



Looking back on FIG working week 2019 April 22nd - 26th in HANOI, Vietnam

- ❖ We were warmly welcomed by our Vietnamese hosted, who have done a great job in presenting an attractive programme, with lots of space for both social, cultural and technical events and sessions.
- ❖ The work plan for the term 2019-2022 was presented to the delegates and members at the general assembly (see attached the work plan and presentation). Five working groups are established, focusing on the following topics:
 - WG 8.1 Rural-urban dependency, chaired by Rosy Liao
 - WG 8.2 GIS tools for spatial planning, chaired by Enrico Rispoli
 - WG 8.3 Urban challenges, chaired by Erwin van der Krabben
 - WG 8.4 Land policy instruments for spatial planning, chaired by Morten Hartvigsen
 - WG 8.5 African water governance, chaired by Richard Pagett
- ❖ At the yearly commission 8 meeting the work plan was presented and discussed, the first results of an explorative study of available GIS tools for participatory planning were presented, and we discussed upcoming activities. A great thanks to all who contributed! Should you have missed out and would you like to engage, please let us know. The commission 8 meeting was followed by a lively commission dinner, which was this year jointly organized by commission 7, 8 and 9 in order to familiarize and foster the exchange of information across these commissions.
- ❖ We joined commission 7 and paid a visit to the Vietnamese General Department of Land Administration (GLDA), which resorts under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. FIG commission 7 and 8 introduced themselves and the planned activities for the upcoming term, and our Vietnamese hosts explained the role of GLDA and the developments they face regarding land administration and spatial planning. After this, all participants visited the one-stop-shop of GLDA where people can arrange the registration of transactions and other land administration issues. The new digital system for land administration was also demonstrated.
- ❖ Overall highlights of the FIG Working Week in Hanoi:
 - ✓ Well attended sessions for example on SMART cities and urban-rural continuum (joint session of commissions 7/8/9)
 - ✓ Fruitful discussion with input from Asian countries in special session with FAO about spatial planning and tenure (VGGT's)

- ✓ Field visit to General Department of Land Administration (organized by commission 7)
- ✓ First results of Working Group GIS tools for spatial planning were presented at commission meeting

Upcoming events in 2019

We would like to draw your attention to the following upcoming events that could be of interest for commission 8 delegates and friends. Should you wish to participate, please proceed to the website to register. Should you wish to give a presentation at the event in Cluj-Napoca or in Santiago de Compostela, then please contact us (figcommission8@fig.net).

Aug 5th – 9th **Digital Twin, Smart Cities and Smart Land Information** in Seoul, Korea.

The annual meeting of commission 7 will focus among others on the smart city and digital twin, cadaster and land administration, and cadaster 4.0. You are cordially invited to participate and exchange ideas and develop new networks for collaboration. For more information, please visit the website www.com7figseoul.com

Sept 23rd – 27th **Advances in Geodata Analytics for Smart Cities and Regions** in Cluj-Napoca, Romania

This is a joint commission 3 and 8 workshop held in conjunction with the Romanian surveying week and the Life Sciences for Sustainable Development conference. Commission 3 will also have its annual meeting. Please visit <http://symposium.usamvcluj.ro/> for additional information

Nov 5th – 8th **On the Way to the Rural World – An International Conference on Rural Development and Tourism** in Santiago de Compostela, Spain

The commission 8 and LANDNET workshop is jointly organized with a conference on rural development and tourism, organized by the Galician Agency for Rural Development and the Regional Government of Galicia. In view of rural developments like depopulation, land abandonment, and unfavorable conditions for agriculture, the conference focuses on sustainable land management and innovative options for trade and local products. Tourism will open us the gateway to the rural heritage, cultures and traditions, and all along the road, women will teach us how to create opportunities, while taking the leadership in the rural world.

The conference runs along four parallel tracks:

1. Land management – challenges and opportunities (LANDNET and Commission 8)
2. Tourism – A gateway to the rural world
3. Trade 4.0 – from the land to the world
4. Women leadership in the rural world

In due time you can find more information on the conference website, or you can contact Mr. Richard Eberlin (richard.eberlin@bird.org.es)

Communication

We are happy to announce that from now on each FIG commission will have its own email address where you can reach us. To contact commission 8, please use the following email address: figcommission8@fig.net

We would like to thank you for your attendance or interest and hope to welcome you in person on one of our upcoming events or in activities. And again, if you would like to engage, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Marije Louwsma, chair