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**1. Introduction**

As usual OICRF carried out its activities in all three areas of its tasks, namely:

- to collect and systematically file and index all documentation material relating to existing cadastres and land registration systems;
- to make studies of that material, followed by publication of the results;
- to give information and advice on all cadastres and land registration systems to all interested persons and institutions, whether for the purpose of study or to help countries wishing either to introduce a cadastre or a land registration system or to improve the existing system.

**2. The Collection**

After the introduction and presentation of the renewed Internet-site OICRF spent most of its time and efforts to the consolidation of the presented services.

Also in 2001 OICRF continued on bringing the most important part of the collection digitally into the database. This concerns the documents which OICRF expects to be asked for and consulted mostly.

The growth of the collection is satisfactorily. Magazines' articles, dissertations and other books are still useful input for the OICRF collection. Since OICRF brings in the new documents digitally anyway, it has the most recent publications always digitally available for its users.

Up to now almost 4000 publications on Cadastre and Land Administration have been brought digitally into the database. Almost 7000 visitors experienced this site until the end of 2001.

**3. Information and advice**

Bringing publications digitally into the database is an activity which has been given much priority in 2001. By doing this OICRF is able to provide the most important part of the desired publications via the Internet, mostly within a few minutes. Trying to offer quick services is part of OICRF's duties.

Furthermore also this year OICRF presented itself as a host, by receiving delegations from abroad. Thus was it in the opportunity to promote its activities and tasks, as well as its international reputation. OICRF was again invited to lecture at academy.

#### 4. Comparative studies

Last year OICRF published several (comparative) studies:

- The Netherlands Cadastre and the Internet, series on Cadastres in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (1), P. van der Molen, GIM International, January 2001
- Final Report Workshop Capacity Building in land Administration for Developing Countries, R. Groot and P. van der Molen, ITC, Enschede (NL), March 2001
- Cadastres Revisited: the promised land of Land Administration, Paul van der Molen, ITC, Enschede (NL), April 2001
- Performance Analyses of Cadastral Systems, A case Study of the Process of Parcel Subdivision in Zimbabwe, Dorman Chimhamhiwa and Christiaan Lemmen, GIM International, May 2001
- Data communication: a lifeline between land administration and society, Paul van der Molen, FIG, Seoul (South Korea), May 2001
- Some Considerations on Benchmarking Cadastral Systems and the role of 'Cost recovery', Paul van der Molen FIG/UN (WPLA), Gävle (Sweden), June 2001
- A new Vision for Building Capacity, Capacity Building in Land Administration for Developing Countries, Richard Groot and Paul van der Molen, GIM International, July 2001
- Editorial 'Cadastral Systems', Computers, Environment and Urban Systems, C. Lemmen and P. van Oosterom, August 2001
- Spatial Data Management on a very large cadastral database, Computers, Environment and Urban Systems, Theme Issue 'Cadastral Systems', C. Lemmen and P. van Oosterom, August 2001
- Vermessungs- und Katasterverwaltungen in den Benelux Staaten, Paul van der Molen, Intergeo, Köln (Germany), September 2001
- The Importance of the Institutional Context for Sound Cadastral Information Management for sustainable Land Policy, Paul van der Molen, UN/FIG, Nairobi (Kenya), October 2001
- Institutional Aspects of 3D Cadastre, Paul van der Molen, Delft University of Technology (NL), November 2001
- Cost Recovery for Land Administration, Paul van der Molen, Survey Review, November 2001

## **5. Final Remark**

OICRF makes as always every effort to offer best and quick services to anyone who requests for information, not at least to the members of FIG and the professional public. In other words: OICRF is ready to perform its tasks at the level required by an ever improving profession.

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