

**Report to the 31<sup>st</sup> General Assembly  
FIG Working Week in Stockholm, Sweden, June 2008**

**FIG Commission 9 – Valuation and Management of Real Estate**

**Report of Activities 2007-2008**

**1. General**

In 2007 Commission 9's activities concentrated on FIG conferences in Hong Kong on 13-17 May and Costa Rica on 12-15 November, and in the Helsinki seminar on 6-8 September. In addition, the 5 Working Groups of the Commission have been working with their topics through out the year.

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**2. Working Groups**

**WG 9.1 – Compulsory Purchase and Compensations in Land Acquisition and Takings**

Chair: Kauko Viitanen

Co-chairs: Thomas Kalbro, Henning Elmstroem, and Paul Munro-Faure

WG 9.1's activities became concrete in the seminar on Compulsory Purchase and Compensation in Land Acquisition and Takings held in Helsinki in September. The seminar was organised in conjunction to the Baltic Valuation Conference and in co-operation with FIG Commissions 7 and 8, FAO's Land Tenure Service, World Bank, Finnish Association for Real Estate Valuation, Finnish Association of Surveyors, Ministry of Agriculture and Forest in Finland, National Land Survey in Finland, Nordic Journal of Surveying and Real Estate Research, and Helsinki University of Technology/Department of Surveying.

The Helsinki seminar was a valuable experience for Commission 9 also in scientific sense, as the authors of conference papers were also offered the possibility to participate in a peer-review process. Altogether there were about 120 very active participants from 35 countries with more than 40 very interesting presentations. Of all papers, 21 went through the peer-review process and in addition three will be reviewed in the connection of the FAO Land Journal. The presentation slides have been published on the seminar website <http://www.tkk.fi/Yksikot/Kiinteisto/FIG/index.htm> but the full papers are still to be published. A part of the review papers will be published in the first issue of 2008 of the FAO Land Journal "*Land Reform, Land Settlement and Cooperatives*" themed on Compulsory Purchase and Compensation. The second part of the papers will be published in the special edition of the "*Nordic Journal of Surveying and Real Estate Research*" and the rest in the seminar book published in the research series of the Department of Surveying at the Helsinki

University of Technology. All full papers will also be published on the FIG website, in Spring 2008.

### **WG 9.2 – Improving Slum Conditions through Innovative Financing**

Chair: Bengt Kjellson

Co-Chair: Ann Jennervik

Since the sessions, dialogues and meeting during the Hong Kong Working Week, Working Group 9.2 has been concentrating on the two days of special sessions that will be organised during the Working Week in Stockholm. More information of the activities, see the web page of the WG – [www.justnsustshelter.org](http://www.justnsustshelter.org).

### **WG 9.3 – Diagnostic Tools and Prescriptive Practices for the Valuation Profession**

Chair: Steven Nystrom

WG 9.3 is preparing a diagnostic tool for analyzing the practices of the valuation profession in different countries, being in the phase of acquainting oneself with the existing systems around the world and selecting case countries.

### **WG 9.4 – Review of Valuation Methods and Standards Worldwide**

Chair: David Smejkal

WG 9.4 is collecting valuation report examples from different countries to prepare the review of valuation methods and standards.

### **WG 9.5 – GIS-analyses in Real Estate Market Analyses and Valuation**

Chair: Henning Elmstroem

Co-chairs: Steven Nystrom and Dieter Kertscher

WG 9.5 is focusing in identifying the effects and possibilities of digitalisation for of the profession in real estate markets.

## **3. Cooperation**

### 3.1 Cooperation with Other Commissions

There has been cooperation with Commission 7 and 8 on WG 9.1. WG 9.2 is part of the FIG Task Force Developing Global Land Tools for Pro Poor Land Management, and it has been in co-operation with Commissions 3, 7, 8 and 10. With Commission 2 Com 9 has a joint WG 2.4 dealing with education of real estate economics. WG 9.5 is a joint Working Group with Commission 3.

### 3.2 Cooperation with Sister Organisations

Kauko Viitanen participated as representative of Commission 9 in the Cyprus Golf Development Conference organized by RICS in October 2007.

The contact person of Commission 9 for IVSC has been Brian Waldy.

### 3.2 Cooperation with UN

WG 9.1 organised the seminar on Compulsory Purchase and Compensation in Land Acquisition and Takings held in Helsinki on cooperation especially with UN FAO but also with UN-Habitat and WB. In addition, WG 9.2 has been organising their activities in cooperation with UN-Habitat.

### **4. Events**

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In September 2008 Commission 9 will take part to the Commission 7 seminar in Verona, Italy.

In autumn 2008 Commission 9 will arrange in co-operation with Commission 8 a seminar in Beijing, China.

### **5. Communication and Publications**

Apart from the papers presented in conferences, no other publications have established. The publication of Helsinki seminar is forthcoming.

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