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Commission 3
Spatial Information Management

**MINUTES OF
COMMISSION 3 MEETING
ATHENS 2000 WORKSHOP**

Friday 05 October 2000 at 08.00 - 09.45
at the Training & Conference Centre Of the National Bank of Greece,
Glifada, Athens, Greece

1. Announcements)

No special announcements

2. Presentations

Very brief presentations of the 25 participants from 13 countries.

Information about future events

Tor gave an update on the situation for Seoul and Washington

3. Working Week in Korea 2001

Commission 3 are interested in receiving abstracts in the following themes:

- Present status of Commission 3
 - Trends and future challenges within the field of
Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) / Spatial Information Management (SIM)
 - SDI and the Asian perspective
 - Knowledge Management
 - Joint session with Commission 2
 - Virtual Academy and distribution of Geographical Information
 - Deadline for abstracts were the 15th October 2000
- At present (22.10) 10 abstracts to Commission 3 have been submitted to Markku.
Markku is going to Korea on the 10th December and the program will have to be finalised before then.
- Remember the deadline for early registration is 15 February 2001.
 - FIG Working Week 2001 home page: <http://www.fww2001.or.kr>
 - The commission meetings are scheduled for Monday 7th May at 15.30.

5. FIG Congress in Washington 2002

We submitted 13 themes for the 10 sessions that Commission 3 wanted to be included in the «Call for papers» announcement.

Only the following themes were included in their «Call for Presentations»:

- National Spatial Data Infrastructures
 - Spatial Information Management
 - Distribution of Geographical Information
 - Legal Aspects in Spatial Information Management
 - GIS as Decision Support for Sustainable Development
- The **deadline for abstracts has been postponed to 21 August 2001.**
 - Their home page is: www.fig2002.com

4. Annual Meeting in Nairobi, 2001

Jes gave an overview of the present status of this exciting meeting and Humphrey K Njuguna of the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) presented a flyer as a first announcement and call for papers for the event called «International Conference on Spatial Information for Sustainable Development».

- There was some comments on the brochure and an updated version will be made available on www.FIG.net.
- The proposed deadline for abstracts is March 31st 2001.

In the minutes of the meeting in Prague a tour to Mount Kenya was announced!

This is still on, but it has been changed to a post-conference tour that will probably start from Nairobi at Saturday 6th October.

You will receive more details later, but the tour will start on the western slopes of the mountain and pass through dense rain and bamboo forests on a little used path. There will be two nights spent in tents and the third in the Austrian hut at about 4700 m. The third highest peak on Mt. Kenya, Pt. Lenana at 4985 m, can be reached in the evening on the third day or in the early morning on the fourth, depending on weather conditions. The descent will be by the normal route and the road end can be reached in one day. Since the approach to the summit area on the third day follows the same path up and down there is the possibility of a shortcut at about 4500 metres.

6. Future meetings

- There will be a minor event in Burkina Faso in March 2001.
- FYROM has announced that they might want to host a Commission 3 event in the autumn of 2002. Estonia has earlier shown interest, but nothing definite so far.
- The Working Week 2003 will be held in May in Eilat, Israel. Yerach suggested that one or two days could be added for a Commission 3 meeting in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv.
- Austria has proposed our annual meeting in 2003 to be held in Vienna in September/October. Gerhard want to have the meeting together with representatives of another profession.

7. Co-operation with Habitat

Robin informed about Habitat and his Working Group 3.3 which had 4 members present.

8. The FIG Statement on Sustainable Development

A Task Force based on Agenda 21 has been established and Helge Onsrud presented his 17 page long draft in Prague. He wants the commissions comments on this draft and he is in the process of making a revised version.

- Peter Laarakker volunteered to at least read the statement!

9. Working Groups

- WG 3.1 The Technical Approach to Spatial Information Management
Chryssy correctly concluded that the accomplishment of this Workshop was the main goal of their Working Group.
- WG 3.2: Spatial data infrastructure
Bernd Teichert informed about the progress of the questionnaire and he suggested a simpler process by using data that had already been assembled.
To utilise the national reports might also be an idea though it will be some work to pull out the needed information. To get additional information the same people that produced the national reports might be approached.
- A statement from this workshop with special emphasis on NSDI will be produced.
(Later distributed by Jes as «**Experiences and Visions**»).
- Enico Kovacs volunteered to assist in this Working Group.

10. Newsletter

- Next issue has been planned for November 2000 and another in spring 2001.
- Any contribution will be welcome.
- Especially about involvement in international activities. This is also of interest for the FIG Bulletin.
- Country reports presented in Athens could be issued in the Newsletter.

11. Homepage

- Reinfried Mansberger is still our Webmaster and he will include all Com. 3 papers that is submitted to him in a pdf-format (Adobe Acrobat Reader).
- A link to EUROGI will be established

12. Other matters

- Ernst reported on the Malta seminar held in September. One hundred delegates attended and 55 papers were presented during the 3 days seminar.
- Latest news on the new FIG Task Force on Culture and Language
- David Greenwood from Fiji has raised a question about information on GIS-software and a possible evaluation of available software.
It is very difficult for a developing country to be kept updated and they do not have the resources to either evaluate or find the necessary information.

- Jes informed about the future governance of FIG and the election process of Commission officers.

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