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FIG e-Newsletter September 2009

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 2009

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 2009 is written by Mr. **Habtemicael Weldegiorgis** from Eritrea. His paper "*Cadastral System in Eritrea: Practice, Constraints and Prospects*" has been prepared and presented at the FIG Working Week 2009 in Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009. The author has received a grant from the FIG Foundation to attend the conference and present his paper in Eilat.

Read the paper:

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/september_2009/september_2009_weldegiorgis.html

7th FIG Regional Conference - Spatial Data Serving People - Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity, Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009

7th FIG Regional Conference - *Spatial Data Serving People - Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity* will be held in **Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009**. The topics of the conference are selected to address the issues at the top of the regional and local agenda, and at the same time giving a platform for international discussions. The key topics will be in the areas of land administration and environmental management. The conference will include a two-day Regional Consultation Meeting on the "*FAO Voluntary Guidelines for responsible governance of tenure of land and other natural resources*" that is organised jointly with FAO Land Tenure and Management Unit (NRLA). The conference will further include a special workshop on Asia Pacific Reference Frame organised jointly with PCGIAP and IAG. The conference thereby provides an excellent opportunity for FIG member associations and surveyors all over the world to meet and share experiences and achievements.

Please notice the registration fee for full participants is only **350 EUR** including lunches, dinners and technical tour to Ha Long Bay, a famous natural heritage site and geological reserve in Vietnam.

Read more on the conference web site: www.fig.net/vietnam

See the updated technical programme: www.fig.net/vietnam/techprog.htm

Register now on: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=63>

When registering please book your hotel at the same time as the special room rates are available only until **20 September** (after that based on availability).

FIG Congress 2010 - Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010 – Deadline for abstract submission 22 September 2009

FIG Congress 2010 - Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity will be held in **Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010**. Final Invitation and Call for Papers brochure has been sent to all FIG members and is available as a .pdf file at:

www.fig.net/fig_2010/fig2010_final_invitation.pdf (20 pages, 1.26 MB).

Online registration is open on the congress web site: www.fig2010.com

See the call for papers at: www.fig.net/fig_2010/call.htm. Please notice that **deadline for abstracts and full papers for peer review** is already **22 September 2009**.

So submit your abstract today online: www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12

The organisers have also announced the FIG 2010 Congress Prize, read more:

www.fig.net/fig_2010/prize.htm

FIG Foundation announces the FIG Foundation Fellowship and Awards for FIG Congress 2010

The FIG Foundation that is an independent body within the FIG family which raises and disburses funds for the development of the surveying profession and surveyors has announced the **FIG Foundation Fellowship and Awards** for the **FIG Congress 2010**.

The FIG Foundation has decided to make a number of awards in connection with the 2010 FIG Congress in Sydney, Australia. The flagship award will be the 2010 FIG Foundation Fellowship which will provide full funding for the Fellow to travel to and attend the Congress. In addition, the Foundation will award up to six grants which will provide €500 funding and complimentary registration each towards the grantees attending the Congress.

Read more about the terms for applying (deadline for applications is **22 September 2009**): www.fig.net/figfoundation/foundation_award_2009.pdf

Call for nominations - Election of FIG President for 2011-2014, 2 Vice Presidents, Chairs of all FIG Commissions, and selection of the venue for the FIG Congress 2014

At its meeting in Sydney, Australia 11-16 April 2010 the FIG General Assembly will elect the FIG President, 2 Vice Presidents, Chair of each of the 10 Commissions for 2011-2014, and select the venue for the FIG Congress 2014. The FIG Council has announced the call for nominations for these elections. Please read more in the call for nominations letter.

Closing date for nominations for the elections will be **8 December 2009**. If your association is interested to host FIG Congress 2014, please contact the FIG Office, email: markku.villikka@fig.net.

Call for nominations:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/elections_2010/call_for_nominations_sept_2009.pdf

Nomination template for the President election:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/elections_2010/nomination_template_pres.doc

Nomination template for the Vice President election:

www.fig.net/news/news_2009/elections_2010/nomination_template_vp.doc

News from last month:

FIG Active in Construction Economics and Management at PAQS Conference in Kuala Lumpur - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 17-18 August 2009

To follow up the FIG Commission 10 agenda FIG representatives **Andrew Morley**, Chair of FIG Commission 10 and **Teo CheeHai**, Vice President attended the 13th Annual Congress of the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) in Kuala Lumpur 17-18 August 2009. The meeting was attended by over 450 delegates.

Read more: http://www.fig.net/news/news_2009/paqs_august_2009.htm

FIG Questionnaire – Good practices for compulsory purchase and takings – final reminder

Commission 9 together with Commissions 7 and 8 has made a questionnaire on Good practices for compulsory purchase and takings. Please reply immediately as the questionnaire is now closing, additional data would be most useful for the survey.

Invitation letter: www.fig.net/commission9/reports/quest_july_2009.pdf

Questionnaire: <http://digiumenterprise.com/answer/?sid=352485&chk=8SYA8HNT>

Visits and news from Member Associations (latest updated 11 September 2009)

FIG is publishing short stories on visits, news from members and interesting news on persons. Latest news and visits:

- President **Stig Enemark** visits Uganda
- President **Stig Enemark** attends the Congress of Nordic Surveyors in Aalborg, Denmark
- ICES celebrates Royal Charter event in September 2009

Read more: www.fig.net/personalia/index.htm#Visits

Publications:

FIG Annual Review 2008

The FIG Annual Review 2008 is available on the web at:

www.fig.net/annual_review/anrew08/areview2008.pdf (32 pages, 3.8 MB). Hard copies can be ordered from the FIG Office, email: fig@fig.net.

Forthcoming events:

Assemblée Générale Fédération des Géomètres Francophones - FGF. General Assembly of the Francophone Group of Surveyors FGF. Prague, Czech Republic, 8-9 October 2009

Read more : www.fgf-geo.org/images/praha/fiche-fgf.pdf

FIG Commission 7 One-day International Symposium "Progressing Towards u-Cadastre" - 15 October 2009, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

"Progressing Towards u-Cadastre", is the theme of the 2009 edition of One-day International Open Symposium for the FIG Commission 7. It is the key event during this year's Commission 7 weeklong Annual Meeting. Many countries and jurisdictions have already in place or implementing e-Cadastre. Ensuring efficient and effective delivery of services and benefits require that progress be continual and "u-Cadastre", the 'u' for "ubiquitous"; meaning existing or being everywhere at the same time; constantly encountered; is the next horizon.

Symposium programme: www.fig.net/commission7/malaysia_2009/symp_program.htm

Register now: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=71>

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting and one-day International Symposium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12-16 October 2009

Organised by FIG Commission 7.

Read more: www.fig.net/commission7

Invitation as a .pdf file:

www.fig.net/commission7/news/2009%20FIG%20Comm%207%20Annual%20Meeting%20-%20InvitationOA.pdf

Register now: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=66>. Deadline **25 September 2009**.

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Read more: www.fig.net/vietnam

Technical programme: www.fig.net/vietnam/techprog.htm

Register at: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=63>.

International Symposium "Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice in Geodesy and Related Fields, Sofia, Bulgaria, 5-6 November 2009
Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 2.

XXIV FIG International Congress - Facing the Challenges - Building the Capacity and XXXIII General Assembly, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010

Read more: www.fig2010.com and register to the congress now.

Urgent: submit your abstract online at: www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12.

Deadline for **abstracts** and **peer review papers** is **22 September 2009**.

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

Job and project opportunities (latest updated 11 September 2009)

Please notice that the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) has published an announcement is to form a roster of candidates for consultancy assignments, deadline **15 October 2009**.

Read more: www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm

Benefits from FIG Corporate Members to FIG members and members of FIG member associations

FIG Corporate Members offer some benefits to FIG members and members of member associations. These benefits are published on a specific web site:

www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate_benefits.htm

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<http://www.gim-international.com/figmember/>

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