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FIG e-Newsletter September 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.

September 2012

The article of the month in September 2012 is written by **Karl-Friedrich Thoene**, Germany: **Meeting the Environmental Issues - A Challenge for Surveyors and Surveying Associations**. The paper summarises a keynote presentation given at the FIG Working Week in Rome, 8 May 2012. 9-11 October 2012, DVW, The German Federation of Surveyors, will host the annual InterGeo Congress and Exhibition.

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/september_2012/sep_2012_karl-friederich_thoene.html

August 2012

The Article of the Month in August 2012 is written by **Paul van der Molen**, the Netherlands: **After 10 Years of Criticism: What is Left of de Soto's Ideas?** This paper was presented at the FIG Working Week 2012 in Rome, Italy. In 2000 Hernando de Soto published his book *The Mystery of Capital*. Professor Paul van der Molen aims at collecting the critical remarks published since 2000 and at analyzing whether the ideas of de Soto still stand today. He concludes: 'De Soto': yes, but governments which demonstrate political will and which adopt the principles of good governance, are a prerequisite. When this is not the case, formalization - in whatever form - is without meaning and likely will harm the poor.

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/august_2012/august_2012_van_der_molen.html

FIG Foundation Grant and Scholarship



The FIG Foundation will be providing scholarships of up to 4,000 EUR to PhD students.

Deadline: **1 November 2012**

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

The FIG Foundation

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





Uruguay offers a great variety as a tourist destination



It is now time to register to the eighth FIG Regional Conferences which 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.

Conference web site: www.fig.net/uruguay

Important deadlines for papers:

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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http://www.fig.net/uruguay/fig_2012_Uruguay_template.doc

FIG Working Week 2013 6-10 May in Abuja, Nigeria – NB - last chance to submit your peer review paper



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.



SUNU (CHIEF) YAKUBU MAIKANO, PRESIDENT
THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTION OF SURVEYORS

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

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.



The Parliament building in Abuja

Call for papers

You can still submit abstract/paper for **peer review**. Please notice that the deadline for the submission is **30 September 2012**

Deadline for the submission of **abstracts to normal papers** is **30 November 2012**.

Call for papers: http://www.fig.net/fig2013/call_for_papers.pdf

Submit your abstract:

www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=18

Important deadlines:

www.fig.net/fig2013/important_dates_nigeria_2013.pdf

Visit www.fig.net/fig2013 which will be updated regularly.

XXII ISPRS Congress with the theme "Imaging a Sustainable Future" 24 August – 3 September, 2012, Melbourne, Australia



SSSI President **Gary Macguire** at the Opening Ceremony

The International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) hosted the 2012 edition of the meeting of the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JBGIS) at its XXII Congress in Melbourne, Australia on 26th August 2012. Prior to the meeting, an ISPRS/JBGIS special session was convened within the Congress programme with the theme "spatially enabling society".

www.fig.net/news/news_2012/isprs_australia_aug_2012.htm

Annual Meeting of the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies 26 August 2012, Melbourne, Australia



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www.fig.net/news/news_2012/jbgis_melbourne_aug_2012.htm

FIG President meets FIG Members from the Russian Federation 1st – 3rd August, 2012, Moscow, Russia



Participants at the session hosted by the Moscow University of Geodesy and Cartography.

The International Federation of Surveyors has six members from the Russian Federation, in all four membership categories. The Federal Agency for Geodesy and Cartography (ROSREESTR) and the Non-Commercial Partnership of Cadastral Engineers are Member Associations, Moscow University of Geodesy and Cartography and the State University of Land Use Planning are Academic Members, the Siberian State Academy of Geodesy is an Affiliate Member and Meridian+, a Corporate Member. Together, they invited President CheeHai Teo to Moscow to interact with the FIG members from the Russian Federation.

www.fig.net/news/news_2012/russia_aug_2012.htm

Visit to National Land Survey, Finland, 30 July 2012, Helsinki, Finland



FIG President **CheeHai Teo**

The National Land Survey (NLS) of Finland, an Affiliate Member of FIG, is responsible for producing and providing to the citizens, industry and decision makers in Finland information on and services in real estate, topography and the environment. NLS is responsible for Finland's cadastral system, national mapping and promotes the usefulness and use of geographic information. With the motto "Down to Earth", NLS is striving to effectively

with Mr **Markku Makulla** and Ms **Maija-Liisa Niskala** of National Land Surveys, Finland

and efficiently deliver products and services that are impartial and reliable, that builds an information rich society.

www.fig.net/news/news_2012/helsinki_july_2012.htm

American Congress of Surveying and Mapping Looks Ahead ACSM Annual Conference, 21st – 24th July 2012, Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, United States



Jack Dangermond, President ESRI with John Hohol [right], President FIG Foundation.

This year's American Congress of Survey and Mapping (ACSM) Annual Conference is also the ESRI Survey Summit, organised by and co-located within ESRI's Annual User Conference at the San Diego Convention Centre, California. The ESRI User Conference annually attracts a huge number of participants and this year is no different, approximately 15,000 participants from all over.

www.fig.net/news/news_2012/acsm_july_2012.htm

Job vacancies

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

Forthcoming events

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>

22-23 October 2012, Elmina, Ghana

FIG Africa Task Force: Regional Africa Workshop. "Building Environmental Resilience: An agenda for Action for Member Associations".

Invitation: www.fig.net/tf/africa/2012_ghana/MembersInvitation_ghana_oct2012.pdf

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.lsgj.polyu.edu.hk/highrise2012>

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

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30 November - 4 December, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The FIG Commission 7 Annual meeting 2012 and International Symposium. Co-organized by FIG Commission 7, the Consejo Federal de Catastro de Argentina (CFC) and the Federación Argentina del Agrimensores (FADA).

For more information and registration: <http://fig2012-c7.jimdo.com>

Contact: figcom7@gmail.com

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>

Call for papers: http://www.fig.net/fig2013/call_for_papers.pdf

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

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