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FIG Newsletter September 2015

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG 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 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 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.

September 2015 - Haim Srebro, Israel: Implementation of Marine Cadastre in Israel. This paper was presented at the FIG Working Week in Sofia, Bulgaria, 17-21 May 2015. Implementation of marine cadastre in Israel started in 2011. This paper elaborates on the implementation and plans regarding a marine cadastre that will achieve a cadastral coverage over the sovereign area of Israel, including a description of its implementation in the approved marine settlement blocks as a result of cooperation between Survey of Israel (SOI) and the Department of Registration and Land Settlement (The Land Registry) under the Ministry of Justice.

http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2015/srebro_september_2015.asp

Call for bids – are you interested in hosting FIG Working Week 2020



FIG member associations are invited to consider making a bid to host the FIG Working Week 2020 together with FIG. At its meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand 2 and 6 May 2016, the FIG General Assembly will select the host and venue for the Working Week 2020. The Council has prepared bidding guidelines for making the bid. These guidelines explain in detail the information that is required for a successful bid.

Deadline: 30 November 2015

www.fig.net/organisation/general_assembly/agendas_and_minutes/2016/bids/FIG_WW2020_bidding_material.pdf

FIG Working Week 2016 – Call for papers – Deadline for Peer review paper is October 1, 2015



Recovery from disaster

We invite you to submit abstract and full paper for peer review paper by **1 October 2015** and abstract for non-peer-review paper by **15 November 2015**.

The call for papers is announced at:

www.fig.net/fig2016/call.htm



When you are preparing your paper please follow these guidelines:

www.fig.net/fig2016/presenter_practicalities.htm



Post-earthquake Christchurch is an ideal venue for an international surveying conference with the theme "**Recovery from Disaster**". It is being held at a time when considerable rebuilding and renewal is underway throughout the city and the areas of Canterbury affected by the 2010-2011 earthquakes sequence. Many inhabitants throughout the World face various kinds of disasters, apart from earthquakes as in Christchurch, such as flooding, storm events, tsunamis, drought, the after effects of conflict etc. that are a world-wide challenge, especially taking the effects of climate change into consideration. Disasters, natural or otherwise, directly impact surveyors and spatial professionals and their work on the land, under the seas, in the air and in space.



We are proud already now to announce the general focus for the plenary sessions:



Each day invited international recognized experts will deal with topics within the overall theme of the Working Week "Recovery from Disaster". They will address key challenges of our time within the surveying profession:



Day 1: The Christchurch story "Christchurch's response to the 2011 earth quake

Day 2: Disaster Management and Recovery framework – The Surveyors response

Day 3: The Public, The Private and the Peoples response for Disaster Management and Recovery in the Surveying Profession - New technologies

More information at: www.fig.net/fig2016

Plenary partners:



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InterGeo 2015 – FIG attended with a stand in the exhibition



Again this year FIG greeted many visitors at the FIG stand and had the chance to talk to both members and potential future members of FIG. FIG President **Chryssy Potsiou** and FIG Vice President **Rudolf Staiger** attended the exhibition and conference.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2015/2015_intergeo_report.asp

FIG president Potsiou meets with the three FIG members from Israel – 6-7 September 2015



The FIG President met the President of the Association of Licensed Surveyors of Israel, the Director General of the Survey of Israel in Tel Aviv, and she visited both Technion – Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa and SIVAN Design private company in Tel Aviv, Israel.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2015/2015_09_visit_israel.asp

Strength in the Storm by Thomson Reuters



FIG Corporate Member Thomson Reuters has produced a retrospective video on the impact of Hurricane Katrina – the largest storm to ever hit the U.S. It tells the story of the courageous and trying work of local government officials in Louisiana and Mississippi to preserve land records and to carry on providing vital services to the public.

http://www.fig.net/members/corporatemembers/corporate_news.asp

Highlights from Commissions

FIG Commission 4.1 - Standards and Guidelines for Hydrography has updated their work plan information on their web site:

www.fig.net/organisation/comm/4/2015-2018/WG/wg_4.1_15_18.asp

Announcements

FIG Commission 10 Chair See Lian Ong appointed FIG representative in ICMS



FIG is a member of the International Construction Measurement Standards (ICMS) coalition. At the first meeting for the coalition members in June 2015, See Lian Ong represented FIG, and signed the Declaration on behalf of FIG Council. FIG Council has appointed Chair of FIG Commission 10 See Lian Ong to be the FIG representative to the Standard Setting Committee. FIG is following the development of the work of ICMS with great interest.

Honorary Member Jo Henssen passed away 7 September 2015

It is with sorrow that we inform that Jo Henssen died 7 September 2015. Jo Henssen was an honorary member of FIG and he has participated in many FIG activities and events throughout the years.

Read the obituary by Paul van der Molen - <http://www.fig.net/news/personalia/index.asp>

We have also received information from Director General Ronen Regev that Dr. Ron Adler - Survey of Israel Director General 1971-1992 has passed away. He was also a very active person within FIG and organized the FIG Conference in Tel Aviv 1974 and was also involved in the recent FIG Working Week 2009 in Eilat. <http://www.fig.net/news/personalia/index.asp>

Vacancies and project opportunities

Check the vacancies submitted by: FAO and ITC

www.fig.net/about/jobs/index.asp

Forthcoming events

FIG Commission 2 and 7 Workshop in Kathmandu Nepal, 25-27 November 2015



FIG Commission 2 and 7 invite to the International Workshop on the "Role of Land Professionals and SDI in Disaster Risk Reduction: in the Context of Post 2015 Nepal Earthquake". The Workshop is organized in cooperation with ISPRS, Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyor and Nepal Remote Sensing and Photogrammetric Society.

www.workshopnepal2015.com.np/

FIG Commission 3 and 7 Workshop Malta, 16-20 November 2015



FIG Commission 3, Commission 7 and Malta institution of Surveyors are organising a Joint Workshop and Commission 7 Annual Meeting on Crowdsourcing of Land Information. This workshop will explore how we can engage citizens through crowdsourcing within a new citizen collaborative model for land administration that would be much more inclusive for the disadvantaged and vulnerable, increase access to land markets and help support poverty reduction.

www.fig.net/news/news_2015/2015_08_com3_7_malta.asp

GIM International Summit



FIG is an endorsing partner of the inaugural GIM International Summit. The discussions at this high-end conference will be fuelled by speakers external to the geomatics industry who will explain the needs and desires of the outside world and suggest how the geomatics sector should respond.

www.fig.net/news/news_2015/2015_05_gim_summit.asp

3 – 6 October 2015, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

"Surveying & Development" regional conference organised by The Arab Union of Surveyors (AUS), The National Water Research Center (NWRC), The Egyptian Committee for Surveying and Mapping (ECSM), and the Egyptian Survey Authority (ESA).

Invitation: http://77.243.131.160/events/2015/regional_conf_egypt_2015.pdf

22-24 October, Rabat, Morocco

7th National Congress on Land Policy Fit for Purpose the Sectorial Strategies incl. Expert Forum: A view of the international experts. Organised by ONIGT, supported by FIG Commission 7.

Invitation: http://www.fig.net/events/2015/onigt_oct.pdf

6-7 November, Sofia, Bulgaria

XXV International Anniversary Symposium organised by Union of Surveyors and Land Managers in Bulgaria

8-10 November, Nairobi, Kenya

FIG Regional Capacity Development Network - Africa. Challenges and Opportunities in Facing the SDG's: Generational Diversity in the Land Professional Sector. The Lukenya Gateway, Nairobi Kenya. Invitation sent to FIG Member Associations

16-20 November, Malta

Commission 3 and 7 meeting 2015. Crowdsourcing of Land Information. Joint FIG Commission 3 and 7 meeting organised by FIG Commission 3 and 7 in cooperation with Malta Institution of Surveyors.

<http://www.fig.net/events/2015/com3-7-invitation.pdf>

25-27 November 2015, Kathmandu, Nepal

FIG Commission 2 Workshop 2015, Kathmandu, Nepal "Strengthening Education for Land Professionals and Opportunities for SDI Development. Jointly organised by FIG Commission 2 and ISPRS Working Group IV/4 together with the Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (NICS) and the Nepal Remote Sensing and Photogrammetric Society (NRSPS).

9-11 December, Sydney, Australia

The 9th International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology – MMT2015

Web site: www.mmt2015.org

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30 March - 1 April, Vienna, Austria

3rd Joint International Symposium on Deformation Measurements, JISDM, organised by FIG, Commission 6 "Engineering Surveys" and IAG, commission 4 "Applications"

Web site: www.jisd2016.org

20 - 22 April, Novosibirsk, Russia

XIIth International exhibition and scientific forum "Interexpo GEO-Siberia- 2016", organised by Siberian State University of Geosystems and Technologies (SSUGT) and Exhibition operator LLC "Interexpo Geo- Siberia", co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: www.expo-geo.ru

2-6 May, Christchurch, New Zealand



FIG Working Week and General Assembly.

Web site: www.fig.net/fig2016

29 May – 2 June 2017, Helsinki, Finland

FIG WORKING WEEK 2017



with the overall theme "Surveying the world of tomorrow – from digitalisation to

augmented reality”.

Web site: www.fig.net/fig2017

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

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