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To : Delegates, Correspondents and Friends of FIG Commission 7
cc : FIG Office Copenhagen
From : Paul van der Molen, Chair
Subject : e-Newsletter April 2005

Dear all,

We send our sincere greetings and hope you are well.

1. Annual Meeting 2005 FIG Commission 7 Madison Wi (USA) 19-25 June 2005

The invitation for the annual meeting of the Commission is distributed two weeks ago. We kindly invite all delegates and correspondents to register. This meeting will be the first one in the Commission's history that will take place in the USA. Our US delegate John Hohol is very active in cooperating with us to arrange an attractive programme, which includes two full day technical excursion to acquire a good understanding of land administration in the US. The annual meeting comprises a 1,5 day symposium on innovative technologies for land administration (see hereafter). You will find all relevant documents also at www.oicrf.org click 'events'.

2. Symposium Innovative Technologies for Land Administration, Madison Wi (USA) 24-25 June 2005

Part of the Annual Meeting is the symposium, on Friday and Saturday. The venue is the auditorium of the State Historical Society, a nice classical building in the centre of the City. The Commission invited representatives from industry and agencies to present their views on future technology and elaborate how this will impact on strategy and operations of land administration organisations both in developed as developing countries. The symposium is an open event. You will find all relevant documents at www.oicrf.org click 'events'.

3. Commission 7 presence at FIG Working Week Cairo 16-21 April 2005

The Commission was involved in 1 plenary session and 12 technical sessions, with in total 87 papers. The subjects were on one hand accordingly to the Commission's workplan and on the other hand focused of the cooperation with GSDI in this working week: SDI and Cadastre, 3D Cadastre, Cadastral Modelling, Cooperation between Land Administration and SDI, Planning in informal settlements (with Comm 8), Evolving Land Administration Systems, Business of Land Administration, Land Consolidation (with Comm 8), Technical Aspects, SDI and Planning and Management (with Comm 3 and 8), Boundary Surveying, Marine Cadastre (with Comm 4). All working week papers are published at www.fig.net. In due course we will pick out the papers relevant to the Commission and include those in the OICRF. For a brief report of the conference see the attachment.

Sunday we took the opportunity to hold a Commission 7 meeting, where we were happy to welcome 29 delegates. We discussed the progress of the work plan and looked forward to events to come.

4. 4th FIG Regional Conference in Cuba

This 4th regional conference will take place in Havana, Cuba, 26-29 September 2005. The FIG Council would like to welcome many Commission 7 delegates to contribute to this event for Latin America and the Caribbean.

5. **5th FIG Regional Conference dedicated to land administration**

The 5th FIG Regional Conference will take place in Accra (Ghana) from 9-12 March 2006. This is an important conference for the Commission, as the local organisers indicated that the promotion of land administration and good governance will be the spearhead. The FIG Council is even discussing the option to develop 'the' FIG Accra Declaration on Land Administration, where your cooperation is a prerequisite. We ask you to attend this regional conference and include this in your next year travelling budget.

6. **Commission 7 symposium on Arab land administration in Jordan 1-3 September 2005**

The Commission 7 workplan talks about regional events. Such an event will take place in Jordan, 1-3 September 2005, where the Commission will cooperate with Jordan Department of Land and Surveys and the Arab Federation of Surveyors and will focus on land administration in the Arab world. In our view Arab land registration, cadastre and land management issues are under-exposed to the world forum, and we hope that the symposium enhances our mutual knowledge and understanding. Already some delegates expressed their interest to deliver a paper and presentation. At the moment our Jordan delegates Abdel Munem Samarat and Mouen Sayegh prepare the organisational issues and the Terms of Reference. As we discussed earlier, these regional meetings do not pre-suppose the presence of all delegates and correspondents. However a substantial representation is welcome. As soon as we know more, we will communicate to you.

7. **UN-FIG Expert Group Meeting in Bangkok, December 2005**

The UN/Habitat expressed the wish to give a follow up to the expert group meeting in Nairobi last November. As a result the Commission will cooperate with UN/Habitat in the organisation of an expert group meeting in Bangkok. The set up of the meeting will be similar to the one in Nairobi, however now focusing on new legal frameworks and innovative land administration tools in the Asian region. As in Nairobi, the meeting is on invitation only. Apart from local experts who are the main target group, we will ask some experts in the Commission-family to attend.

8. **UN Guidelines on Real Property Units and their Identifiers**

The Economic Commission for Europe published these guidelines recently (UN publication ECE/HBP/135, New York, Geneva, 2004) and we are happy to hold some books in stock for the Commission. Please contact Mrs Pauline van Elstrand (pauline.vanelstrand@kadaster.nl), then we send you a copy.

9. **Proceedings Symposium Modern Land Consolidation, Clermont 10-11 September 2004**

Hurrah! It took some time, but finally it is there: the printed version of the proceedings of the 'modern land consolidation' symposium, part of the Commission's annual meeting last year. The book will be distributed to the participants of the symposium (which includes the delegates to the annual meeting) and to the land consolidation experts within the Commission 7 family. In case you are not included in this distribution, and you might wish to have a copy, please contact Mrs Pauline van Elstrand (pauline.vanelstrand@kadaster.nl).

10. **Proceedings Expert Group Meeting on 'secure land tenure: new legal frameworks and tools', held 11-12 November 2004 Nairobi**

The printed version of the proceedings of this UN/FIG/ISK/CASLE expert group meeting that was held at the premises of the United Nations in Nairobi, is under process.

11. **Proceedings Commission 7 + COST workshop on standardisation in the cadastral domain, held 9-10 December 2004 in Bamberg, Germany**

The proceedings are on www.oicrf.org. A printed version is under preparation.

12. Proceedings Symposium on IT Renewal Strategies for Land Registry and Cadastre

Proceedings of the Commission 7 Symposium on IT Renewal Strategies for Land Registry and Cadastre, held in Enschede, The Netherlands, 8-9 May 2003 are still available. Please contact Mrs Pauline van Elsland (pauline.vanelstrand@kadaster.nl)

13. Proceedings Symposium on Land Administration in Post Conflict Areas

The proceedings of the symposium are printed on CDROM and distributed to the participants of the UN/HABITAT governing body (delegates from all over the world), who met a month ago in Nairobi, and dedicated attention to post conflict issues. We considered it a good opportunity to promote the Commission's activities in this field. We thank Dan Lewis, chief disaster management unit, for distributing the CD's . We still have some in stock. Please contact pauline.vanelstrand@kadaster.nl if you would like to receive a CDROM.

14. Commission's Workplan 2006-2010

Please find attached a first version of the Workplan 2006-2010 as drafted by the chair elect Andraş Oskó from Hungary. He invites you to send him comments, remarks and suggestions.

15. Cadastral Template

We keep promoting the Cadastral Template and believe this is the first successful attempt to standardise and harmonise the description of cadastral systems all over the world. Again we strongly recommend your participation in this project, as more than **35** countries already joined. It saves much time, as you redirect all questionnaires you get in the future to the cadastral template website. Please look at <http://www.cadastraltemplate.org/>

Kindest regards,

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