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FIG Newsletter – March 2017

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the March issue of FIG Newsletter. Again in March one focus has been on the preparations for the FIG Working Week 2017 that will take place 29 May – 2 June in Helsinki, Finland. The draft technical programme has now been released. If you have not registered yet for the Working Week 2017 you can still make it.

FIG President Chryssy Potsiou together with Vice President Diane Dumashie attended the World Bank Conference 19-24 March 2017 in Washington. Before this conference there were week-long activities in Delft, the Netherlands, hereunder an event on Land Administration Standardisation: LADM 2017 - Preparatory ISO 19152 Meeting on the Second Edition of the Land Administration Domain Model organized by FIG Commission 7 in cooperation with GLTN. FIG Honorary Member Chrit Lemmen represented FIG. The Local Organisers for FIG Working Week 2020 in Amsterdam held a kick-off meeting together with FIG Office in Copenhagen. FIG Council held a meeting by email.

The invitation to the FIG General Assembly on 29 May and 2 June will be sent out to all members of FIG in the beginning of April. Reserve the dates.

Welcome to new FIG Members

At its meeting in March FIG Council accepted two new corporate members of FIG:

Corporate members:



LICENCE No. : 72259



M/s Accord Marine Surveyors, India
www.easternwaterways.com

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www.gistransport.com

GRANTS

FIG Foundation is supporting Young Surveyors to attend the FIG Working Week in Helsinki, Finland



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The FIG Foundation Young Surveyors Fellowships will provide funding for individuals to cover the costs to attend and participate in the FIG Working Week 2017, including participation in all FIG Young Surveyors activities before and during the Working Week. The Fellowships will be awarded exclusively to nationals of developing countries¹ who must be living in one of the eligible countries.

Deadline for Application is **1 April 2017**

<http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/index.asp>

Article of the Month – March 2017

Each month on the FIG web site we publish 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 a FIG conference or another event. The article in March 2017 is written by Arvo Kokkonen, Jani Kylmäaho and Heli Ursin, Finland: Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure (Arctic SDI). This paper will be presented at the FIG Working Week 2017 in Helsinki, Finland, 29 May – 2 June. Understanding and responding to the impacts of climate change and human activities in the Arctic, requires accessible and reliable data to facilitate monitoring, management, emergency preparedness and decision making.

http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2017/kokkonen_et_al_March_2017.asp

FIG WORKING WEEK 2017 – HELSINKI, FINLAND – DRAFT TECHNICAL PROGRAMME AVAILABLE



Have you registered for FIG Working Week 2017 that will take place in Helsinki, Finland **29 May – 2 June 2017** at Messukeskus Expo and Convention Centre?



Messukeskus – the conference venue

Technical Programme

The Working Week 2017 offers a variety of sessions within the many areas of surveying. The programme is packed with presentations, discussion sessions and inspirational sessions filled with both practical and theoretical knowledge and information that can be beneficial for you in your daily life when you return from the Working Week.

Have a look at what is awaiting you:

http://www.fig.net/fig2017/technical_program.htm

Sub-events

On Sunday 28 May conference days you have the opportunity to choose between three different pre-events:

BIM for Surveyors

Building Information Modeling (BIM) is changing the way how surveyors work, think, collaborate and earn money. Using and sharing multidimensional digital representations of buildings are the driving forces for the digitalization of our work. This affects many tasks surveyors and GIS professionals perform, e. g. cost estimation, GIS analysis, engineering surveying, construction work, land management and facilities management.

<http://www.fig.net/fig2017/bim.htm>

History Symposium – Surveyors of the North

The History Symposium is an inspiring day with an extraordinary programme with hand picked presentations including Finland's Surveying History by Director General Arvo Kokkonen, National

Land Survey of Finland, learn about the Struve Meridian Arc and the Enhancement From North Cape to Cape Agulhas in RSA: 1050 in latitude – the Longest Meridian on Earth, Swedish Lantmateriet – A Modern Agency with a Long Tradition (from 1628), Ruder Boskovic, Hero of Croatian Surveying During James Cook's time and other interesting historic issues.

<http://www.fig.net/fig2017/history.htm>

FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting

It is on! Don't miss this chance to join the worldwide surveying community - So did you register and are you coming? The meeting will consist of a tailor made program for Young Surveyors with additional network activities.

<http://www.fig.net/fig2017/youngsurveyors.htm>

Do not miss...

The special **Charity Run**: <http://www.fig.net/fig2017/charityrun.htm>

and why not try the special **2 Night Cruise to Saint Petersburg** <http://www.fig.net/fig2017/tours.htm>

Dinners – your networking opportunity

The technical programme of the Working Week is of course the most important part of the Working Week. However, do not miss the social activities and networking opportunities. This is also important!

At the **Finnish Evening** a buffet dinner consisting of Finnish specialities is served accompanied by modern Finnish entertainment.

The **Gala Dinner** will be held in one of the most famous buildings in Finland and the venue of the 1990 FIG Congress, the Finlandia Hall. It is a masterpiece of Finnish architect, created by the world-renowned Finnish architect, Alvar Aalto. A splendid three-course meal will be served.

Although you have already registered, you can still **add tours and dinners to your registration**. Check the link in your confirmation letter.

When you register for the Working Week you can also include tours and dinners. To register:

<http://www.fig.net/fig2017/registration.htm>



Free Transportation Card

With our partners City of Helsinki and Helsinki Region Transport we will offer free public transport cards to conference delegates, their partners, exhibitors and sponsors. The card is valid from Sunday (May 28) till Saturday (June 3) in the Helsinki Region i.e. the city of Helsinki, Espoo, Vantaa, Kauniainen. - Get your travel card when arriving to the venue.

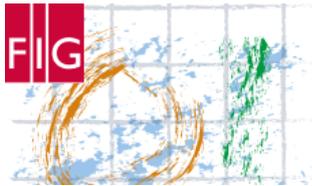
<http://www.fig.net/fig2017/transport.htm>

Exhibition and sponsorship possibilities

We expect more than 1000 participants for the Working Week from around 80 countries which is a unique opportunity for you to expose your brand and company. Be part of the lively exhibition. You can also be visible through the various sponsorship possibilities.

Sponsorship opportunities: <http://fig.net/fig2017/sponsorships.htm>

Exhibition: <http://fig.net/fig2017/exhibition.htm>



Visa

Make sure that you will apply for your visa on time. Please note that you must apply the latest one month prior to your travel. We recommend to apply now to be sure that there will be enough time to get your visa. The earlier you start your visa process the better. Please give the embassies enough time to process your application.

<http://www.fig.net/fig2017/visa.htm>

The conference web site is updated regularly www.fig.net/fig2017

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NEWS

The Sustainable Development Goals: The response from Ghana Institution of Surveyors 20 - 26 February 2017, Accra Ghana



The focus of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the surveyor's role to progress the implementation of these was the theme underpinning the FIG Vice President Diane Dumashie visit to Accra. At the invitation of the Executive Secretary at the Ghana's Lands Commission, and invited to present at the Ghana Institute of Surveyors (GhIS) 2017 Annual Surveyors Week, and additionally chaired the FIG Africa Regional Network Steering group meeting.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2017/02_ghana.asp

NEW RELEASES

New Book: Pro-Poor Legal Practice: Household Rights and Subsidised Housing in South Africa by Leslie Downie BA LLB Hons (English) MPhil (Geomatics)

Article of the month in July 2016 was: Social Tenure Based on Intimacy – Avoiding Family Disasters: South African Marital Contracts as an Innovative Pro-Poor Land Tool, written by Downie and Whittal, South Africa. Now a book Pro-Poor Legal Practice: Household Rights and Subsidised Housing in South Africa by Leslie Downie has been released:

http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2016/pro_poor_legal_practice_book.pdf

UNEP publication and a broader international partnership on a new coastal adaptation system - the Coastal Hazard Wheel

The Coastal Hazard Wheel system can be used as a complete coastal language and aims to boost adaptation action for the 1 billion people living in coastal areas worldwide and bridge the gap between scientists, policy-makers and the general public.

<http://www.fig.net/resources/publications/un/index.asp>

SURVEYS - GIVE US YOUR INPUT...

Attention Women in Surveying and Spatial!

The International Federation of Surveying Working Group 1 are gathering data about the participation of women in the surveying industry. We are asking the question : 'Are women underrepresented in the surveying industry? '

As a woman working in the area of Surveying or Spatial please contribute to our study by completing this short survey. There are 24 questions and the survey will only take 5 minutes to complete.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FIG_Women_in_surveying

EVENTS

19-21 April 2017, Novosibirsk, Russia

The XIII International Exhibition and Scientific Congress "Interexpo GEO-Siberia 2017". Organised by Siberian State University of Geosystems and Technologies (SSUGT) supported by FIG.

Web site: <http://sgugit.ru/en/geo-siberia/>

20 April 2017, Novosibirsk, Russia

Technical Seminar on Cost Effective Positioning and Geo Data. Jointly organised by FIG Commission 3 and commission 5.

Invitation: www.fig.net/events/2017/Cost_Effective_Positioning_and_Geo_Data_Seminar.pdf

6-8 May 2017, Cairo, Egypt

10th Mobile Mapping Technology Conference (MMT'2017)

Web site: <http://www.mmt2017.aast.edu/>

29 May -2 June 2017, Helsinki, Finland



FIG Working Week and General Assembly.

Web site: www.fig.net/fig2017

8-9 June 2017, Skopje, Macedonia, FYR

10 th Regional Conference on Cadastre and SDI, Organised by Agency for Real Estate Cadastre, Macedonia, FYR.

8-11 July 2017, San Diego, CA, USA

ESRI 2017 Imaging & Mapping Forum - Empowering 3D GIS with Remotely Sensed Content.

Web site: <http://www.esri.com/events/imaging-and-mapping/>

10-14 July 2017, San Diego, CA, USA

ESRI User Conference 2017

Web site: <http://www.esri.com/events/user-conference>

29-30 July 2017, Kobe, Japan

Technical Seminar on Reference Frame Organised by FIG Commission 5 in cooperation with Japan Federation of Surveyors, IAG, UN-GGIM-AP and ICG

Web site: <http://www.fig.net/organisation/comm/5/index.asp>

10-11 August 2017, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Sustainable Development Goals: a time for innovations and investment in land administration and management organised by The Institution of Surveyors of Tanzania (IST), The Tanzanian Institution of Valuers & Estate Surveyors (TIVEA) in collaboration with The Commonwealth Association of Surveying & Land Economy (CASLE)

http://www.fig.net/events/2017/2017_CASLE_Conference_Tanzania.pdf

14-16 September 2017, Bucharest, Romania

GeoPreVi 2017. Scientific event of the Faculty of Geodesy - Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest organised this year in partnership with Romanian Surveyors Union, Romanian Association of Private Surveyors, FIG Commissions 7, 8 and 9 and National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registration.

Web site: www.geoprevi.ro

26-28 September 2017, Berlin, Germany

InterGeo Organised by DVW

Web site: <http://www.intergeo.de/>

5-6 October 2017, Hanoi, Vietnam

International Conference on Geo-Spatial Technologies and Earth Resources GETR-2017, organised by Hanoi University of Mining and Geology (HUMG) and VGCR (co-organiser of FIG Working Week 2019).

Web site: <http://ism2017.humg.edu.vn/>

18-20 October 2017, Lisbon, Portugal

Ingeo 2017. Organised by the Department of Surveying STU Bratislava (Slovakia) and LNEC Lisbon (Portugal), Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 6

Web site: <http://ingeo2017.lnec.pt>

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Kind regards,

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