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OFFICE INTERNATIONAL DU CADASTRE ET DU RÉGIME FONCIER
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1. Report of activities 2005

This annual report gives an overview of the activities of the International Office of Cadastre and Land Records, one of the Permanent Institutions of the FIG.

2. Tasks

OICRF is a documentation and study centre for land administration. OICRF performed its activities in all areas of its tasks, namely:

- to collect and systematically file and index all documentary material relating to existing cadastral and land registration systems in all countries
- to make comparative studies of that material followed by publication of the results
- to give information and advice on all cadastral and land registration systems to all interested institutions or persons, whether for the purpose of study or to help countries wishing either to introduce a cadastre or a land registration system or to improve their existing system
- to maintain the documentary material on a day to day basis

OICRF makes every effort to offer best and quick services to anyone who requests for information, with a focus to members of FIG and professionals in Cadastre, Land Administration, Land Consolidation, Cadastral Surveying and Mapping and direct related fields of expertise as Geo-Information and Communication Technology for Cadastral purposes.

3. www.oicrf.org

Land is at the heart of all societies. Whether it concerns economic growth, poverty reduction, social housing, food security, protection of vulnerable groups, or nature conservation, the way we deal with land, access to land, and access to land related opportunities is proven to be a critical success factor. Therefore the land issue gets paramount attention in policy and research papers like the poverty reduction strategy papers of many countries, reports of international donors (e.g. World Bank, EU, DFID, GTZ) and policy guidelines of UN agencies (e.g. Habitat, FAO, UNCHR, UNDP).

The OICRF adapted itself to global developments, so its activities expand in practice. The cadastre (originally intended for taxation purposes only) and the land registration (only intended for legal protection) development into multipurpose cadastres and began to play an important role in the framework of land information systems.

Advice has been given and is given to important international institutions and to governments of a growing number of countries which wish to introduce such a system or improve their existing but malfunctioning one.

The Office maintains a digital library containing in this moment about 6.000 publications, e.g. conference proceedings, magazine's articles, reports, etc. etc. on Land Administration. Since OICRF brings in the available and new documents digitally at www.oicrf.org, it has the most recent publications always digitally available for its users. Publications and documentation can be downloaded on line in .pdf format.

The library gets about 250,000 hits a year, with 160,000 page views, about 30.000 articles have been downloaded.

4. Comparatative studies

In 2005 OICRF published several comparatative studies:

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5. Final Remark

Activities of OICRF are possible by the generous support of its host, the Netherlands Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency.

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