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FIG e-Newsletter December 2012

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.

FIG Office wishes you:



- ❖ Seasons Greeting and a Happy New Year!
- ❖ Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année
- ❖ Fröhliche Weihnachten und Ein Gutes Neues Jahr
- ❖ Feliz Navidad y Prospero año nuevo!
- ❖ Kul sanna wa'intum b'kheir
- ❖ Glædelig jul og godt nytår

Please notice that the FIG Office will be closed 22 December - 3 January.

News from FIG Office – welcome to 6 new members of FIG

At its latest meeting in Uruguay, FIG Council approved 6 new members of FIG
It is a pleasure to welcome the following Corporate Member:

- Institut Cartogràfic de Catalunya - <http://www.icc.es/>

and the Following Academic Members:

- University of Stuttgart, Germany: <http://www.uni-stuttgart.de/ingeo/>
- University des los Andes, Bogota: <http://www.uniandes.edu.co/>
- Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences, Finland: <http://www.ramk.fi/>
- Lebanese International University: <http://www.liu.edu.lb/>
- INES-Ruhengeri, Rwanda: <http://www.ines.ac.rw/>

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 of the Month in November 2012 is written by **Volker Böder, Thomas P. Kersten, Thomas Thies and Arne Sauer, Germany: Mobile laser scanning on board hydrographic survey vessels - applications and accuracy investigation.** The first author of the paper, Volker Böder, died 31 August 2012 in a tragic ship accident on duty and we would like to remember him on the remarkable research he has done over the years with the publishing of this

article. Volker Boeder was Vice-Chair of Commission 4, Chair of Working Group 4.3 "Multi-Sensor Systems for Hydrographic Applications", and was a very active member of Commission 4. Among other things he worked on a publication related to the development of technical guidelines for sensor integration (best practices). Volker Böder shall be very much missed both as a colleague and a friend.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/December_2012/dec_2012_boeder.html

FIG Working Week 2013 6-10 May in Abuja, Nigeria – submit your abstract – deadline is 30 November 2012



Nikon Luxury Hotel



Market in Abuja

FIG Working Week 2013 will take place in Abuja, Nigeria 6-10 May 2013. The city of Abuja is the new capital of Nigeria taking over from the coastal city of Lagos in 1991. It is the first time in the history of FIG that a Working Week will take place in Sub-Saharan Africa. The International Conference Centre (ICC) Abuja is the Conference venue together with the Nikon Luxury Hotel and is situated within the Central Business District. The main theme for this working week is "**Environment for Sustainability**" moving the Surveying Profession to the next level.

Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities

Exhibition will take place 7-9 May 2013. It is now time to make your decisions on sponsorship and exhibition. Read more about the opportunities on the conference web site:

http://www.fig.net/fig2013/exhibition_opportunities.htm

Technical programme

The submission of papers has closed. FIG Commission Chairs are right now looking through all abstracts that we have received and by 19 January all authors will be notified on the decisions of the papers.

Registration for the conference

The registration will open early January 2013.

More information

The conference web site will be updated regularly:

www.fig.net/fig2013

Read report from FIG Office visit to Abuja:

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/abuja_october_2012.htm

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting and One-day International Symposium, 30 November - 4 December 2012



Most of the Participants at the 2012 FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting

FIG President CheeHai TEO joined FIG Commission 7 Delegates at its 2012 Annual Meeting in San Luis, Argentina. The annual event included a One-day International Symposium with the theme "Land Governance in South America and International Perspectives".

www.fig.net/news/news_2012/fig_com7_annual_meeting.htm

Towards an Environment of Sustainability - 30th Annual Olumide Memorial Lecture in Nigeria, 20-21 November 2012



A Very special greeting for President **CheeHai TEO**

FIG President CheeHai Teo made another working visit to Abuja, Nigeria between 20 and 21 November 2012 as part of the lead-up to the 2013 FIG Working Week. During the visit, apart from continuing the discussion with the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors on their preparation, President CheeHai TEO delivered the 30th Annual Olumide Memorial Lecture on 20th November 2012.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2012/visit_abuja.htm

President CheeHai TEO attended The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Annual Dinner, 6 November



The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors held their annual dinner on the evening of 6 November 2012 at the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong. Ms **Serena LAU**, HKIS President welcomed members and guests to what was a grand evening. www.fig.net/news/news_2012/hkis_annual_dinner_2012.htm

FIG Affiliate Member, Survey Department Brunei Darussalam, celebrates its Diamond Jubilee, 14 November 2012



Surveyor General of Brunei Darussalam, **Awang Haji Ali Bakar bin Kassim**

The Survey Department, Ministry of Development Negara Brunei Darussalam, celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a one-day seminar. The theme of the Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Seminar was "Geospatial for Sustainable Development". FIG President **CheeHai TEO** was invited and delivered the keynote at the opening segment of the Seminar.

www.fig.net/news/news_2012/surv_dept_brunei_60_anniversar_y.htm

And the winner is... ESRI



On 15 November 2012 the Economist awarded successful innovators. Jack Dangermond, president of the Environmental Systems Research Institute, ESRI received the computing and telecommunications award, together with John Hanke, vice-president of product management at Google.

<http://www.economist.com/news/technology-quarterly/21567206-innovation-awards-our-annual-prizes-recognise-successful-innovators-eight>

Newly launched: Geo-matching.com



Geo-matching.com is an initiative from FIG corporate member Geomares Publishing. Geo-matching is the independent product comparison website for professional hard- and software for geomatics and adjacent fields. The website leads you through the maze of specifications and gives the opportunity to compare products of different producers, read up on reviews given by users, in order to reach a balanced judgment before buying. For more information about Geomatching please visit:

<http://www.geo-matching.com/>

Newsletters

FIG Young Surveyors Network Newsletter - November 2012:

http://www.fig.net/ys/Newsletters/ys_Newsletter_nov_2012.pdf

Commission 5 newsletter, October 2012:

http://www.fig.net/commission5/newsletters/FIG_Comm5_Oct2012_enewsletter.pdf

Job vacancies

<http://www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm>

Forthcoming events

8-11 April, Washington DC, USA



Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty. Supported by FIG including a joint programme.

Web site: <http://go.worldbank.org/RTWVJ2OA20>

1-3 May, Tainan, Taiwan

The International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology (MMT2013). Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5 and 6

Web site: <http://conf.ncku.edu.tw/mmt2013/>

6-10 May, Abuja, Nigeria



Environment for Sustainability. FIG Working Week and General Assembly.

Web site: <http://www.fig.net/fig2013>

18-20 June 2013, Manila, Philippine

The 12th South East Asia Survey Congress "Geospatial Cooperation towards a Sustainable Future". Co-organised by FIG Commissions 5 and 6

31 August 2013, Potsdam, Germany (alongside the IAG Scientific Assembly)
JBGIS Annual Meeting hosted by IAG, together with the IAG Scientific Assembly

9-11 September 2013, Nottingham, United Kingdom

The second Joint FIG/IAG International Symposium on Deformation Monitoring (JISDM)

Web site: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/engineering/conference/jisdms/index.aspx>

Call for paper: <http://www.fig.net/events/2013/jisdms.pdf>

21-25 October, Yaounde, Cameroon

2nd Surveying Week: Building Capacities in Land Reforms and Land Management jointly with the annual assembly of Commission 2 and Commission 7 and the general assembly of the FGF. Organised by l'Ordre des Géomètres du Cameroun, FIG Commission 2 and 7

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

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