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FIG e-Newsletter June 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 – June 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 June 2009 is written by Prof. **Rudolf Staiger**, Chair of FIG Commission 5 from Germany. His paper "*Push the Button – or Does the "Art of Measurement" Still Exist?*" has been prepared and presented as a keynote presentation in Plenary Session 3 – GNSS, Geo-sciences and Surveying at the FIG Working Week 2009 in Eilat, Israel, 7 May 2009. Read the paper:

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/june_2009/june_2009_staiger.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 thereby provides an excellent opportunity for FIG member associations and surveyors all over the world to meet and share experiences and achievements. Please notice that FAO will organise a two-day regional conference on *Voluntary guidelines for responsible governance of tenure of land and other natural resources* as part of the FIG regional conference. Please notice the registration fee for full participants is **300 EUR** until **15 August 2009** 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
Themes and topics: www.fig.net/vietnam/themes.htm
Web site for submitting abstracts: www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=11. Deadline for abstracts has passed **10 June 2009** but proposals are still accepted.

FIG Congress 2010 - Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010

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 will be opened in June 2009. You can register your interest already now at: www.fig2010.com.

Call for papers is available 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**.

Abstracts can be submitted online at: 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

News from last month:

FIG Working Week 2009 - Surveyors Key Role in Accelerated Development, Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009

The FIG Working Week 2009 “*Surveyors’ Key Role in Accelerated Development*” took place in Eilat, Israel 3-8 May 2009. The conference gathered more than 500 delegates – with exhibitors and accompanying persons about 650 participants from 60 countries. The technical programme included almost 250 presentations in about 60 technical sessions and workshops. The conference was hosted jointly by the Association of Licensed Surveyors in Israel, ALSI and FIG in co-operation with the Survey of Israel. All material from the Working Week is now available.

Read more:

Conference report: www.fig.net/news/eilat_2009/

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www.fig.net/news/eilat_2009/picture_gallery_12.htm

FIG 2009 proceedings including handouts of powerpoint presentations:

www.fig.net/pub/fig2009

FIG General Assembly 2009 - Eilat, Israel, 4 and 8 May 2009

The minutes of the FIG General Assembly 2009 are available on the FIG web site.

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/minutes.htm

You can also download the minutes without appendices as a pdf-file:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/ga_minutes.pdf (18 pages) and the full set of the minutes

(with all those appendices that were not circulated with the agenda papers) as a .pdf-file at: www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/ga_minutes.pdf (103 pages - 15.5 MB).

The FIG Office has mailed a hard copy of the minutes to all members.

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 have been mailed together with the General Assembly minutes. Further copies can be ordered from the FIG Office, email: fig@fig.net.

Forthcoming events:

Intergraph's International Users' Conference, Washington, D.C., USA, 15-18 June 2009

Read more: www.intergraph2009.com

Towards a Unique Map for the Arab World - Une carte unifiée pour le monde arabe, Beirut, Lebanon, 29 June – 1 July 2009

First International Symposium of the Arab Union of Surveyors. Co-sponsored by FIG.

9th Conference on Optical 3-D Measurement Techniques, Vienna, Austria, 1-3 July 2009

Co-sponsored by Commission 5 and 6.

Read more: <http://info.tuwien.ac.at/ingeo/optical3d/>

The 2009 Survey & Engineering GIS Summit, San Diego, CA, USA, 11-14 July 2009

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: www.esri.com/events/survey/index.html

6th International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology – MMT2009, Presidente Prudente, São Paulo, Brazil, 21-24 July 2009

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5.

Read more: <http://www4.fct.unesp.br/simposios/mmt09/ingles/>

FIG Commission 5 and 6 and SSGA Workshop on "Innovative Technologies for an Efficient Geospatial Management of Earth Resources", Listvyanka, Lake Baikal, Russian Federation, 23-30 July 2009

This Commission 5 and 6 Workshop is organised for the first time in Russia jointly with the Siberian State Academy of Geodesy (SSGA).

Web site: www.s-tur.com/geo/

Invitation brochure as a .pdf-file: www.fig.net/commission5/baikal_2009/invitation.pdf

Deadline for papers has been extended to **15 June 2009**.

More information: argina@gmx.de

10th South East Asian Survey Conference (SEASC'09), Bali; Indonesia, 4-7 August 2009

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Contact: www.seasc2009.org

Geodesy for Planet Earth IAG2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 31 August – 4 September 2009

Co-sponsored by Commission 5.
Read more: www.iag209.com.ar

Laserscanning2009, Paris, France, 1-2 September 2009

ISPRS Workshop cosponsored by FIG Commission 6.
Read more: <http://laserscanning2009.ign.fr>

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 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

Preliminary invitation as a .pdf file:

www.fig.net/commission7/malaysia_2009/am_2009_preliminary_notice.pdf

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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 your interest.

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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 June 2009)

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