



## FIG COMMISSION 8 Spatial Planning & Development

To : Delegates, Correspondents and Friends of FIG Commission 8  
cc : FIG Office Copenhagen  
From : Chair Dr Diane Dumashie  
Subject : Newsletter August 2004

Dear All,

This is Year 2004 Commission newsletter and is circulated to wish you well, keep you updated, and invite your comments.

### 1. Dr Spike Boydell elected as Commission Chair 2006-2010

As you know Dr Spike Boydell, practicing in Fiji was nominated by his Association as chair for the Commission for the period 2006-2010.

At the General Assembly held during the Working Week in Athens 22-27 May 2004, both Dr Spike and Dr Diane Dumashie jointly presented the commission outline of activities covering the period 2004/ 2006 (Diane's term) and 2006/ 2010 (Spike's term).

### 2. Commission 8 events during WW Athens

The Commission met officially on Sunday 23 May from 15.00-17.00 hrs. Due to the short notice only a handful of people were able to attend but Diane Dumashie was able to outline the work plan for the current term. This plan encourages and open lines of communication with all interested Comm 8 members. The minutes were circulated early in June.

The WW was a success for Comm 8. Our activities were launched in the third plenary session about environmental issues and risk management. Comm 8 delegate, Prof. Theo Kötter (Germany) and Prof. Stig Enemark (Denmark) led a lively debate. Thought provoking technical sessions followed later in the week.

Since the WW country delegates have begun communicating, with matters emerging in a:

- Lively discussion between members initiated by Willie Tan (Singapore) questioning if there is a trend away from planning in general, towards institutional issues, the so-called "third way" between State and market. Do contact Willie direct to participate.
- Proposal from Eszter Hona (Hungary) that an international glossary of terms of different plans be compiled. I encourage you to communicate direct with Eszter your ideas how this may be implemented.
- Further, it was suggested that consideration be given to rural development planning as well as planning policies linked to environmental improvement. Noting that several papers were presented in Athens on Rural development/ land consolidation. To participate in this discussion contact Eszter direct.

### 3. Cross Commission Collaboration

I welcome collaboration with other Commission, in particular Comm 9 which during the WW built many bridges with Comm 8.

First, because a formal Comm 8 dinner was unfortunately not arranged prior to the working week, Comm 9 invited Comm 8 delegates to join their own arrangements thus brokering an impromptu

substitute. Our thanks go to Commission chair Stephen Yip (HK) and Simon Adcock (Australia) for their generous invitation; perhaps we should seek to reciprocate an invitation to our Comm dinner in Cairo in April 2005?

In addition, Comm 8 proposes to borrow an idea from procedures adopted by Comm 9 in its technical sessions. There will be a best paper award at the Cairo Comm 8 technical session, so we look forward to hearing from you nearer the time with your abstract presentations!

#### **4. Comm 8 is leading a Joint Working Group with Commission 3, 4 and 7 on Spatial land planning implications in informal settlements (WG 8.3)**

This project seeks to consider Spatial land planning implications in informal settlements in Cities/ Ports accounting for security of tenure for women and community participation utilising ICZM, planning and GIS tools.

I have revised, and am collaborating with several commissions to progress this topic. During the WW a breakfast meeting was held and the next steps agreed. Please contact me (Diane Dumashie) for further information on this groups activities. An email update of the project and its aims will be circulated in August to WG members. Networking will continue in Jakarta with an interim meeting in Cairo 2005.

#### **5. WG 8.4 Disaster Risk management**

This is a high profile group linked with UN agencies and being chaired by Professor Theo Kotter (Germany). The first meeting was held in Nairobi at the regional conference, a follow up meeting was held during Athens WW. Next steps have been agreed. Please contact Professor Theo Kotter for further information on this groups activities.

#### **6. FIG Regional meeting in Jakarta October 2004**

The FIG regional meeting is to be held in Jakarta from 4- 7 October 2004, the commission is looking forward to specific as well as joint technical sessions.

The first draft of the technical program has been published and the speakers confirmed but some papers are still under valuation process. Deadline for abstracts has been passed but **still some papers can be considered.**

Registration and information details can be found at the FIG website [www.fig.net](http://www.fig.net)  
Web site: [www.fig.net/figtree/jakarta](http://www.fig.net/figtree/jakarta) .

#### **7. Proposed Annual Meeting 2005 FIG Commission 8**

The delegates in Athens discussed and now wish to explore with you an idea that Comm 8 holds a two day seminar in London/ Southern England in either Spring/ Summer 2005. An email will follow later in August requesting your expression of interest.

The proposal is an exploratory idea to invite Comm 8 country delegates to the UK for a working seminar to be conducted over a period of 2/3 days and to cover Environment, Regeneration, and Spatial planning & development topics. In addition, you will also be invited to present a country report/ paper or other matters, during the lectures. This may also be extended to other commissions, such as Comm 9.

The proposed program could include:

Day 1 (Wednesday evening) Arrive London and informal dinner

Day 2 (Thursday) Breakfast meeting, study tour, lecture, dinner

Day 3 (Friday) Study tour, Lecture and informal dinner

I would welcome your comments as to the practicalities of you attending an overseas seminar. If sufficient interest is forthcoming then funding, over the 2/3 day period, will be investigated – We

will seek to cover delegate registration fees, travel on study tours and two evening dinners with a small subsidy toward 2 nights hotel accommodation. So delegates will need to fund their own flight and lunch costs.

A circular email will be issued end of August outlining more information and requesting your expression of interest.

**8. First Announcement Working Week Cairo, Egypt, April 15-21 2005**

Information can be found at [www.fig.net/cairo](http://www.fig.net/cairo) I invite you to join this event.

**9. 5th ARAB Conference on the Role of 'GIServices in the e-Government', 6-7 September 2004**

'ArabMap 2004', a conference in Cairo, is set to take place in September, in which delegates, correspondents and friends of the Commission are invited to participate. Information can be found at [www.ngisc.goc.eg](http://www.ngisc.goc.eg)

Kind regards,  
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