



Summary of breakout-session at Annual Meeting 2007 in Seoul, Korea

Intentions of Working Group 7.3 (presented by chair)

Working group 7.3 aims to focus on the following topics:

- explore Open-Source possibilities;
- continue the data modelling activities (together with WGr 7.1);
- explore new technologies that may impact on land administration (e.g. orthophoto technology, GoogleEarth possibilities);
- technology and procedures for enhanced and simplified customer contact (e.g. orthophoto, notepad, etc).

Intended deliverables:

- 1 symposium during an annual meeting;
- 1 workshop or session apart from annual meeting (eg. during a Working Week or Regional Meeting);
- 1 publication.

Form of intended publication:

- booklet with 3-4 sections;
- with contributions (2-4 pages) and invited papers (8-10 pages);
- aim: relevant for UN organizations and countries in development.

Attendance 19 May 2007

- Kevin Daugherty (USA)
- Libor Tomandl (CZE)
- Conrad Tang (HK)
- Romualdas Kasperavicius (LIT)
- Alexander Lazarov (BUL)
- Hans Knoop (GER)
- Markus Seifert (GER)
- Gyula Ivan (HUN)
- Daniel Steudler (SUI) (Chair)

Discussed issues in break-out session and in plenary

Data Modelling Activities

The aim of this topic is to look into the data modelling activities in general and to maybe provide support for "users". As working group 7.1 is already developing and looking into the "Core Cadastral Domain Model", working group 7.3 does not intend to do the same. It rather would like to provide support in the issue and maybe to arrange for case studies and practical application guidelines.

Joint initiative with FAO and WB for "FOSS Cadastre"

The initiative has been made by the FAO-Land Tenure Service, which in cooperation with WB-Thematic Group on Land Administration and FIG-Commission 7 would like to explore the topic and its possibilities. FAO will commission a scoping paper and maybe one or two case studies this year.

This topic stirred some discussions: → Is there really a need for that? → FOSS is not exactly free of cost. → Problems in maintaining. → Data is by factor 10 more expensive; so why save in software? → Does FIG need to be involved in such initiatives?

In the plenary, there were however also encouraging remarks and suggestions were made for different opportunities.

International boundary delimitation

During the working week in Hong Kong, a presentation was made about international boundary delimitations. The issue could be interesting in terms that there are recommended models, but they are nowhere officially recognized. It might be a task for FIG to establish internationally recognized guidelines.

The discussion in the plenary suggested that the topic might get too political and it was therefore decided to drop it.

eServices

During the discussions in the plenary, proposals were made that WG 7.3 also should be looking into e-Land issues, such as eServices, eLand Administration, eLand Management, eGovernment, eGovernance and similar. Maybe the Verona meeting 2008 could benefit from Ispra contacts (INSPIRE and other geoinformation issues).

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