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Cadastre 2014 at the FIG Congress 2014

For many land professionals, the year 2014 will be a very special one: it is the year of *Cadastre 2014*. The FIG vision, *Cadastre 2014*, is without doubt FIG's most important milestone in recent decades. This vision on the future of land administration has received global attention from politicians, decision-makers, managers, scientists, NGOs and many professionals and their associations. The booklet outlining the *Cadastre 2014* vision has been translated into almost 30 languages and is regarded as a valuable reference work in many environments. Predicting future development is always of a sensitive nature. In case of the *Cadastre 2014* vision, it is astounding to see now, in 2014, how accurately and comprehensively the future was predicted back when it was published in 1998. This vision and way of thinking has been a key to the development of modern cadastres.

A Working Group of FIG's Commission 7, 'Cadastre and Land Management', started developing the vision in 1994. The group had the mandate to: "... study cadastral reform and procedures as applied in developed countries, take into consideration the automation of the cadastre and its role as part of a larger land information system, evaluate trends in this field and produce a vision of where cadastral systems will be in the next twenty years, show the means with which these changes will be achieved and describe the technology to be used in implementing these changes."

The authors of *Cadastre 2014*, Jürg Kaufmann and Daniel Steudler from Switzerland, state in their publication from 1998 that *Cadastre 2014* will be a complete documentation



Cadastre 2014: a globally recognised vision on Cadastre, by Jürg Kaufmann and Daniel Steudler, 1998.

of public and private rights and restrictions for land owners and land users. It is further stated that *Cadastre 2014* will be embedded in a broader LIS, fully co-ordinated and automated, without separation of land registration and cadastral mapping. Kaufmann and Steudler define *Cadastre 2014* as a methodically arranged public inventory of data concerning all legal land objects in a certain country or district, based on a survey of their boundaries. Such legal land objects are systematically identified by means of some separate designation.

What has been achieved? What can be further expected in relation to *Cadastre 2014*? This evaluation will of course be a subject of attention and discussion during the FIG XXV International Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, held from 16-21 June 2014 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, during high-level special sessions on 'Cadastre

2014 – From Vision To Practice And Beyond'. Several well-known authorities together with a group of young, dynamic professionals will give their views from a broad perspective in an attractive set-up. To mention a few: Paul van der Molen will speak about 'Cadastre 2014: A Beacon In Turbulent Times', Abbas Rajabifard will present 'Cadastre 2014 In Relation To Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI)', Rohan Bennet will speak about 'Cadastre 2014 – Where To?', and Stig Enemark will share his ideas on the subject of 'From Cadastre To Land Governance: A Cadastre 2014 Outlook'. ◀

Don't miss this event and celebration!

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