru>

9-11 October, Hannover, Germany

INTERGEO 2012. Conference and trade fair for geodesy, geo information and land

management.

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

25-26 October Shenzhen, China

The 3rd International FIG workshop on 3D-Cadastres. Organised by FIG Commission 3 and Commission 7

Web site: www.cadastre2012.org

8-9 November, Sofia, Bulgaria

Annual international symposium Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice in Geodesy and related fields including Commission 6 meetings. Organised by Union of Surveyors and Land Managers In Bulgaria, co-sponsored by FIG Commission 6

22-23 November 2012, Hong Kong

The First International FIG Workshop on Monitoring High Rise and Tall Engineering Structures: Development and Practices. Co-organised by Hong Kong Polytechnic University, SAR Hong Kong China, FIG commission 6, Engineering Surveys and The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.

Web site: <http://www.lsgi.polyu.edu.hk/highrise2012>

Call for paper: <https://www.softconf.com/d/highrise2012>

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30 November - 4 December, Buenos Aires, Argentina

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting. Organised by FIG Commission 7.

5 December, Buenos Aires

FIG Commission 7 International Symposium. Organised by FIG Commission 7 and FADA.

10-14 December, Athens, Greece

The Annual FIG Commission 3 workshop/conference, jointly with the 2012 WPLA workshop.

Web site: http://bit.ly/FIG3_Athens2012

Call for paper: http://www.fig.net/events/2012/com3_athens_dec_2012_call-for-paper.pdf

13-15 December, 2012, Enschede, The Netherlands

The 8th International Conference on Geo-information for Disaster Management - Gi4DM 2012.

Web site: <http://www.gi4dm.net/2012>

6-10 May, Abuja, Nigeria



Environment for Sustainability. FIG Working Week and General Assembly.
Web site: <http://www.fig.net/fig2013>

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