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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 circulated monthly or bi-monthly by e-mail. 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.



FIG Office wishes you:

Seasons Greeting and a Happy New Year
Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année
Fröhliche Weihnachten und Ein Gutes
Neues Jahr
Feliz Navidad y Prospero año nuevo!
Kul sanna wa'intum b'kheir
Yeni Yılınız Kutlu Olsun
새해 복 많이 받으세요!
Glædelig jul og godt nytår

Please notice that the FIG Office will be
closed
23 December 2013 - 3 January 2014.

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 a FIG conference or another event.

The Article of the Month in **December 2013** is written by **John Hannah, New Zealand: Climate Change and Responsible Governance: The Role of Surveyors in Assisting Small Island Developing States**. This paper was presented in a plenary session at the Pacific Region Small Island Developing States Symposium, 18-20 September 2013 in Suva, Fiji. The paper discusses how surveyors can contribute to the issues of climate change and responsible governance, particularly as they affect Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The paper reflects some of the work the FIG Task Force on Climate Change has been undertaking since it was established in 2010. John Hannah is chair and at the FIG Congress 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia the task force will deliver a final report.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/december_2013/hannah.html

FIG Congress 2014 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16-21 June 2014 – Registration opens 24 December



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION 24 DECEMBER 2013 – 24 MARCH 2014

It is happening! It is time to register to one of the premier international events within the surveying field in 2014; the XXV FIG Congress 2014 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



Why attend?

The silver jubilee Congress will be a grand celebration! The FIG XXV Congress will be a culmination of the four-year FIG Work Plan as well as the start of a new 4-year term with a new FIG President who will be elected at the 2014 General Assembly. The celebration will be a mix of interesting plenary and technical sessions and workshops; a trade exhibition and a variety of side events and social functions, giving you a unique opportunity to discuss best practices within the surveying profession with fellow peers. The Kuala Lumpur 2014 FIG Congress should be of interest to participants from all over the world and will be a memorable experience not to be missed.



The program

A fully packed program will be offered. The Congress will showcase the work of FIG and its Commissions, Task Forces and Permanent Institutions. The program will be underpinned by invited high level key note speakers in four plenary sessions. The four consecutive congress days will be offering up to 10 parallel sessions and workshops. In addition a range of technical tours will be offered aimed at highlighting the role of the profession in Malaysia and set across the broad context of FIG's Commissions. And did we mention the Malaysian evening and Gala dinner?



Experience the Malaysian culture at the social events

FIG Community

It is a time to "catch up" again, in terms of our individual as well as our respective organization's progress, rising above challenges and reinforced tacit knowledge. Together we can extend the use and usefulness of the Profession for the betterment of society, environment and economy towards a world that we want.



What are you waiting for... oh yes, the registration to open... It will happen December 24, 2013 – register here:

www.fig.net/fig2014/registration.htm

Read more at: www.fig.net/fig2014

Platinum sponsors of the Congress are Trimble, Esri and Leica, and primary supporter is Malaysia Convention and Exhibition Bureau



Call for nominations for FIG President and Vice Presidents for FIG for 2015-2018



Current FIG Council 2013-2014 (from left): VP **Rudolf Staiger**, Germany, VP **Chryssy Potsiou** Greece, President **CheeHai Teo**, Malaysia, VP **Pengfei Cheng** China, ACCO rep. **Yerach Doytsher**. VP **Bruno Razza** Italy was unfortunately not present for the photo session.

At the FIG Congress 2014, the 37th FIG General Assembly will take place on 16 and 21 June 2014. FIG Council is hereby inviting Member Associations to consider nominations for FIG President and for two FIG Vice Presidents for the period 2015-2018. Nominations must be received by Louise Friis-Hansen at louise.friis-hansen@fig.net.

Deadline for nominations: **15 February 2014**.

Nomination letter:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/election/Nomination_letter.pdf

Extract from FIG Internal Rules on Council nominations:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/election/fig_internal_rules_pres_vp.pdf

Template for nomination - FIG President 2015-18 (.docx):

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/election/pres_template_15-18.docx

Template for nomination - FIG Vice President 2015-18 (.docx):

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/election/vice_pres_template_15-18.docx

New Publication on the International Boundary Making - FIG Publication No.59

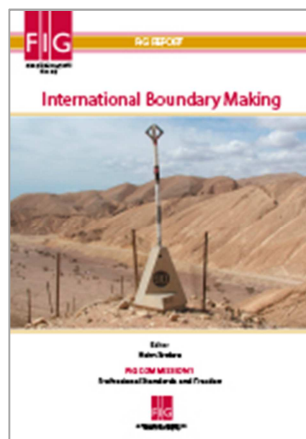


FIG Publication No. 59 International Boundary Making addresses surveying methodology and experiences in the delimitation and demarcation of international boundaries. Commission 1 has initiated the publication, and main editor is Haim Srebro.

FIG furthermore thanks the United Nations Cartographic Section for their peer review and New Zealand Institute of Surveyors for their support. The publication is a reference publication for all involved or interested in international boundaries and fills a gap both in surveying and international boundary literature.

The publication report on the International Boundary Making has been published in FIG report series and is available both as pdf and in hard copy.

<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub59/figpub59.htm>

A Paradigm Shift - Interview in GIM Magazine December 2013 with FIG President CheeHai Teo and Clarissa Augustinus, UN-HABITAT



The 5th Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) Partners' Meeting held in The Hague, The Netherlands, in November 2013 was the ideal occasion to interview Dr Clarissa Augustinus - the key driver behind GLTN - and Teo CheeHai, president of FIG. Published in the GIM Magazine, they discuss what GLTN means for surveyors.

http://www.fig.net/news/gim/13_12_Interview.pdf

FIG President visits Apeldoorn and Enschede, the Netherlands, 14-15 November 2013



Students and staff of the UNU School for Land Administration Studies with Teo CheeHai at ITC Faculty, University of Twente, Enschede

Subsequent to the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) partner meeting conducted in The Hague, FIG President CheeHai Teo paid a successful visit to GIN, Geo-Information Netherlands, the sole Member Association from The Netherlands, the Netherlands Kadaster and ITC Faculty of Twente University, both also members of FIG. Gratitude was expressed on behalf of FIG for the significant role the Netherlands has played in promoting innovative approaches to land administration, particularly in developing regions.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/netherlands_nov_2013.htm

5th GLTN Partners Meeting – GLTN is now in its second phase of operations 2012-2018 with substantial involvement by FIG



The bag

...the goal of the second phase is to improve tenure security of the urban and rural poor through the adoption and implementation of land policies, tools and approaches that are pro-poor, gender appropriate, effective and sustainable.

For several years FIG has been an active partner of the network and has contributed with various activities to help GLTN fulfill their overall goals.

In November all the partners met at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague, Netherlands for a three-day meeting with insightful speeches, discussions and a site visit to Dutch land tool areas.

http://fig.net/news/news_2013/gltn_partners_meet.htm

From the Wisdom of the Ages to the Challenges of the Modern World, FIG Working Week 2015 - preparation meeting, Sofia, Bulgaria, 29-31 October 2013



The Theater that is used in the 2015 Working Week logo

Although there is still long time to May 2015 the preparations for FIG Working Week have started. FIG Manager Louise Friis-Hansen visited the local organisers who had organised a meeting with Director General Valentin Yovev and his engaged staff, who showed their engagement in the Working Week 2015. A visit to the Bulgarian Minister of Investigation Design Ivan Danov was also organised, who gave his support to the FIG 2015 Working Week.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/bulgaria_oct_2013.htm

FIG Commission 7 Annual meeting 2013, "Land Policies and Land Governance International Symposium" and Workshop



Commission 7 Annual meeting in Yaoundé, Cameroon

A series of events was held in the Djeuga Palace hotel in Yaounde, the capital of Cameroon in October 2013:

- Annual Meeting of FIG Commission 7 on Cadastre and Land Management
- General Assembly of the FGF – the Fédération des Géomètres Francophones
- Training Workshop in Land Administration
- International Symposium on Land Policies and Land Governance

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/Yaounde_2013_Com7/Yaounde_Oct_2013.htm

Publication on the Proceedings of the 5th Land Administration Domain Model Workshop



Over 40 participants attended the workshop and a total of 25 peer reviewed papers were presented, covering a range of themes, including: the industry perspective on LADM; the linkage between LADM and information infrastructures; refined LADM modeling, 3D representations and formalizing LADM semantics; specific LADM country profiles; and implementation aspects.

Please find also the proceedings online

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/ladm2013_proceedings.htm

Booklet on The Value of Geoinformation for Disaster and Risk Management (VALID)



The Value of Geoinformation for Disaster and Risk Management (VALID) - Benefit Analysis and Stakeholder Assessment is published by the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JB GIS). The publication is the result of the collaboration of many scientists who are dedicated to the implementation of geospatial information for Disaster and Risk Management.

The publication can be downloaded at:

<http://www.un-spider.org/sites/default/files/VALIDPublication.pdf>

(9MB) or without login for the full 30 MB version

<https://app.box.com/s/ch80uodlfz29tzn11f9q>

World Bank 2014 Land and Poverty Conference



Under the theme of "Integrating Land Governance into the Post-2015 Agenda: Harnessing Synergies for Implementation and Monitoring Impact", the 2014 conference will focus on building a shared understanding of best practices in land governance. By providing an opportunity to strengthen collaboration between diverse experts in land governance, the conference aims to put stakeholders at the country level in a position to address this key development issue

<http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESE/ARCH/EXTPROGRAMS/EXTIE/0,,contentMDK:23467358~pagePK:64168182~piPK:64168060~theSitePK:475520,00.html>

Reminder - FIG Foundation presents:



2014 FIG Foundation Academic Research Grants

Research grants will be provided of up to 20,000 euros spread over two years. Applicants shall be based in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline **31 March 2014**.

Read more: www.fig.net/figfoundation/2014_research_grants.htm

2014 FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships

Scholarships will be provided of up to 4,000 euros to PhD students. Applicants shall be studying for a PhD degree and registered solely in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches

surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline **1 February 2014**.

Read more: www.fig.net/figfoundation/2014_phd_scholarship.htm

Job vacancies – updated December 2013

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

Personalia

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

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http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate_benefits.htm

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Twitter: https://twitter.com/FIG_NEWS

LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2669121&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr

Forthcoming events

31 March - 3 April, Washington DC, USA

Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty: Land Governance in the Post-2015 Agenda: Harnessing Synergies for Implementation and Monitoring Impact

Web site:

<http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTPROGRAMS/EXTIE/0,,contentMDK:23467358~pagePK:64168182~piPK:64168060~theSitePK:475520,00.html>

Call for papers:

http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014_world_bank_conference_call_for_paper.pdf

3-4 April, Prague, Czech Republic

INGEO 2014 - 6th International Conference on Engineering Surveying

Announcement: http://www.fig.net/events/2014/ingeo_announcement.pdf

16-18 April, Novosibirsk, Russia

Interexpo GEO-Siberia 2014 on "Advanced Geospatial and Surveying Technologies for Environmental Management and Sustainable Territorial Development" organized by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and LLC

Web site : <http://www.expo-geo.ru>

28-29 May, London, United Kingdom

GEO Business 2014, geospatial Exhibition and Conference, organised by The Survey Association (TSA), Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Web site: <http://geobusinessshow.com/>



16-21 June, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
XXV FIG Congress and General Assembly.
Web site: www.fig.net/fig2014

6-10 July, Norfolk Island, New Zealand
Charting and Mapping the Pacific Paradise of the Pitcairners conference. Organised by FIG Institution for the History of Surveying and Measurement.
Information sheet: http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014_norfolk_conf_austr.jpg
Program: http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014_norfolk_conf.jpg

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

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