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FIG e-Newsletter March-April 2013

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.

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.

March 2013

The article of the month in March 2013 is written by **Michael Barry, Richard Molero and Abdel-Rahman Muhsen**, Canada: **Evolutionary Land Tenure Information System Development: The Talking Titled Methodology**. This article was presented at the 8th FIG Regional Conference, 26-29 November 2012 in Montevideo Uruguay. The authors argue that conventional land registration systems often do not produce the desired results in uncertain land tenure situations such as peri-urban areas in developing world cities, post-conflict situations, land restitution cases and aboriginal lands. They introduce a methodology "The Talking Titled" system. The methodology was conceived in South Africa, and has recently been tested in Canada and Nigeria.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/february_2013/feb_2013.html

April 2013

The Article of the Month in April 2013 is written by **Iyenemi Ibimina Kakulu, Simeon Igbara, Isaac Akuru and Nekabari Paul Visigah**, Nigeria: **Land Access and Community Entry Challenges in Environmental Surveys Selected cases from Nigeria**. This paper is a Nigerian Peer Review paper, which will be presented at FIG Working Week 2013, 6-10 May, in Abuja, Nigeria. We are pleased to share this Peer Review paper with you already now prior the conference to highlight one of the challenges that Nigerian surveyors are dealing with, namely land access restrictions. Together with UNEP, the authors have undertaken a comprehensive environmental survey of several communities in the Niger Delta region, and their findings and methods are interesting not only in Nigeria but can be used in countries all over the world. At the conference you will be presented to many further papers both from Nigeria, Africa, and Internationally, that highlight the current challenges for surveyors.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/april_2013/april_2013_kakulu_et_al.html

FIG Working Week 2013 6-10 May in Abuja, Nigeria –technical programme is now available



FIG Working Week 2013

6-10 May, Abuja, Nigeria

"Environment for Sustainability"



Visiting a traditional pottery

Last chance to register

Do not miss the FIG Working Week that takes place in the city of Abuja, the new capital of Nigeria. The main theme for this working week is “**Environment for Sustainability**” moving the Surveying Profession to the next level. Experience Nigeria at the conference as well as on one of the post tours, and also a technical and a social tour is organised during the conference.

Two dinners are offered, a Nigerian Evening where you experience the Nigerian culture, as well as a Gala Dinner. Included in the registration is the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception, General Assembly, Plenary and Technical sessions, lunches and coffees as well as the farewell reception. Register now at the early bird fee.

<https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=95>



Nicon Luxury Hotel – the conference hotel and partly venue together with the International Conference Center

Please notice: Participants from **Nigeria, Ghana** and **Cameroon** shall register through Nigeria:

www.fig2013.nisngr.com

Technical Programme and Plenary Sessions

Each day of the conference from 11:00 – 12:30 a plenary session will take place with the following themes: Governance and Approaches, Technologies and Systems and Professional and Capacity Development. Each theme both has a local, regional and a global focus. We are pleased that the Institutional Partners of the Working Week are World Bank, UN-HABITAT, UN-GLTN and UNECA. There will be several special sessions with our partners as well as interesting technical sessions covering the areas of the ten FIG Commissions throughout the Working Week. You will also have the possibility to meet with your commission.



Road market

The technical programme is now available on the conference web site: http://www.fig.net/fig2013/technical_program.htm

Read more about the plenary sessions and speakers:

<http://www.fig.net/fig2013/plenary.htm>

More information

The conference web site is updated continuously:

www.fig.net/fig2013

FIG Working Week 2015, Sofia, Bulgaria - preparatory meeting 26-28 February 2013



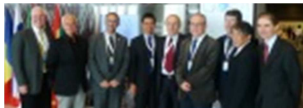


The local organising committee

"From the wisdom of the ages to the challenges of the modern world". Read about the background for choosing the theme of the Working Week 2015. At the FIG General Assembly in Rome 2012, Bulgaria was elected to be the host of the Working week 2015, and the preparation already started in June 2012. The local organizing committee is already working intensely on the preparations. FIG visited Sofia to discuss and work on the preparations.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/sofia_feb_2013.htm

United Nations: Second High Level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management, Doha, State of Qatar, 3-6 February 2013



Members of the JBGIS present at the Forum took the opportunity to have an ad-hoc meeting on the sideline of the Forum.

The Forum was staged pursuant to convene global forums to promote comprehensive dialogue on global geospatial information management with all relevant governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector. The Forum provided member states and stakeholders the unique opportunity to share and learn from each other to support local, regional and global sustainable development initiatives.

www.fig.net/news/news_2013/high_level_forum_doha.htm

FIG Annual Review 2012 and FIG Profile



The FIG Annual Review 2012 is now available as .pdf. Hard copies will be mailed to all members together with the minutes from the General Assembly in Abuja, Nigeria 2013. Also FIG Profile has been updated. You can download the FIG Annual Review and profile here:

FIG Annual Review 2012 - in pdf-format (20 pages and 1.2 MB):

http://www.fig.net/annual_review/anrew12/areview2012.pdf

FIG profile leaflet in A4 format as a .pdf-file (6 pages A4):

http://www.fig.net/general/profile/profile_2013.pdf

FIG profile leaflet in folded format as a .pdf file (2 pages, folded)

http://www.fig.net/general/profile/profile_2013.pdf

Newsletters and publications

Proceedings of 3rd International Workshop on 3D Cadastres: Development and Practices

<http://www.fig.net/pub/compub/compubindex.htm>

Job vacancies – updated April 2013

The World Bank, Aalto University Finland, University of Florida US.

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

Benefits from FIG Corporate Members

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

Forthcoming events

1-3 May, Tainan, Taiwan

The International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology (MMT2013). Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5 and 6

Web site: <http://conf.ncku.edu.tw/mmt2013/>

6-10 May, Abuja, Nigeria



Environment for Sustainability. FIG Working Week and General Assembly.
Web site: <http://www.fig.net/fig2013>

17-20 June, Texas at Tyler, USA

The 24th Biannual SaGES Colloquium & FIG Regional Conference. Co-organised by FIG Commission 2 and the Partnership Degree Program in Surveying and Mapping at Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Tyler.
Web site: <http://www.tjc.edu/SaGESconference>

18-20 June 2013, Manila, Philippine

The 12th South East Asia Survey Congress "Geospatial Cooperation towards a Sustainable Future". Co-organised by FIG Commissions 5 and 6

21-22 June, Manila, Philippines

Commission 5 and 6 Technical Seminar - Reference Frame in Practice. Co-organised by FIG Commissions 5 and 6, IAG (International Association of Geodesy), UN Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP), ICG (International Committee on GNSS) and PhilGEGS – Philippines Geodetic Engineering and Geomatic Society.
More information: http://www.fig.net/commission5/news/manila_june_2013.pdf

31 August 2013, Potsdam, Germany (alongside the IAG Scientific Assembly)
JBGIS Annual Meeting hosted by IAG, together with the IAG Scientific Assembly

9-11 September 2013, Nottingham, United Kingdom

The second Joint FIG/IAG International Symposium on Deformation Monitoring (JISDM)
Web site: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/engineering/conference/jisdms/index.aspx>
Call for paper: <http://www.fig.net/events/2013/jisdms.pdf>

24-25 September, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

International FIG workshop on the Land Administration Domain Model (LADM2013).
Organised in conjunction with ISG2013.
Web site: <http://www.isoladm.org>

21-25 October, Yaounde, Cameroon

2nd Surveying Week: Building Capacities in Land Reforms and Land Management jointly with the annual assembly of Commission 2 and Commission 7 and the general assembly of the FIG. Organised by l'Ordre des Géomètres du Cameroun, FIG Commission 2 and 7

7-8 November, Sofia, Bulgaria

The XXIII International Symposium On Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice In Geodesy and Related Fields
Web site: <http://geodesy-union.org/>

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

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