

Dear Commission 7 Delegates, Correspondents and friends!

It is a great pleasure to invite you to the **Annual Meeting 2018 of FIG Commission 7**, which will be held on **24-28 September 2018** in Bergen/Norway, Europe.

This year's Annual Meeting will be connected to an **International Seminar** on "Cadastre in a digital world - Nordic and Global Perspectives" on 24-25 September 2018, co-organised with Tekna Samfunnsutviklerne and Geoforum in cooperation with the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences in Bergen.

The theme of the Seminar will highlight innovative technologies and models for implementing fully digital cadastral procedures, perspectives for institutional arrangements in general and analysis of status in Nordic countries. A special focus will be on professional developments and qualification requirements for surveyors of the future.

The FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting will provide as always a platform for bringing together professionals at a global level from private and public service, from academic institutions as well as from industry to discuss about future trends in Cadastre & Land Management, to elaborate on visions on how to increase transparency and trust in existing land registration systems, on how to strengthen the position of land owners and citizen in land registration processes. Improvement of collaboration among the professional community and users as well as qualification requirements will be addressed in the event. At the end of my term of office as Chair of FIG Commission 7 there will be time for the incoming Chair Daniel Paéz to discuss with Delegates about the Workplan and the team for his term starting at the beginning of next year.

The local organisers in Bergen have prepared for an excellent surrounding for the Annual Meeting and the Seminar as well for social events and have arranged for a most interesting technical tour at the end of the week. Special thanks to our Norwegian Delegate to FIG Commission 7 and local organiser, Leiv Bjarte Mjøs and his colleagues, for making this event happen and for preparing for arrangements at reasonable rates.

Therefore – don't miss to join the Annual Meeting 2018 and the International Seminar!

You will find all **information** on registration, accommodation, travelling, visa as well as a draft outline of the programme at http://com7fig.wixsite.com/fig-commission7-2018. Please take care of the **early bird registration** deadline on **1 August 2018**!

The planning for the Technical Sessions of the Annual Meeting starts with the circulation of this invitation. Attendants are invited to apply for **presentations** on topics linked to the theme of the Annual Meeting before **1** August 2018. Please provide the title and 2-3 lines of abstract including full name of presenter to me at figcom7@gmail.com

The programme for the international seminar will be set up by presentations of invited speakers.

Please feel free to forward this e-mail to persons who might be interested to attend the event.

Looking forward to meeting you in Bergen!

Gerda Schennach Chair of FIG Commission 7