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To : FIG Commission 7 Delegates, Correspondents and Friends
cc : FIG Office, Copenhagen
From : András Osskó, Chair
Subject : e-Newsletter December 2009

Dear Delegates, Correspondents and Friends,

Since June you haven't received newsletter from us about the activity of FIG Commission, though the year is slowly closing to the end. So, this is the chronicle of the second half of 2009 and invitation to the coming events.

Please find below some reports about the events organized by us or information about those we participated. There will be some words about plans for the coming year too.

1. Commission 7 Annual Meeting 2009 and One-Day International Open Symposium on "Progressing Towards u-Cadastre" – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, October 12 - 16, 2009

The FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting was held in the excellent Concorde Hotel. More than 40 delegates from 22 countries have participated in the event. András Osskó, chair of the Commission and working group chairs gave reports on the Commission 7 activities, delegates made country reports about the new developments in land administration matters in 2008-2009.

The One- day Open International Symposium on „Progressing towards Ubiquitous Cadastre” was a successful event. Apart from international delegates, more than 200 professionals attended from the host and the neighbouring countries as well.

Delegates also visited Regional Cadastre Office in Malacca combining with a well-organized and enjoyable sightseeing.

IT was announced there as well that the venue of the next Commission 7 Annual Meeting will be held in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic in September, 2010.

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting and Open Symposium will be available on the FIG Commission 7 website soon.

About the Questionnaire on Public and State Land Management (Elikkos Elia, Cyprus and Richard Grover, UK)

In May 2009, the national delegate of Cyprus, Mr. Elikkos Elia offered to work out a questionnaire on public and state land/ property management to be circulated among the members of Commission 7. The aim is to collect basic information on state and public land properties in different countries and compare best practices as a basis for improving state and public land/property management policies. Because of the hot topic, I welcomed the proposal and advised Mr. Elia to give a presentation during the 2009 Annual meeting in Kuala Lumpur, but he was not able to come. He contacted Richard

Grover UK delegate to Commission 7 who is an expert in the theme to revise the questionnaire and give a presentation during the Kuala Lumpur Annual meeting.

Richard gave a presentation about the topic and finalized the questionnaire, which will be circulated soon. I encourage delegates to complete and return it to Richard allowing Commission 7 to deal with this important topic in the future.

2. 7th FIG Regional Conference Hanoi, Vietnam: 19-22 October 2009

The 7th FIG Regional Conference was held in Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009, immediately after Commission 7 Annual Meeting 2009 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12-16 October.

The FIG Regional Conference was organized jointly by FIG and the Viet Nam Association of Geodesy, Cartography and Remote Sensing, VGCR.

The regional conference focused mainly on land administration, land governance and environmental issues, and expected contributions especially from Commission 7.

Almost 400 people from 52 countries attended the conference. The event included a two-day Regional Consultation Meeting on "FAO Voluntary Guidelines for responsible governance of tenure of land and other natural resources". More than 70 experts participated in the meeting from Asia. There were 50 technical sessions with more than 150 presentations. Unfortunately, some of the presentations have been cancelled due to the absence of the presenters.

Commission 7 was the major contributor to the technical sessions. There were six "clear" Commission 7 sessions and several joint sessions with Commission 3, 8, and 9. Thank you very much for the contributions of all participants and presenters.

3. Conference on "Citizens' Rights to the Real Property" – 30. November – 1. December 2009. Chisinau, Moldova

The conference was organized by the "State Cadastre Agency of Moldova" and supported by FIG Commission 7 and 3. The conference closed a three year "The Technical Assistance to Support Moldova First Cadastre Project" supported by SIDA.

The conference was a successful event with participation of the World Bank, WPLA, CLGE, EU and the representatives of donor agencies. Dutch Kadaster and Norwegian Mapping Authority supported the conference by giving presentations. Many professionals from the neighbouring countries also attended the event. András Osskó, chair of Commission 7 and Daniel Steudler, chair of Comm. 7 Working group 3 participated in the conference and presented papers. Commission 3 was represented by the chair, Chryssy Potsiu.

Coming Events – 2010

1. FIG Congress "Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity", Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010

Objectives of the FIG Congress 2010, Sydney:

Recognizing the need for sustainable development and the collective, intergenerational and cultural values of customary land, to

- Review the latest thinking and development on customary land use, development and conservation,

- Review the progress, initiatives, issues and challenges experienced in land tenure by Pacific countries,
- Prepare an agenda and programmes for follow-up action over the next FIG Planning term.

The organizers expect more than 2000 participants from about 100 countries. In the technical programme, there are 700-800 papers in more than 80 technical plus flash sessions, several workshops and special forums.

Please keep the deadline (**21st January 2010**) of the submission of full papers.

There are different dates and fees of registration and also wide range of prices of accommodation; see the details at the website: www.fig2010.com.

2. Venue for Commission 7 Annual Meeting and Open Symposium, Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic, September 2010.

During the Commission 7 Annual Meeting of 2008 in Verona, Italy, Czech delegate, Mr. Libor Tomandl interpreted the proposal of the Czech Union of Surveyors to host the Annual Meeting in the Czech Republic in 2010. This was accepted with thanks by Commission 7 delegates and members. The invitation was repeated and confirmed in written form by the Czech Union of Surveyors and Cartographers.

Libor Tomandl gave a detailed presentation about the site and the participation fee (about Euro 750). The date of the meeting (mid September) the topic of the open symposium, together with other information will be announced and circulated soon.

3. Joint Meeting of the FIG Commissions 3 and 7 in Cooperation with the Association of Bulgarian Private Surveyors, Sofia, Bulgaria, November 2010

The Association of Bulgarian Private Surveyors organizes a conference, workshop with a support of Commission 7 and 3.

The topics of the conference are relevant to both commissions and will be finalized soon together with the date of the event. We send the final information as soon as possible allowing interested delegates to arrange their travel plan.

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Dear Commission 7 Delegates, Correspondents and Friends,

the Hungarian Commission 7 team members,
András Osskó, Gyula Iván and Maria Tóth
wish all of you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy, Successful New Year!