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FIG Newsletter – January 2018

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the January issue of FIG Newsletter. Register now for the FIG Congress 2018 and get the Early Bird discount. The programme is taking shape, and you are invited to an exciting four-day programme filled with technical sessions, networking opportunities and a great adventure. In this issue you will also find reports from the annual meetings of Commission 3 and Commission 7, the Africa Regional Network meeting, preparations for FIG Working Week 2019 and a symposium in Shanghai on land use and green development.

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Article of the Month

Each month on the FIG web site we publish a paper called the Article of the Month.

January 2018 is written by Daniel Páez, Abbas Rajabifard & Joaquín Andrés Franco Gantiva, Colombia: [Methodological proposal for measuring and predicting Urban Green Space per capita in a Land-Use Cover Change model: Case Study in Bogota](#). This paper was presented at the Commission 7 Annual Meeting in Bogota Colombia. It describes the problem of lack of sustainable urban planning and territorial ordinance plans which have led to nullification, fragmentation and reduction of green space and strategic ecosystems within cities.

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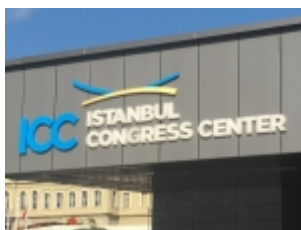


06-11 MAY 2018
**EMBRACING OUR SMART WORLD
 WHERE THE CONTINENTS CONNECT:
 ENHANCING THE GEOSPATIAL
 MATURITY OF SOCIETIES**



Welcome to beautiful Istanbul

The Congress is organised by FIG and the Turkish Chamber of Survey and Cadaster Engineers (CSCE) and will take place 6 – 11 May 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey.



The venue is Istanbul Congress Center

We are certain that Istanbul will exceed in meeting all requirements and expectations for a memorable and successful Congress. This geographical area has not hosted any FIG Congress and General Assembly before. Istanbul is one of the most impressive and attractive cities at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, where unique beauties of the West and the East come together.

The overall theme of the large 4-year Congress is:

***Embracing our smart world where the continents connect:
 enhancing the geospatial maturity of societies***



Conference ad - if you would like to use it, please contact us

The four day conference will offer an exciting and varied choice of technical sessions, technical tours and of course also the opportunity to explore the wonderful city and surroundings of Istanbul as well as the famous Turkish hospitality. The technical programme is now taking shape and is an exciting mixture of sessions composed from the open call for papers, special sessions, sessions organised jointly with our partners such as UN-Habitat/GLTN and FAO and of course the highlight of each day, the plenary sessions. The plenary sessions cover the following areas:

- Urban development
- Modern technology usage for our profession
- Rural development
- Spatially enabled societies



The lively Istanbul city center - a city that never sleeps

Register now

Register **here** for the Congress 2018.

Your easy steps to register:

- Enter your personal information;
- Register to Congress, Pre-events, **Dinners**;
- Book **Technical Tours** and **Social Tours**;
- Book **Accommodation**;
- Finally go to payment details.

When you register before 20 February 2018 you are entitled to the Early Bird Registration of 650 €

Pre-events

Three exciting Pre-events are offered:



Istanbul Congress Center is situated in the city centre of Istanbul

- 4TH FIG Young Surveyors Conference
- Reference Frames in Practice Seminar
- BIM for Surveyors Workshop



There are many hotels nearby the Istanbul Congress Center and it is located near the famous Taksim Square

More information at: <http://www.fig.net/fig2018/>

Social events and tours

The Congress is not only about technical sessions, learning and presentations. Also very important is the networking part of the FIG Congress. The Welcome Reception is included in the registration fee, and it will be possible to meet old colleagues/friends from all over the world and to make new acquaintances especially if you participate for the first time. A traditional Turkish Dinner is organised at the Military Museum, and the festive Gala Dinner will take place on a Boat on Bosphorus. [Read more](#)

Further to this there are both exciting [technical tours](#) and [social tours](#) not to miss.

Exhibition and sponsorship

Secure your stand at exhibition - the stands are rapidly sold out. The exhibition will be built up in the hallways of the session rooms and will therefore be well visited throughout the conference days. [Read more:](http://www.fig.net/fig2018/exhibitors.htm)

Read more about your sponsorship opportunities at:

<http://www.fig.net/fig2018/sponsors.htm>

Congress information

Stay updated – visit the congress site: www.fig.net/fig2018 which is updated regularly.

NEWS FROM COMMISSIONS

Annual Meeting – FIG Commission 7



The Annual Meeting of FIG Commission 7 took place in Cartagena, Colombia. The meeting was combined with the Conference on Cadastre for Emergencies and Disasters - Challenges and opportunities for islands and coastlines, which was co-organised with FIG Commission 9.

https://www.fig.net/news/news_2018/01_commission7_meeting.asp

Commission 3 workshop and Annual Meeting 2017



Commission 3 workshop and Annual Meeting 2017 held on 27 - 30 November 2017 in Lisbon, Portugal was a great success. More than seventy members from five different continents participated.

https://www.fig.net/news/news_2018/01_commission3_meeting.asp

NEWS FROM FIG

Africa Regional Network: Challenges and Opportunities in Facing the SDG's



Report of the Annual Africa Regional Network Capacity Development workshop held on 21 - 23rd November 2017 partnering with ESRI Rwanda and hosted by the Institute of Applied Science- Ruhengeri.

https://www.fig.net/news/news_2018/01_ARN_meeting.asp

Visit to Vietnam for the preparations of FIG Working Week 2019



The Working Week is now taking shape. FIG Vice President Mikael Lilje and director Louise Friis-Hansen visited the local organisers of the conference, and met with the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Natural Resources of Environment. The logo element for FIG Working Week 2019 shows the Temple of Literature, Hanoi.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/11_ggim_mexico.asp

Land Use and Green Development in Rural and Urban development



Shanghai International Symposium of Land and Future took place 24-25 November 2017 in Shanghai, China. The symposium had land use and green development in both rural and urban areas on the agenda and land consolidation.

https://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/11_shanghai.asp

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Kind regards,
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Web site: www.fig.net/fig2018



FIG Working Week 2019, 22–26 April 2019 in Hanoi, Vietnam
Web site: www.fig.net/fig2019



FIG Working Week 2020, 10–14 May 2020. Amsterdam, Netherlands
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