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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 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 – November 2009

On the FIG web site we publish each month 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 an FIG conference or another event. The Article of the Month in November 2009 is written by **Keith Clifford Bell**, The World Bank, East Asia Pacific Region, USA. His paper "*Trends in Land Administration and Management with Particular Reference to World Bank Support for Projects in the East Asia Region*", has been prepared and presented as a keynote presentation at the 7th FIG Regional Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009. Read the paper:

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/november_2009/november_2009_bell.html

FIG Congress 2010 - Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010

FIG Congress 2010 - Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity will be held in **Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010**. Final Invitation and Call for Papers brochure is available as a .pdf file at:

www.fig.net/fig_2010/fig2010_final_invitation.pdf (20 pages, 1.26 MB).

Online registration is open on the congress web site: www.fig2010.com

The organisers have received more than 800 proposals from 80 countries for presentations in the technical programme. Deadline for abstracts has passed but few late coming proposals will be considered, but you need to send your proposal immediately online: www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12

There will be about 150 technical sessions, workshops, special forums etc. So a congress not to be missed. The draft programme will be launched by the end of November 2009.

Authors will be informed about acceptance of their paper by **30 November 2009**.

Deadline for full papers (non peer review) is **21 January 2010**.

The organisers have also announced the FIG 2010 Congress Prize, read more:

www.fig.net/fig_2010/prize.htm. Deadline for applications is **30 November 2009**.

Call for nominations - Election of FIG President for 2011-2014, 2 Vice Presidents, Chairs of all FIG Commissions, and selection of the venue for the FIG Congress 2014

At its meeting in Sydney, Australia 11-16 April 2010 the FIG General Assembly will elect the FIG President, 2 Vice Presidents, Chair of each of the 10 Commissions for 2011-2014, and select the venue for the FIG Congress 2014. The FIG Council has announced the call for nominations for these elections. Please read more in the call for nominations letter.

Closing date for nominations for the elections will be **8 December 2009**. Deadline for bids to host FIG Congress 2014 is **17 November 2009**, if you have any questions, please contact the FIG Office, email: markku.villikka@fig.net.

Call for nominations:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/elections_2010/call_for_nominations_sept_2009.pdf

Nomination template for the President election:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/elections_2010/nomination_template_pres.doc

Nomination template for the Vice President election:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/elections_2010/nomination_template_vp.doc

News from last month:

7th FIG Regional Conference - Spatial Data Serving People - Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity, Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009 - Conference attracted almost 400 participants from more than 50 countries



Speakers at the Opening Ceremony



7th FIG Regional Conference - *Spatial Data Serving People - Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity* was held in Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009. The conference was attended by almost 400 people from 52 countries. Mr. **Pham Khoi Nguyen**, Minister of Environment, Vietnam opened the conference. FIG President **Stig Enemark** addressed in his opening address the key topics on land administration and environmental management. The conference included a two-day Regional Consultation Meeting on the "FAO Voluntary Guidelines for responsible governance of tenure of land and other natural resources" that FIG organised jointly with FAO Land Tenure and Management Unit (NRLA). This meeting was attended by more than 70 experts from Asia. The conference further included a special workshop on Asia Pacific Reference Frame organised jointly with PCGIAP and IAG. More than 150 presentations were made in 50 sessions and workshops. All papers are included in the online proceedings. The second FIG regional conference in South East Asia was organised jointly by FIG and the Viet Nam Association of Geodesy, Cartography and Remote Sensing, VGCR. It gathered 250 participants from Asia, South-East Asia region and overseas and 150 from Vietnam to discuss land and surveying issues.

Read more:

Conference report: www.fig.net/news/vietnam_2009/

Picture gallery: www.fig.net/news/vietnam_2009/picture_gallery_01.htm

Proceedings: www.fig.net/pub/vietnam

Conference web site: www.fig.net/vietnam

Participant list: www.fig.net/news/vietnam_2009/participant_list.pdf

President Stig Enemark's Opening Address:

www.fig.net/pub/vietnam/papers/opening/opening_enemark.pdf

President Stig Enemark's: Closing Address and Congress Summary:

www.fig.net/pub/vietnam/ppt/closing/closing_enemark_ppt.pdf

FIG Council and Commission Officers meet during the 7th FIG Regional Conference - Hanoi, Vietnam, 17-18 October 2009



Commission Chairs and Chairs Elect.

The FIG Council and Commission Officers had their administrative meetings during the 7th FIG Regional Conference. At the ACCO meetings on 17th and 18th October the focus was in commission co-operation issues. Commission chairs used lot of time for planning the technical programme for FIG Congress in Sydney in April 2010. Almost 800 papers including 120 papers for peer review offer an opportunity to create the biggest and high profile programme ever at an FIG Congress. The draft programme will be published in late November 2009. Commission Chairs Elect started preparations for the draft work plans so that they have material to discuss with their national delegates in Sydney.

Read more:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/council_october_2009.htm

Vice President CheeHai Teo attends the South Luzon Area Assembly of the Geodetic Engineers of the Philippines - Quezon City, The Philippines, 7-8 November 2009



FIG Vice President Teo CheeHai in Quezon City, The Philippines

"Accelerating the Development of Cadastral Spatial Data Infrastructures Towards Sustainable Good Land Governance", was the theme of the South Luzon Area Assembly of the Geodetic Engineers of the Philippines Inc., held on 6 & 7 November 2009, Quezon City, The Philippines.

FIG Vice President, **CheeHai TEO** attended the recently concluded South Luzon Area Assembly and he was warmly received. FIG Vice President delivered a keynote presentation entitled "Keeping Pace with the Times". Read more:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/quezon_november_2009.htm

FIG President Stig Enemark Attends the The Eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia & the Pacific (UNRCC-AP) - United Nations Headquarters, Bangkok, Thailand, 26-29 October 2009



Paul Cheung, Director UNSD, Stig Enemark, President FIG, and Greg Scott, President of the 18th UNRCC-AP.

President **Stig Enemark** gave a keynote at the Eighteenth United Nations Cartographic Conference for Asia & the Pacific (UNRCC-AP) held in Bangkok 26-29 October 2009. The conference is convened every three years since 1955. The overall theme was "Spatial Enablement and the Response to Climate Change and the Millennium Development Goals". The conference was organized by the UN Statistics Division in Bangkok at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and headed by Mr. Paul Cheung, Director of the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD). The conference provides a unique platform for discussion and understanding of the regional needs, and for networking with national agencies and other NGO's.

Read more:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/bangkok_october_2009.htm

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting 2009 and One-Day Open Symposium on "Progressing Towards u-Cadastre" - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12-16 October 2009



One-day Open Symposium in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

This year's FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. More than 40 delegates from 22 countries participated the meeting. **András Osskó**, Chair of the Commission, and Commission 7 working group chairs gave reports on the Commission 7 activities. The One-day Open Symposium on „*Progressing Towards ubiquitous Cadastre*” was a successful event: Besides of international delegates more than 200 professionals attended from Malaysia and neighbouring countries.

Read more:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/malaysia_october_2009.htm

President Stig Enemark attends the First Conference of the Federation of French-speaking Surveyors (Fédération des Géomètres Francophones) - Prague, Czech Republic, 8-9 October 2009



FIG President Stig Enemark, President FGF Alain Gaudet and Daniel Roberge, Chair Elect of FIG Commission 7.

President **Stig Enemark** attended the First Conference of the Federation of French-speaking Surveyors (Fédération des Géomètres Francophones) - FGF in Prague, Czech Republic 8-9 October 2009. Representatives from ten countries discussed land problems in the attending countries, particularly in Africa, as well as problems related to the organization of the surveying profession (géomètre-expert). It was agreed that FIG and FGF will organise some joint session in French during the FIG Congress in Sydney in April 2010.

Read more:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/prague_october_2009.htm

Job and project opportunities (latest updated 16 November 2009)

Please notice following:

- **ORGUT** is looking for International Land Administration Advisors, deadline **31 December 2009**.
Read job details: www.fig.net/jobs/orgut_advert_11_2009.pdf
- **FAO** is looking for Land Administration Officer (IT) - P-4, deadline **27 November 2009**.
Read more: www.fao.org/VA/PROF/Project/NR/NRLA_479_09_PRJ.htm

Publications:

Commission 5 Newsletter - November 2009: Commission 5 at the FIG Regional Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam

Read more: www.fig.net/news/vietnam_2009/comm5_hanoi_report.pdf

FIG Annual Review 2008

The FIG Annual Review 2008 is available on the web at:

www.fig.net/annual_review/anrew08/areview2008.pdf (32 pages, 3.8 MB). Hard copies can be ordered from the FIG Office, email: fig@fig.net.

Forthcoming events:

XXIV FIG International Congress - Facing the Challenges - Building the Capacity and XXXIII General Assembly, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010

Read more: www.fig2010.com and register to the congress now.

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30 November-1 December, Chisinau, Moldova

Conference "Citizens Rights to Real Property". Supported and co-organised by Commission 3 and Commission 7

9-11 March, Bonn, Germany

2nd International Conference on Machine Control & Guidance. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5 and 6.

Web site: www.mcg.uni-bonn.de

22-24 April, Lviv, Ukraine

15th International Conference Geoforum 2010.

Web site: www.lp.edu.ua/geoforum/

Deadline for papers: **24 January 2010**.

27-29 April 2010, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation

The Sixth International Exhibition and Scientific Congress Industrial Forum "GEO-SIBERIA-2009". Organised by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and ITE Siberian Fair.

Web site: <http://geosiberia.sibfair.ru/eng/>

10-13 July, San Diego, CA, USA

The 2010 Survey & Engineering GIS Summit. Organised as part of the ESRI User Conference. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: www.esri.com/events/survey/index.html

15-17 September, Zurich, Switzerland

2010 International Conference on Indoor Positioning and Indoor Navigation (IPIN). Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5.

Web site: <http://www.ipin.ethz.ch>

15-17 September, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)

International Conference on Spatial Data Infrastructures 2010. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: <http://www.agisee.org/sdiconf2010.htm>

September, Czech Republic

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting.

Web site: www.fig.net/commission7

25-26 November, Copenhagen

FIG Seminar and Handover Ceremony.

Web site: www.fig.net

Contact: fig@fig.net

18-22 May, Marrakech, Morocco

Bridging the Gap between Cultures. FIG Working Week and General Assembly.

Web site: www.fig.net

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

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