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## **FIG Newsletter October 2015**

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG 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 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 Newsletter is circulated monthly or bi-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**

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 October 2015 is written **by Juhana Hiironen, Kirsikka Riekkinen and Hanna Tuominen, Finland: The Impact of a New Subway Line on Property Values in Helsinki Metropolitan Area**. This paper was presented at the FIG Working Week in Sofia, Bulgaria, 17-21 May 2015 and it illuminates whether a new subway line will have an impact on residential apartment values and on public revenues.

[www.fig.net/resources/monthly\\_articles/2015/hiironen\\_niukkanen\\_et\\_al\\_october\\_2015.asp](http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2015/hiironen_niukkanen_et_al_october_2015.asp)

### **FIG Working Week 2016 – 2-6 May 2016 in Christchurch, New Zealand Call for papers – Deadline for abstract submission: 15 November, 2015**



Post-earthquake Christchurch is an ideal venue for an international surveying conference with the theme “**Recovery from Disaster**”. It is being held at a time when considerable rebuilding and renewal is underway throughout the city and the areas of Canterbury affected by the 2010-2011 earthquakes sequence. Many inhabitants throughout the World face various kinds of disasters, apart from earthquakes as in Christchurch, such as flooding, storm events, tsunamis, drought, the after effects of conflict etc. that are a world-wide challenge, especially taking the effects of climate change into consideration. Surveyors and spacial professionals are key actors, on the land, in the sea, in the air and in space, on prevention of disasters, the immediate aftermath after a disaster as well as the long term recovery phase.

#### **Submit your abstract**

We invite you to submit abstract for non-peer-review paper by **15 November 2015**. The call for papers is announced at:

[www.fig.net/fig2016/call.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig2016/call.htm)

#### **Plenary sessions**

Each day invited international recognized experts will elaborate



on topics within the overall theme of the Working Week "Recovery from Disaster". They will address key challenges of our time within the surveying profession:

Day 1: The Christchurch story "Christchurch's response to the 2011 earth quake

Day 2: Disaster Management and Recovery framework – The Surveyors response

Day 3: The Public, The Private and the Peoples response for Disaster Management and Recovery in the Surveying Profession - New technologies



**Book your flight and plan your trip now**

It is now time to prepare for your stay in Christchurch and New Zealand. We have made an agreement with **Star Alliance**, so when you book your trip, please check:

[www.fig.net/fig2016/flightstochristchurch.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig2016/flightstochristchurch.htm) for guidance to how you book, and remember to use the special code: **NZ01S16** to save up to 20% on your flight ticket.

Inspiration on New Zealand and possible trips at:

[www.fig.net/fig2016](http://www.fig.net/fig2016)



NB – Registration will soon open!



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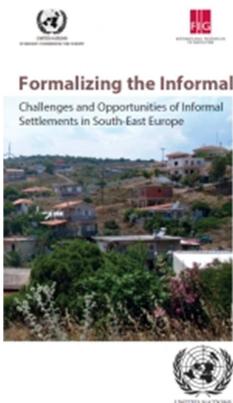
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**Formalizing the Informal: Challenges and Opportunities of Informal Settlements in South-East Europe**



This publication was prepared by the Bureau of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Working Party on Land Administration (UNECE) and FIG Task Force on Property and Housing. Lead author is FIG president Chryssy Potsiou.

The publication examines the causes of informal housing development in five countries of South-Eastern Europe – Albania, the Republic of Cyprus, Greece, Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and assesses the governments' policies to address this challenge. Based on this assessment, the study makes policy recommendations to these five countries' governments. It also contains lessons learned and best practices that can be applied throughout the UNECE region.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2015/2015\\_pub\\_formalizing\\_the\\_infor](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2015/2015_pub_formalizing_the_infor)

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### News from FIG Commissions:

Commission 1 newsletter:

[www.fig.net/organisation/comm/1/activities/newsletters/Com\\_1\\_Newsletter\\_Nov2015.pdf](http://www.fig.net/organisation/comm/1/activities/newsletters/Com_1_Newsletter_Nov2015.pdf)

### Young Surveyors Network

Young Surveyors events around the world:

YS Events & Save the Date Map



See postcard in larger version:

[www.fig.net/organisation/networks/ys/images/2015\\_save\\_date\\_map.jpg](http://www.fig.net/organisation/networks/ys/images/2015_save_date_map.jpg)

5<sup>th</sup> National Meeting of Surveying Students was held 15-17 October in Santa Fe, Argentina – see Young Surveyors Facebook group

Registration for 2<sup>nd</sup> YSNAM, Minneapolis, Minnesota, US is now open:

<https://goo.gl/IbvayI> (Limited to first 100 registrations received) Deadline 31 December

Application for funds: <https://goo.gl/DIXor4> Deadline: 21 November 2015

### Vacancies and project opportunities

[www.fig.net/about/jobs/index.asp](http://www.fig.net/about/jobs/index.asp)

### Forthcoming events

#### Call for bids – are you interested in hosting FIG Working Week 2020



FIG member associations are invited to consider making a bid to host the FIG Working Week 2020 together with FIG. At its meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand 2 and 6 May 2016, the FIG General Assembly will select the host and venue for the Working Week 2020. The Council has prepared bidding guidelines for making the bid. These guidelines explain in detail the information that is required for a successful bid.

Deadline: **30 November 2015**

[www.fig.net/organisation/general\\_assembly/agendas\\_and\\_minutes/2016/bids/FIG\\_WW2020\\_bidding\\_material.pdf](http://www.fig.net/organisation/general_assembly/agendas_and_minutes/2016/bids/FIG_WW2020_bidding_material.pdf)

#### FIG Regional Capacity Development Network - Africa 8-10 November, Nairobi, Kenya.

Challenges and Opportunities in Facing the SDG's: Generational Diversity in the Land Professional Sector. The Lukenya Gateway, Nairobi Kenya. Invitation sent to FIG Member Associations.

#### FIG Commission 2 and 7 Workshop in Kathmandu Nepal, 25-27 November 2015



FIG Commission 2 and 7 invite to the International Workshop on the "Role of Land Professionals and SDI in Disaster Risk Reduction: in the Context of Post 2015 Nepal Earthquake". The Workshop is organized in cooperation with ISPRS, Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyor and Nepal Remote Sensing and Photogrammetric Society.

[www.workshopnepal2015.com.np/](http://www.workshopnepal2015.com.np/)

### **FIG Commission 3 and 7 Workshop Malta, 16-20 November 2015**



FIG Commission 3, Commission 7 and Malta institution of Surveyors are organising a Joint Workshop and Commission 7 Annual Meeting on Crowdsourcing of Land Information. This workshop will explore how we can engage citizens through crowdsourcing within a new citizen collaborative model for land administration that would be much more inclusive for the disadvantaged and vulnerable, increase access to land markets and help support poverty reduction.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2015/2015\\_08\\_com3\\_7\\_malta.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2015/2015_08_com3_7_malta.asp)

### **GIM International Summit**



FIG is an endorsing partner of the inaugural GIM International Summit. The discussions at this high-end conference will be fuelled by speakers external to the geomatics industry who will explain the needs and desires of the outside world and suggest how the geomatics sector should respond.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2015/2015\\_05\\_gim\\_summit.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2015/2015_05_gim_summit.asp)

#### **6-7 November, Sofia, Bulgaria**

XXV International Anniversary Symposium organised by Union of Surveyors and Land Managers in Bulgaria

#### **26-27 November, Zagreb, Croatia**

University of Zagreb organises the 2nd International Interdisciplinary Scientific Conference on Stakeholders' Profile in Geodetic Sector: Western Balkan Meets EU: Ongoing inside Geospatial Domain and Sustainable Development.

Web site: [www.dionici.geof.unizg.hr](http://www.dionici.geof.unizg.hr)

#### **9-11 December, Sydney, Australia**

The 9th International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology – MMT2015

Web site: [www.mmt2015.org](http://www.mmt2015.org)

Contact: [Jinling.Wang@unsw.edu.au](mailto:Jinling.Wang@unsw.edu.au)

#### **10 February, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA**

2nd FIG Young Surveyors North American Meeting. Held in conjunction with and graciously hosted by the Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors (MSPS) during their 2016 Annual Conference

Registration deadline: December 31, 2015

Link to registration form: <https://goo.gl/IbvayI> (Limited to first 100 registrations received)

### **30 March - 1 April, Vienna, Austria**

3rd Joint International Symposium on Deformation Measurements, JISDM, organised by FIG, Commission 6 "Engineering Surveys" and IAG, commission 4 "Applications"  
Web site: [www.jisd2016.org](http://www.jisd2016.org)

### **20 - 22 April, Novosibirsk, Russia**

XIIth International exhibition and scientific forum "Interexpo GEO-Siberia- 2016", organised by Siberian State University of Geosystems and Technologies (SSUGT) and Exhibition operator LLC "Interexpo Geo- Siberia", co-sponsored by FIG.  
Web site: [www.expo-geo.ru](http://www.expo-geo.ru)

### **2-6 May, Christchurch, New Zealand**



FIG Working Week and General Assembly.  
Web site: [www.fig.net/fig2016](http://www.fig.net/fig2016)

### **29 May – 2 June 2017, Helsinki, Finland**

FIG WORKING WEEK 2017



with the overall theme "Surveying the world of tomorrow – from digitalisation to augmented reality".

Web site: [www.fig.net/fig2017](http://www.fig.net/fig2017)

### **6-11 May 2018, Istanbul, Turkey**



FIG Congress 2018

For **additional FIG and FIG Commission events** see always up-to-date information at: [www.fig.net/events/index.asp](http://www.fig.net/events/index.asp)

### **FIG on Social Media**

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