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OICRF - the International Office for Cadastre and Land Records - is one of the permanent bodies of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG). OICRF serves as a documentation and study centre for land administration and is charged with the following tasks:

- collecting and systematically filing and indexing all documentation material relating to existing cadastres and land registration systems,
- conducting comparative studies of this material and publishing the results,
- providing information and advice on all cadastres and land registration systems to all interested persons and institutions for the purposes of study or to help countries wishing to set up a cadastre or land registration system or improve an existing system,
- maintaining the documentation system on a daily basis.

Activities

All societies revolve around land. Regardless of whether we are seeking to promote economic growth, alleviate poverty, provide social housing, assure a secure food supply, protect vulnerable groups, or support nature conservation, the way we deal with land, access to land, and access to land-related opportunities is known to be a critical success factor. This is why land allocation is one of the main themes in policy documents and research papers, such as the poverty reduction strategy papers drawn up by many countries.

The digital Land Administration Library in 2008

OICRF maintains a digital library that contains approximately 7,900 publications (1st of January 2009), which include things such as conference documents, magazine articles and reports on land administration.



All of the available documents and the most recent publications can be accessed electronically at www.oicrf.org and downloaded in portable document format.

Users can also trace documents linked to a certain event, such as papers linked to a specific conference or seminar. The website is a popular resource. In 2008 the digital library got about 70.000 hits. This number is based on the application of new webstat software: Google Analytics. This software counts the hits as produced by users, this does not include hits produced by search engines – which were included in earlier OICRF reporting.

Comparative studies in 2008

In 2008 OICRF published several comparative studies:

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Groothedde, A., Lemmen, C.H.J., van der Molen, P. and van Oosterom, P.J.M. (2008) A standardized land administration domain model as part of the spatial information infrastructure. In: Creating spatial information infrastructures: towards the spatial semantic web. / ed by P.J.M. van Oosterom and S. Zlatanova. Boca Raton : CRC, 2008. ISBN: 978-1-42007-068-2. pp. 129-150.

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Contact

OICRF does its utmost to provide the best possible service for anyone who requests information - not least the members of FIG and other professionals who work within the industry. This is made possible by the support of our host, the Netherlands Cadastre, Public Registers and Mapping Agency.

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