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## **FIG e-Newsletter November 2013**

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 or bi-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**

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 2013** is written by **Professor Giselle Byrnes, New Zealand: Boundary Makers: Land Surveying in nineteenth-century New Zealand**. Surveyors around the world are struggling with many current challenges. However, this article gives you a possibility to reflect about the impact of surveyors through history in the development and mapping of societies. The paper is a historical outline of the early land surveyors importance to the history of New Zealand, as they were among the advance guard of European settlers to walk the land and assess its potential for future development.

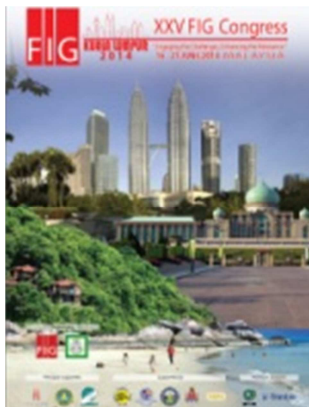
[http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/november\\_2013/giselle\\_byrnes.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/november_2013/giselle_byrnes.html)

We are pleased to share this paper with you since **FIG Institution for the History of Surveying and Measurement (IIHSM)** organises a very special trip, conference and event on Charting and Mapping the Pacific Paradise of the Pitcairners at Norfolk Island, New Zealand, 6-10 July 2014:

Invitation: [http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014\\_norfolk\\_conf\\_info.jpg](http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014_norfolk_conf_info.jpg)

Program: [http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014\\_norfolk\\_conf.jpg](http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014_norfolk_conf.jpg)

### **FIG Congress 2014 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16-21 June 2014 – Last Call for Submission of Abstracts**



It is a pleasure to invite you to the XXV FIG Congress which will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16-21 June 2014. The Malaysian Local Organizing Committee and FIG are working closely together to organize a spectacular and outstanding event for you. The overall theme of the Congress is "Engaging the Challenges – Enhancing the Relevance", within the context of the FIG Work Plan for 2011 - 2014 that has a vision to extend the use and usefulness of the Profession for the betterment of society, environment and economy towards a world that we want.

#### **Last Call for Submission of Abstracts**

Submit your abstract for FIG Congress 2014 now. Deadline for submitting abstract for normal papers is **1 December** 2013. Read



more about the call for papers and specific themes:

[http://www.fig.net/fig2014/call\\_for\\_papers\\_fig2014.pdf](http://www.fig.net/fig2014/call_for_papers_fig2014.pdf)

Submit your abstract: <http://www.fig.net/fig2014/submission.htm>

### Program

The congress will offer you a variety of activities throughout all congress days. Each of the four conference day starts with a plenary session with high level key note speakers. Hereafter there will be a collection of technical sessions planned by each of the 10 FIG Commissions as well as special sessions on various topics of current interest. The technical program will include a broad professional and scientific with more than 700 presentations in the entire broadness of the surveying profession.



Experience the Malaysian culture at the social events

Do not miss the subsequent golf-tour and several social tours in and around Kuala Lumpur are offered during the conference days. Enjoy some of the six technical tours where you will visit various Malaysian organisations working in the field of surveying.

Technical tours: <http://www.fig.net/fig2014/techtours.htm>

Social tours: <http://www.fig.net/fig2014/tours.htm>

For an overview of the program please visit:

<http://www.fig.net/fig2014/programme.htm>

### Exhibition

The exhibition will be large and attractive and already now many booths are reserved. More information on the exhibition:

<http://www.fig.net/fig2014/exhibition.htm>

Sponsorship opportunities:

[http://www.fig.net/fig2014/exhibition\\_opportunities.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig2014/exhibition_opportunities.htm)



The spectacular view from the Conference Center KLCC

Follow the congress web site: [www.fig.net/fig2014](http://www.fig.net/fig2014)

Platinum sponsors of the Congress are Trimble, Esri and Leica, and primary supporter is Malaysia Convention and Exhibition Bureau



## Call for nominations for FIG President and Vice Presidents for FIG for 2015-2018



Current FIG Council 2013-2014 (from left): VP **Rudolf Staiger**, Germany, VP **Chryssy Potsiou** Greece, President **CheeHai Teo**,

At the FIG Congress 2014, the 37th FIG General Assembly will take place on 16 and 21 June 2014. FIG Council is hereby inviting Member Associations to consider nominations for FIG President and for two FIG Vice Presidents for the period 2015-2018.

Nominations must be received by Louise Friis-Hansen at

[louise.friis-hansen@fig.net](mailto:louise.friis-hansen@fig.net).

Deadline for nominations: **15 February 2014**.

Nomination letter:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/election/Nomination\\_letter.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/election/Nomination_letter.pdf)

Extract from FIG Internal Rules on Council nominations:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/election/fig\\_internal\\_rules\\_pres\\_vp.p](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/election/fig_internal_rules_pres_vp.p)

Malaysia, VP Pengfei Cheng China, ACCO rep. Yerach Doytsher. VP Bruno Razza Italy was unfortunately not present for the photo session.

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Template for nomination - FIG President 2015-18 (.docx): [www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/election/pres\\_template\\_15-18.docx](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/election/pres_template_15-18.docx)

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## Reminder - FIG General Assembly 2014 - Call for bids to host FIG Working Week 2017 or FIG Congress 2018



2017 FIG WORKING WEEK BID MANUAL  
2018 FIG CONGRESS BID MANUAL

FIG member associations are invited to consider making a bid to host the FIG Working Week 2017 or FIG Congress 2018 together with FIG. At its meeting in Kuala Lumpur 16-21 June 2014, the FIG General Assembly will select the host and venue for the two events. The Council has prepared bidding guidelines for making the bid. These guidelines explain in detail the information that is required for a successful bid.

More information:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid\\_cover\\_letter\\_2013.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid_cover_letter_2013.pdf)

FIG Working Week 2017 deadline: **30 November 2013**

Guidelines for FIG Working Week 2017:

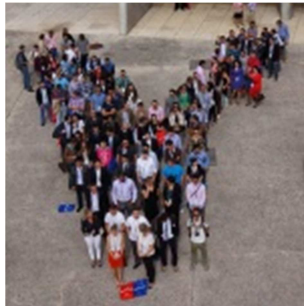
[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid\\_2017.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid_2017.pdf)

FIG Congress 2018 deadline: **15 December 2013**

Guidelines for FIG Congress 2018:

[http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid\\_2018.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid_2018.pdf)

## European Young Surveyors together for tomorrow's challenges, 17-18 October 2013, Lisbon, Portugal



The 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting was held in Lisbon, Portugal 17-18 October 2013. Around 150 young surveyors from 32 countries gathered together to work towards a European Network of Young Surveyors and facing the challenges together as a team, as a Network.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/1st\\_young\\_surveyors\\_meeting.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/1st_young_surveyors_meeting.htm)

## The Chengdu Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management, Chengdu, China, 15-17 October 2013



FIG Vice President, Prof. Cheng Pengfei (in the middle of the picture) at the Chengdu Forum

The Chengdu Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management was held at the Jinjiang Hotel in Chengdu, China from 15 to 17 October 2013. All most 200 participants from 40 countries participated and represented the United Nations, International Organizations and Industries. FIG Vice President, Prof. Cheng Pengfei representing FIG was present at the meeting.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/chengdu\\_forum\\_uuggim2.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/chengdu_forum_uuggim2.htm)

## **The World Came to Essen for the 19th InterGeo Trade Fair and Conference, 8-11 October 2013, Essen Germany**



DVW President Karl F. Thoene at the opening

Intergeo is the world's largest trade fair for geodesy, geoinformation and land management and is one of the key platforms for industry dialogue since it covers a wide variety of fields, ranging from surveying, geoinformation, remote sensing and photogrammetry to complementary solutions and technologies.

FIG was represented with a stand and local representatives from both Malaysia and Bulgaria were attending to promote the FIG Congress 2014 and FIG Working Week 2015

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/intergeo.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/intergeo.htm)

## **Visit by Makli to FIG Office in Copenhagen, 4 October 2013, Copenhagen, Denmark**



MAKLI representatives and FIG Office gathering outside the FIG Office at Kalvebod Brygge, Copenhagen

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## **STDM - Introduction to a pro-poor land information system in Malaysia**

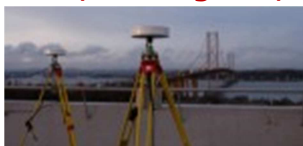


The participants at the event

On 23 September 2013 the Social Tenure Domain Model was introduced in Malaysia. The pro-poor land information system was welcomed by a group of 35 land professionals and experts. The Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) is a concept and tool developed by UN Habitat Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) in close co-operation with FIG and builds on the Land Administration Domain Model (LADM).

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/stdm\\_sep\\_2013.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/stdm_sep_2013.htm)

## **2nd Joint International Symposium on Deformation Monitoring, 9-10 September 2013, Nottingham, United Kingdom**



GPS Antennas in front of Forth Road Bridge, Scotland

This was the second time that the sister organisations FIG (Commission 6, WG 6.1 "Deformation Measurements and Analysis") and IAG (International Association of Geodesy, Commission 4 "Positioning and Applications") organized a joint symposium following up the long series of individual symposia within FIG (since 1975) and IAG (since 1996).

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/nottingham\\_conf.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/nottingham_conf.htm)



## Malcolm McCoy awarded Professional of the Year at the 9th Victorian Spatial Excellence Awards



Malcolm McCoy received the award by FIG President CheeHai Teo

FIG President **CheeHai Teo** was honoured to present this award to **Malcolm McCoy** at the 9th Victorian Spatial Excellence Awards Gala Dinner held in conjunction with the 2013 SSSI Victoria Spatial Summit held on 12 and 13 September in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. The Professional of the Year Award is conferred on a practitioner working in any of the disciplines of the surveying and spatial sciences whose professional achievements are acknowledged by peer citation as exemplifying the highest standards of excellence and ethical conduct

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/ssi\\_malcolm\\_mccoy.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/ssi_malcolm_mccoy.htm)

## World Bank 2014 Land and Poverty Conference



Under the theme of "Integrating Land Governance into the Post-2015 Agenda: Harnessing Synergies for Implementation and Monitoring Impact", the 2014 conference will focus on building a shared understanding of best practices in land governance. By providing an opportunity to strengthen collaboration between diverse experts in land governance, the conference aims to put stakeholders at the country level in a position to address this key development issue

<http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESE/ARCH/EXTPROGRAMS/EXTIE/0,,contentMDK:23467358~pagePK:64168182~piPK:64168060~theSitePK:475520,00.html>

## Reminder - FIG Foundation presents:



### 2014 FIG Foundation Academic Research Grants

Research grants will be provided of up to 20,000 euros spread over two years. Applicants shall be based in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline **31 March 2014**.

Read more: [www.fig.net/figfoundation/2014\\_research\\_grants.htm](http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/2014_research_grants.htm)

### 2014 FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships

Scholarships will be provided of up to 4,000 euros to PhD students. Applicants shall be studying for a PhD degree and registered solely in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline **1 February 2014**.

Read more: [www.fig.net/figfoundation/2014\\_phd\\_scholarship.htm](http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/2014_phd_scholarship.htm)

### 2014 FIG Foundation Young Surveyors Fellowship

The FIG Foundation Young Surveyors Fellowships will provide funding for individuals to cover the costs to attend and participate in the 2014 FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, including attendance at all FIG Young Surveyors events during the congress. Deadline **1 December 2013**.

Read more: [www.fig.net/figfoundation/index.htm#2014\\_fellowship](http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/index.htm#2014_fellowship)

## Job vacancies – updated November 2013

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

## Personalia

<http://www.fig.net/personalia/index.htm>

## Benefits from FIG Corporate Members

[http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate\\_benefits.htm](http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate_benefits.htm)

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## Forthcoming events

### 31 March - 3 April, Washington DC, USA

Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty: Land Governance in the Post-2015 Agenda: Harnessing Synergies for Implementation and Monitoring Impact

Web site:

<http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTPROGRAMS/EXTIE/0,,contentMDK:23467358~pagePK:64168182~piPK:64168060~theSitePK:475520,00.html>

Call for papers:

[http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014\\_world\\_bank\\_conference\\_call\\_for\\_paper.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014_world_bank_conference_call_for_paper.pdf)

### 3-4 April, Prague, Czech Republic

INGEO 2014 - 6th International Conference on Engineering Surveying

Announcement: [http://www.fig.net/events/2014/ingeo\\_announcement.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2014/ingeo_announcement.pdf)

### 16-18 April, Novosibirsk, Russia

Interexpo GEO-Siberia 2014 on "Advanced Geospatial and Surveying Technologies for Environmental Management and Sustainable Territorial Development" organized by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and LLC

Web site : <http://www.expo-geo.ru>

### 28-29 May, London, United Kingdom

GEO Business 2014, geospatial Exhibition and Conference, organised by The Survey Association (TSA), Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Web site: <http://geobusinessshow.com/>



### 16-21 June, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

XXV FIG Congress and General Assembly.

Web site: [www.fig.net/fig2014](http://www.fig.net/fig2014)

### 6-10 July, Norfolk Island, New Zealand

Charting and Mapping the Pacific Paradise of the Pitcairners conference. Organised by FIG Institution for the History of Surveying and Measurement.

Information sheet: [http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014\\_norfolk\\_conf\\_aus.jpg](http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014_norfolk_conf_aus.jpg)

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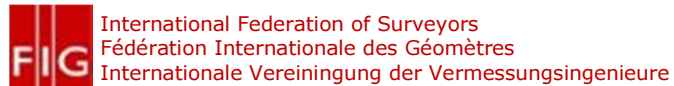
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**FIG Working Week 2015 – Sofia, Bulgaria 17-21 May 22, 2015**  
Web site: [www.fig.net/fig2015](http://www.fig.net/fig2015)

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