

**Report to the 32nd General Assembly
FIG Working Week in Eilat, Israel 2009**

FIG Commission 4 – Hydrography

Report of Activities 2008-2009

1. General

Commission 4 members participated at two events this year: FIG Working Week 2008 in Sweden and Canadian Hydrographic Conference and National Surveyors Conference 2008 in Canada. A Commission 4 workshop on Administering Marine Spaces was held at the latter.

Vice Chair, Dr. Michael Sutherland (Working Group 4.3- Administering Marine Spaces) was nominated chair-elect and approved by the General Assembly at Stockholm.

Publication 43- Costa Rica Declaration on Pro-Poor Coastal Zone Management of which Commission 4 was a contributor was published and presented at this year's Working Week in Stockholm.

Vice Chair of Administration and Communications, Mr. David Neale was appointed to the FIG/IHO/ICA International Advisory Board on the Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers.

2. Events

Working Week, Stockholm

The annual Commission 4 meeting was held and three technical sessions were hosted by Commission 4:

- Coastal Zone Management (Joint with Commissions 7 and 8)
- Hydrographic Information Management
- Hydrographic Surveying in Practice

Of interest to Commission 4 was a technical tour hosted by the Swedish Maritime Administration of their new vessel traffic service (VTS).

CHC/NSC 2008, Victoria

The theme of this conference was "*Bringing Land and Sea Together*". Sponsored by FIG, Commission 4 hosted Workshop on Administering Marine Spaces. The goals of the workshop were to inform conference participants of international efforts with regard to administering marine spaces and the role of FIG as a source for knowledge and good practice; to solicit feedback from conference participants; and to foster links between the ACLS and FIG in

respect to their ongoing efforts to promote an administrative framework (including the Marine Cadastre) for Canada.

An overview of FIG was provided and Dr. Michael Sutherland (Chair of Working Group 4.3) then chaired the session which focused on providing an understanding of the challenges and issues such as the impact of climate change and development on coastal communities; the role of the surveyor and other land management professionals in respect of the Administration of Marine Spaces. Feedback was received from participants on the role of the surveyor in leading the development, implementation and maintenance of a Marine Cadastre.

Commission 4 Newsletter

In exchange for our regular contributions to Hydro International, the publisher continued to provide a free subscription to all Commission 4 delegates.

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Chair of FIG Commission 4

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