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FIG e-Newsletter August 2009

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 – August 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 August 2009 is written by Prof. **Paul van der Molen** from the Netherlands. His paper "*Cadastres and Climate Change*" is a peer reviewed paper that has been prepared and presented at the FIG Working Week in Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009.

Read the paper:

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/august_2009/august_2009_vandermolen.html

7th FIG Regional Conference - Spatial Data Serving People - Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity, Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009

7th FIG Regional Conference - *Spatial Data Serving People - Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity* will be held in **Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009**. The topics of the conference are selected to address the issues at the top of the regional and local agenda, and at the same time giving a platform for international discussions. The key topics will be in the areas of land administration and environmental management. The conference will include a two-day Regional Consultation Meeting on the "*FAO Voluntary Guidelines for responsible governance of tenure of land and other natural resources*" that is organised jointly with FAO Land Tenure and Management Unit (NRLA). The conference will further include a special workshop on Asia Pacific Reference Frame organised jointly with PCGIAP and IAG. The conference thereby provides an excellent opportunity for FIG member associations and surveyors all over the world to meet and share experiences and achievements.

Please notice the registration fee for full participants is only **350 EUR** including lunches, dinners and technical tour to Ha Long Bay, a famous natural heritage site and geological reserve in Vietnam.

Read more on the conference web site: www.fig.net/vietnam

Themes and topics: www.fig.net/vietnam/themes.htm

Draft technical programme is available: www.fig.net/vietnam/techprog.htm

Register now on: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=63>

When registering please book your hotel at the same time.

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 has been sent to all FIG members and is available as a .pdf file at:

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

Online registration is now opened at the congress web site: www.fig2010.com where you can also register your interest for further updates.

See the call for papers at: www.fig.net/fig_2010/call.htm. Please notice that **deadline** for **abstracts** and **full papers for peer review** is already **22 September 2009**.

Submit your abstract online at: www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12

The organisers have also announced the FIG 2010 Congress Prize, read more: www.fig.net/fig_2010/prize.htm

FIG Foundation announces the FIG Foundation Fellowship and Awards for FIG Congress 2010

The FIG Foundation that is an independent body within the FIG family which raises and disburses funds for the development of the surveying profession and surveyors has announced the **FIG Foundation Fellowship** and **Awards** for the **FIG Congress 2010**.

The FIG Foundation has decided to make a number of awards in connection with the 2010 FIG Congress in Sydney, Australia. The flagship award will be the 2010 FIG Foundation Fellowship which will provide full funding for the Fellow to travel to and attend the Congress. In addition, the Foundation will award up to six grants which will provide €500 funding and complimentary registration each towards the grantees attending the Congress.

Read more about the terms for applying (deadline for applications is **22 September 2009**): www.fig.net/figfoundation/foundation_award_2009.pdf

News from last month:

FIG Commission 5 and 6 and SSGA Workshop on "Innovative Technologies for an Efficient Geospatial Management of Earth Resources" - Listvyanka, Russian Federation, 23-30 July 2009

FIG Commissions 5 and 6 together with the Siberian State Academy of Geodesy (SSGA) organised a Workshop on "*Innovative Technologies for an Efficient Geospatial Management of Earth Resources*" on Lake Baikal in the settlement of Listvyanka, Russian Federation 23-30 July 2009.

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2009/baikal_july_2009.htm

Proceedings available: www.fig.net/commission6/lakebaikal_2009/

FIG Questionnaire – Good practices for compulsory purchase and takings - reply by 20 August 2009

Commission 9 together with Commissions 7 and 8 has made a questionnaire on Good practices for compulsory purchase and takings. Deadline for replies has been extended until **20 August 2009**, please reply now because more data is needed.

Invitation letter: www.fig.net/commission9/reports/quest_july_2009.pdf

Questionnaire: <http://digiumenterprise.com/answer/?sid=352485&chk=8SYA8HNT>

Request for FIG members to contribute to Standards and Education Survey

The Outreach Group of ISO Technical Committee on Geographic Information is carrying out a short survey on survey education courses and the use of standards. They have asked that FIG members, particularly those associated with universities, participate in the survey. The survey can be found at

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=BVgOs2PKMCCIzEWftCePrw_3d_3d and the results to date can be found at a report. More information can be obtained from **John Stuiver**, email, John.Stuiver@wur.nl.

Publications:

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:

Geodesy for Planet Earth IAG2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 31 August – 4 September 2009

Co-sponsored by Commission 5.
Read more: www.iag209.com.ar

Laserscanning2009, Paris, France, 1-2 September 2009

ISPRS Workshop cosponsored by FIG Commission 6.
Read more: <http://laserscanning2009.ign.fr>

Assemblée Générale Fédération des Géomètres Francophones - FGF. General Assembly of the Francophone Group of Surveyors FGF. Prague, Czech Republic, 8-9 October 2009

Read more : www.fgf-geo.org/images/praha/fiche-fgf.pdf

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting and one-day International Symposium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12-16 October 2009

Organised by FIG Commission 7.
Read more: www.fig.net/commission7
Invitation as a .pdf file:
www.fig.net/commission7/news/2009%20FIG%20Comm%207%20Annual%20Meeting%20-%20InvitationOA.pdf

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International Symposium "Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice in Geodesy and Related Fields, Sofia, Bulgaria, 5-6 November 2009

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 2.

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.
Urgent: submit your abstract online at: www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12.
Deadline for abstracts and peer review papers is 22 September 2009.

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

Job and project opportunities (latest updated 14 August 2009)

Please notice that the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) has published an announcement is to form a roster of candidates for consultancy assignments, deadline **15 October 2009**.

Read more: www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm

Benefits from FIG Corporate Members to FIG members and members of FIG member associations

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