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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 – March 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 March 2009 is written by Dr. **Haim Srebro** from Israel. His paper "A Status Report of the Activity of the Survey of Israel" is prepared for the FIG Working Week in Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009. Dr. Srebro is Director General of Survey of Israel and Congress Director of FIG 2009. His paper gives an overview on surveying in Israel for background material for the Working Week. Read the paper:

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/march_2009/march_2009_srebro.html

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

In the technical programme of the FIG Working Week 2009 there are about 250 papers in almost 60 technical sessions and workshops. Deadline for abstracts has passed but still some late coming proposals will be considered. Submit your proposal for non peer review abstract online immediately at: www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=10.

All speakers have been confirmed on the acceptance of their paper.

Please notice that technical tours are offered to the Israel - Egypt and Israel - Jordan boundaries; to the research tunnel at Mount Amram; to the copper mines of Timna; and to the City of Eilat. All tours will all be most interesting, both from professional and from tourist point of view. Tourism to Israel is continuously increasing and e.g. in 2008 more than three million tourists visited Israel. In 2009 the Pope will visit Israel immediately after the FIG Working Week in May.

Please register to the Working Week now at: https://www.ortra.com/fig/default-register_r.htm. When registering please book your hotel at the same time. We recommend booking at the Dan Eilat Hotel which is the conference venue and offers good value for money.

Conference web site: www.fig.net/fig2009

Technical programme: www.fig.net/fig2009/techprog.htm

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

The agenda with appendices for the FIG General Assembly 2009 is available on the FIG web site. The FIG Office has sent a hard copy of the agenda without appendices to all members. If you need a hard copy of the full set of the agenda, please contact the FIG

Office, email: fig@fig.net. Any changes to the agenda will be posted on the web version of the agenda.

Agenda on the web: www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/agenda.htm

Agenda as .pdf file: www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/agenda/ga_agenda_2009.pdf (17 pages)

Agenda with appendices as a .pdf file:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/agenda/ga_agenda_2009_full.pdf (172 pages, 6,355 KB)

News from last month:

FIG/ World Bank Conference "Land Governance in Support of the Millennium Development Goals: Responding to New Challenges" - Washington DC, USA 9-10 March 2009

The FIG - WB Conference "*Land Governance in Support of the Millennium Development Goals: Responding to New Challenges*" took place at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington DC, 9-10 March 2009. The conference was organised by FIG and the World Bank. The general aim was to emphasise the important role of Land Governance in implementing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and to show how FIG and the WB work in parallel in this regard.

The Conference was attended by about 200 invited international experts representing governments, UN agencies, development agencies, professionals, academia and private sector.

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2009/fig_wb_march_2009.htm

Picture gallery: www.fig.net/news/news_2009/fig_wb_march_2009_picture_gallery.htm

Proceedings on FIG web site: www.fig.net/pub/fig_wb_2009

FIG Commission 2 WG 2.3 (Educational Management and Marketing) Workshop - "Navigating the Future of Surveying Education" - Vienna, Austria, 26-28 February 2009

FIG Commission 2 and the Austrian Society for Surveying and Geoinformation organised a workshop in Vienna. Main topics of this workshop were the "*Recruitment of Students*" and the "*Marketing of Professional Surveying Education*". 74 participants from 20 countries attended.

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2009/vienna_february_2009.htm

Proceedings: www.fig.net/commission2/vienna_2009_proc/

President Stig Enemark visits Nepal, the Survey Department, and the Land Management Training Centre, Ministry of Land Reform and Management - Kathmandu and Dhuklihel, Nepal, 14-18 February 2009

President **Stig Enemark** visited Nepal Survey Department and the Land Management Training Centre, Ministry of Land Reform and Management 14-18 February 2009. The visit included a general introduction to the activities of the Department and the overall approach and problems related to surveying and land management in Nepal following the recent change of status from a monarchy to federal republic.

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2009/nepal_february_2009.htm

President Stig Enemark visits India at the Map World Forum - Hyderabad, India, 10-12 February 2009

President Stig Enemark visited the Map World Forum Conference as invited keynote speaker for the seminar on Land Administration in Hyderabad, India, 10-12 February 2009. During the conference President Enemark had the opportunity to discuss with key players in the surveying field in India, in order to invite the Institution of Surveyors, India to become a member of FIG and thereby join the international surveying community. The response to this was very positive and promising.

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2009/hyderabad_february_2009.htm

FIG Foundation Grants in 2009

The FIG Foundation received 15 applications for grants and fellowships for 2009. The Board of Directors decided to give a grant to **William Kalande** from Kenya for his project "*Development of a Cadastral Land Dispute Classification System Using Geographical Data Modeling*". In addition two scholarships were given to authors from developing countries to present their peer review paper at the FIG Working Week 2009 in Eilat, Israel in May 2009. These scholarships were available for the first time in 2009. The FIG Foundation decided further to support the International Geodetic Students Meeting in Zürich, Switzerland. Next time the grants will be available for 2010, deadline for applications in late 2009.

Tools for Legal Integration and Provision of Environmental Improvements in Informal Settlements in Europe - Expert Group Meeting in Athens, Greece, 27-28 November 2008

The Expert Group Meeting on "*Tools for Legal Integration and Provision of Environmental Improvements in Informal Settlements in Europe - Case Study: Albania and Greece*" took place in Athens, 27-28 November 2008, at the headquarters of the Technical Chamber of Greece in Athens. The meeting was part of the Global Land Tool Network activities.

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2008/athens_november_2008.htm

Publications:

FIG - WB Conference "Land Governance in Support of the Millennium Development Goals: Responding to New Challenges", World Bank, Washington DC, 9-10 March 2009

Proceedings on the FIG web site: www.fig.net/pub/fig_wb_2009/

Proceedings of Commission 2 WG 2.3 (Educational Management and Marketing) Workshop "Navigating the Future of Surveying Education" in Vienna, Austria, 26-28 February 2009

Read more: www.fig.net/commission2/vienna_2009_proc/

Proceedings of Commission 3 Workshop on "Spatial Information for Sustainable Management of Urban Areas" in Mainz, Germany, 2-4 February 2009

Read more: www.fig.net/commission3/mainz_2009/programme2.html

Forthcoming events:

GEO-SIBERIA – 2009. 5th International Exhibition and Scientific Congress, 21-23 April 2009, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: www.geosiberia.sibfair.ru

14th International Scientific and Technical Conference – Geoforum 2009, 23-25 April 2009, Lviv, Ukraine

Conference is co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: www.lp.edu.ua/Geoforum/2009_eng.htm

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

Register online at: https://www.ortra.com/fig/default-register_r.htm. When registering please book your hotel at the same time.

Conference web site: www.fig.net/fig2009

GeoCAD '09, 8-9 May 2009, Alba Iulia; Romania

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 2.

Read more: www.uab.ro/sesiuni_2009/geocad09/

Be Conference 2009. Bentley Conference, Charlotte; North Carolina, USA, 11-14 May 2009

Read more: www.bentley.com/en-US/Community/BE+Conference

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

More information: argina@gmx.de

Deadline for abstracts: **25 April 2009**.

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

Co-sponsored by FIG.

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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>

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

7th FIG Regional Conference, Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009

Read more: www.fig.net/vietnam

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.

Latest e-blast:

<http://www.tourhosts.com.au/eblast/v2/public/elist100.asp?456ELwq=596&AWQgdt6=489564AGBDcw52qwr>

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 5 March 2009)

Read more: www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm

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