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FIG e-Newsletter September 2010

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 – September 2010

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 September 2010 is "*Customary Tenure Institutions and Good Governance*". It is written by **Anthony Arko-Adjei**, Ghana and **Jitske de Jong, Jaap Zevenbergen** and **Arbind Tuladhar** from the Netherlands. This paper is a peer reviewed paper prepared for the FIG Congress 2010 in Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010. At the Congress it was presented by Prof. Jaap Zevenbergen in an invited session about land governance in Africa. It gives good information about customary tenure and good governance in Ghana, and could be of interest to other African countries.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/september_2010/september_2010_arkoadjei_et_al.html

Handouts of this presentation as a .pdf file:

http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2010/ppt/inv04/inv04_arkoadjei_tuladhar_et_al_ppt_4279.pdf

FIG Working Week 2011 - Bridging the Gap between Cultures - Marrakech, Morocco, 18-22 May 2011



FIG Working Week and General Assembly 2011 will be held in Marrakech, Morocco 18-22 May 2011. Final invitation will be available by the end of September 2010. At the same time the web site and registration information will be updated.

Please note that the deadline for peer review papers and abstracts is **12 November 2010**.

Call for paper - **deadline for peer review papers and abstracts 12 November 2010**: http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig2011_call.pdf

For all papers submit your abstract here:

<http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=13>

Guidelines for writing papers:

http://www.fig.net/fig2011/guidelines_for_papers_fig2011.pdf

Template for papers:

http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig_2011_template.doc

FIG Working Week web site: www.fig.net/fig2011 and www.onigt.ma/fig2011 (French and Arabic)

Reports from last month

Prof. Dr. Yerach Doytsher, Incoming Chair of FIG Commission 3, represents FIG at the XVI Cadastral Week in Bogota, Colombia, 6-10 September 2010



Yerach Doytsher at the XVI Cadastral Week

The Faculty of Engineering through its Cadastral and Geodesy Engineering program at the Distrital University of Bogota, Colombia together with the Colombian Chapter of SELPER (The Society of Latin American Specialists in Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems) organized the 16th Cadastral Week. The event hosted almost 250 participants from the Academia and the private and public sectors in Colombia as well as attendees from other Latin America countries.

www.fig.net/news/news_2010/bogota_september_2010.htm

FIG Commission 2 Professional Education Workshop on the Trends in Surveying Education and Training, University of East London, 26-27 August 2010



Commission 2 on technical tour

The Commission 2 Workshop focused on surveying education and in particular how educators around the world respond to changes in the survey profession and keep their courses relevant and stimulating for students. Also explored were the opportunities that exist to enhance surveying teaching and learning by sharing approaches and investigating the benefits of a variety of new technologies.

www.fig.net/news/news_2010/london_august_2010.htm

Vice President CheeHai Teo attends "Smart Korea 2010" Korea NSDI Expo, Korea, 1 – 3 September 2010



The winning entry:
Elementary School
National Map Drawing
Competition

"Smart Korea 2010", the third successive annual Korean NSDI Expo that also incorporates a series of themed symposiums, is the national specialized geospatial symposium and exhibition. This year, the organizers' aim was the promotion of the convergence of geospatial science and smart technologies that should bring about a better future.

www.fig.net/news/news_2010/korea_september_2010.htm

Vice President CheeHai Teo attends seminar on Land Surveying Basis for Development - Gadong, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, 2 August 2010



The Honourable Minister of Development, Negara Brunei Darussalam making his officiating address at the Seminar

The Survey Department, Ministry of Development, Negara Brunei Darussalam, an affiliate member of FIG and the Brunei Institute of Geomatics, a member association of FIG, invited FIG to the Seminar "Land Surveying Basis for Development". Vice President Teo held a keynote presentation during the official opening session. The one day seminar highlighted not just the latest developments in land surveying practices and technologies but also the significant role and contribution of surveyors towards development.

www.fig.net/news/news_2010/brunei_august_2010.htm

Incoming Chair of Commission 5, Mikael Lilje, attends IGS workshop and Vertical Rates Symposium Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, 28 June – 2 July 2010



Participants at the IGS workshop and Vertical Rates Symposium

The Newcastle University Geodesy Group hosted approximately 200 participants in the International GNSS Service (IGS) Workshop 2010 and the COST Action ES0701 Vertical Rates Symposium. The Workshop focused on the application and status of current IGS operations and possibilities for future improvements. The final day of the meeting examined application of GNSS to tide gauge vertical land movement, glacial isostatic adjustment (GIA), subsidence and tectonic motion.

www.fig.net/news/news_2010/igs_july_2010.htm

Job vacancies – 3 job advertisements

www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm

Forthcoming events

16-18 September, San Jose, Costa Rica

Geomatics, an integral discipline at obtaining and processing geospace data. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Invitation brochure: www.fig.net/events/2010/costa-rica-2010.pdf (pdf 4 Mb)

Web site: www.colegiotopografoscr.com/congreso2010/

20 September - 8 October, Rome, Italy

2nd International Training Course for Surveyors. Organised by Consiglio Nazionale Geometri e Geometri Laureati. Co-sponsored by FIG.

5-7 October, Cologne, Germany

INTERGEO.

Web site: www.intergeo.de

14-15 October, Niamey, Niger

Capacity building, professional ethics and organization of the surveying profession in West Africa. Workshop for West African countries organised by FGF in collaboration with UN-Habitat and GLTN. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: www.fgf-geo.org/index.php

25-27 October, San Ramon, CA, USA



2010 HDS Worldwide User Conference. Leica High Definition Surveying (HDS) user conference.

Web site: http://hds.leica-geosystems.com/en/Events_6441.htm?id=6896

8-10 November, Las Vegas, USA



Trimble Dimensions 2010 - Converge. Connect. Collaborate.

Web site: www.trimbledimensions.com

11-12 November, Mombasa, Kenya

FIG Africa Task Force Workshop. Organised by FIG Africa Task Force.

Web site: www.fig.net/tf/africa/index.htm

14-17 November, Sofia Bulgaria

Joint FIG Commission 3 Annual Meeting and Comm. 3 and 7 Workshop on: "Information and Land Management. A Decade after the Millennium"

Web site: www.conference.kig-bg.org/

25-26 November, Copenhagen, Denmark

FIG Handover Ceremony.

Web site: www.fig.net

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18-22 May, Marrakech, Morocco



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- Guidelines for writing papers: http://www.fig.net/fig2011/guidelines_for_papers_fig2011.pdf
- Template for papers: http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig_2011_template.doc

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

New FIG Publications

Geoinformation for Disaster and Risk Management – Examples and Best Practices. Editors: Orhan Altan, Robert Backhaus, Piero Boccoardo, Sisi Zlatanova. JB GIS Publication PDF version (6 Mb):

http://www.fig.net/pub/others/geoinformation_for_disaster_and_rm.pdf

FIG contribution to the publication: Geoinformation for Disaster Risk Management:

http://www.fig.net/council/enemark_papers/2010/jbgis_fig_final.pdf

8 new publications were launched in Sydney in April 2010

<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/index.htm>

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