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First FIG Young Surveyors Conference

FIG will organise its first FIG Young Surveyors Conference in conjunction with the FIG Working Week in Rome, Italy, in May of this year. The Young Surveyors Conference will be held on 4th and 5th May 2012 at the Cassa Geometri in central Rome. The aim of the Young Surveyors Conference is to create a platform for young surveying professionals to network and discuss issues of common interest. The conference is aimed at young surveying professionals aged 35 or below, including undergraduate and postgraduate students. The FIG member associations are

encouraged to offer their representatives financial support to attend the conference by paying airfares, accommodation costs and registration fees. The individual member associations are free to decide on the level of support they offer. The FIG Foundation has awarded four fellowships to enable young surveyors from developing countries to attend. A limited number of additional grants to cover attendance at the conference may be provided by the organisers, which will be decided based on applications. Both academic and practical papers

are invited. The topics of the papers can cover any ten professional commissions of FIG.

The Platinum Sponsors of FIG Working Week 2012 – Trimble Navigation, ESRI and Consiglio Nazionale Geometri e Geometri Laureati (CNGeGL) – as well as Cassa Geometri are the main sponsors of the Young Surveyors Conference.

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The 3rd Cadastral Congress in Warsaw, Poland

The theme of the third International Cadastral Congress, organised in Warsaw, Poland, in October 2011, was 'Cadastré in sustainable spatial management'. The Congress was organised by the Association of Polish Surveyors in close cooperation with the Head Office of Geodesy in Poland. Some 150 participants from 19 different countries attended. The Congress was held under the auspices of the President of Poland, Mr. Bronisław Komorowski. The participants were welcomed by Stanisław Cegielski, president of the Polish Association of Surveyors, Jolanta Orlińska, surveyor general of Poland, and Teo CheeHai, president of FIG. Prof. Stig Enemark, honorary president of FIG, held a keynote speech. Issues discussed were the future of Cadastré (Cadastré 2014plus), cadastral reforms on a local and global scale, integration of the technical and legal part of cadastré,

cadastre in the field of disaster management and cadastré in the European Union. The ambitions of the Polish Cadastré are to build an innovative and fully transparent land administration, to support in e-government, to support in participatory approaches (spatial planning), to integrate land administration with other public registers and to support cross-border services (the EU Digital Agenda) and INSPIRE. Presenters at the Congress emphasised that the majority of data included in the cadastré, especially the spatial data, can serve as a primary reference for the other public registers. Future cadastré should register in real time all rights, limitations and duties. An institutional foundation is needed. The Congress recommended:

- to recognise cadastral systems as part of a wider state information

infrastructure, including the legal framework, and with relationships to various users, especially with the financial and banking sectors,

- to institutionalise cadastral systems in a coordinated manner in order to obtain the maximum benefit from the cadastré, and
- to consider that a cadastral system supports long-term financial investments.

Progressive, incremental cadastral development is realistic, taking into account available resources for its implementation. The definition and availability of appropriate data and applications standards is essential.

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