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FIG e-Newsletter October 2010

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 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 – October 2010

On the FIG web site we publish each month 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 October 2010 is "*Reducing Vulnerability to Natural Disasters in the Asia Pacific through Improved Land Administration and Management*". It is written by **David Mitchell** from Australia. This paper is a peer reviewed paper prepared for the FIG Congress 2010 in Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010 and draws on the lessons from recent major disasters and existing literature on land issues.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/october_2010/october_2010_mitchell.html

Handouts of this presentation from Sydney as a .pdf file:

http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2010/ppt/ts05j/ts05j_mitchell_ppt_4127.pdf

FIG Working Week 2011 - Bridging the Gap between Cultures - Marrakech, Morocco, 18-22 May 2011



FIG Working Week and General Assembly 2011 will be held in Marrakech, Morocco 18-22 May 2011. Final invitation will be available in October 2010. At the same time the web site and registration information will be updated.

Call for paper

Please note that the deadline for abstracts is **12 November 2010**.

The deadline for final peer review papers is also **12 November 2010**.

http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig2011_call.pdf

For all papers submit your abstract here:

<http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=13>

Guidelines for writing papers:

http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig_2011_template.doc

Template for papers:

http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig_2011_template.doc

FIG Working Week web site: <http://www.fig.net/fig2011> and <http://www.onigt.ma/>
(French and Arabic)

Reports from last month

INTERGEO 2010 – Geomatics industry in stable growth - Cologne, Germany, 5-7 October 2010



Henning Elmstroem, President of DdL, **Karl-Friedrich Thöne**, President of DVW and **Stig Enemark**, FIG President.

INTERGEO 2010 was held in Cologne, Germany 5-7 October. The world biggest tradeshow in surveying and geomatics business gathered 17,500 visitors and the INTERGEO conference 1,500 delegates. The number of exhibitors exceeded 500 companies representing 32 nations.

The INTERGEO conference titled "Knowledge and Action for Planet Earth" attracted 1,500 participants. The new conference concept in partnership with other key players has proved to be a great success. In Cologne the European congress EnviroInfo 2010 was for the first time organised jointly with INTERGEO. Each day of the three-day INTERGEO conference started with a plenary session introducing a high profile internationally recognised speaker. FIG President **Stig Enemark** provided one of the three keynote presentations.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2010/intergeo_october_2010.htm

Strengthening the Partnership with the World Bank - FIG President Stig Enemark and Incoming President CheeHai Teo visited the World Bank 23 September 2010



Stig Enemark, President of FIG; **Juergen Voegele**, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development Department; and **Chee Hai Teo**, President Elect of FIG 2011-2014.

FIG President **Stig Enemark** and incoming President **CheeHai Teo** visited the World Bank 23 September 2010 to strengthen the partnership between FIG and the Land Group of the World Bank. The key purpose of the visit was to review and renew the current Memorandum of Understanding that was signed in February 2007. The presentation by the president and the incoming president also included a list of suggested issues for further cooperation over the coming four year term. The visit was kindly hosted by **Keith Bell** and also included a meeting with **Juergen Voegele**, Director of Agriculture and Rural development Department as well as **Jolyne Sanjak**, Managing Director of Department of Compact Implementation, Millennium Challenge Cooperation (MCC).

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2010/wb_september_2010.htm

Building a Regional Structure for the Surveying Profession in Latin America - The XI International Congress, San Jose, Costa Rica, 17 – 19 September 2010



The formation of the new Asociación Panamericana de Profesionales en Agrimensura (APPA) (Panamerican Association of Surveying Professionals)

FIG President **Stig Enemark** and Incoming President **CheeHai Teo** attend The XI International Congress, San Jose, Costa Rica, 17–19 September 2010. The theme for the congress was "*Geomatics: Current Trends in Geodesy, Topography and Cadastral*" reflecting the current challenges and opportunities encountered by the profession not only in Costa Rica but also the region. The formation of APPA - the Asociación Panamericana de Profesionales en Agrimensura was a highlight and also represented the culmination of efforts by FIG over about ten years to mobilise the surveying profession within Latin America. FIG has pledged to work with this latest regional structure to develop and advance the profession in the Americas. A major opportunity in this regard will be FIG Regional Conference that is likely to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, by the end of 2012.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2010/costarica_september_2010.htm

FIG Commission 7 (Cadastral and Land Management) Annual Meeting and International Open Symposium on „Digital Cadastral Map“ 5-11 September 2010, Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic



Current Chair **András Osskó** together with incoming Chair **Daniel Roberge**

FIG Commission 7 in cooperation with the Czech Union of Surveyors and Cartographers organized its Annual Meeting between 05 and 11 September 2010 in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic. Commission 7 has had a 20 year tradition organizing annual meetings each year, separately from major FIG events, based on the consensus of Commission 7 delegates.

The Annual Meeting 2010 was the last of a four year period chaired by Mr. **András Osskó**, Hungary. There was a record number of participation in the Annual Meeting 2010 showing the importance of land administration matters world wide. 57 delegates attended this annual meeting from 32 countries representing all of the continents.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2010/karlovyvary_sept_2010.htm

FIG Commission 5 and 6 Workshop on “Innovative Technologies for an Efficient Geospatial Management of Earth Resources” Ust-Kamenogorsk, Eastern Kazakhstan, 3-7 September 2010



Participants at the Workshop in Kazakhstan

FIG Commissions 5 (Positioning and Measurement) and 6 (Engineering Surveys) together with Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan for Land Resources Management, D. Serikbaev East Kazakhstan State Technical University (EKSTU), Siberian State Academy of Geodesy (SSGA) and Regional Scientific and Technological Park “Altai” organised a Workshop on “Innovative Technologies for an Efficient Geospatial Management of Earth Resources”. The Conference was attended by about 100 participants and contained almost 60 presentations.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2010/kazakhstan_sept_2010.htm

FIG President Stig Enemark attends Farewell Symposium for Paul van der Molen - Apeldoorn, the Netherlands, 2 September 2010



Prof. **Paul van der Molen** has decided to retire after a longstanding carrier at the Dutch Kadaster and ITC. Paul is also well know and highly recognized for his contributions to FIG and the global surveying community as chair of FIG Commission 7 1998-2002, Director of OICRF, FIG-UN Liaison Ambassador, Honorary Member, and FIG Vice-President 2007-2008.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2010/apledoorn_september_2010.htm

Job vacancies

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

Personalia and visits

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

New FIG Publications

Sydney Declaration - Final version of the declaration adopted as outcome of the XXIV FIG Congress held in Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010

http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/sydney_decl/sydney_declaration.pdf

Forthcoming events

25-27 October, San Ramon, CA, USA



2010 HDS Worldwide User Conference. Leica High Definition Surveying (HDS) user conference.

Web site: http://hds.leica-geosystems.com/en/Events_6441.htm?id=6896

8-10 November, Las Vegas, USA



Trimble Dimensions 2010 - Converge. Connect. Collaborate.

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

11-12 November, Mombasa, Kenya

FIG Africa Task Force Workshop. Organised by FIG Africa Task Force.

Web site: <http://www.fig.net/commission8>

14-17 November, Sofia Bulgaria

Joint FIG Commission 3 Annual Meeting and Comm. 3 and 7 Workshop on: "Information and Land Management. A Decade after the Millennium"

Web site: <http://www.conference.kig-bg.org/>

25-26 November, Copenhagen, Denmark

FIG Handover Ceremony.

Web site: www.fig.net/

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2011

13 -15 April, Garching/Munich, Germany

The 1st International Workshop on The Quality of Geodetic Observation and Monitoring Systems - QuGOMS 2011. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5

Abstract submission: 15 November 2010

Invitation flyer: <http://www.fig.net/events/2011/qugoms2011.pdf>

Web site: <http://www.gih.uni-hannover.de/qugoms2011>

14-19 April 2011, Newcastle, United Kingdom

24th International Geodetic Students Meeting. Organised by IGSO and co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: <http://www.igsm2011.org.uk/>

27-29 April, Novosibirsk, Russia

Geosiberia - Seventh International Specialised Exhibition and Scientific Congress.

Organised by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and ITE Siberian Fair. Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/geosiberia_2011.pdf

Web site: <http://www.geo-siberia.com/>

27-29 April, Lviv, Ukraine

GEOFORUM 2011- 16th International Scientific and Technical Conference. Organised by Institute of Geodesy, National University. Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/ukraine_2011.pdf

3-8 May Antalya, Turkey

GI4DM - GeoInformation for Disaster Management. Co-sponsored by FIG

Abstract submission: 15 December 2010

Web site: <http://www.gi4dm.org/>

18-22 May, Marrakech, Morocco



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- For all papers submit your abstract online here: <http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=13>
- Guidelines for writing papers: http://www.fig.net/fig2011/guidelines_for_papers_fig2011.pdf
- Template for papers: http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig_2011_template.doc

13-16 June, Cracow, Poland

Mobile Mapping Technology Symposium, MMT11

7-12 July, San Diego, California, USA

The Survey Summit arranged by Esri and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM). Co-sponsored by FIG

Deadline for abstract submission: 6 December 2010

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

18 November 2011, Delft, the Netherlands

Second International FIG Workshop on 3D-Cadastral. Organised by FIG Commission 7 Working Group and supported by EuroSDR.

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