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To : Delegates, correspondents and friends of FIG Commission 7  
cc : FIG Office Copenhagen  
From : Paul van der Molen, Chair  
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Dear Friends,

We send you our sincere greetings and trust you are well.

#### 1. **Annual Meeting 2003 Kraków Poland**

The Annual Meeting of the Commission in Kraków/Poland, held from 17-23 September 2003 was very successful. Substantial part of the meeting was the 2nd Cadastral Congress where 11 delegates contributed with sound presentations and papers. The programme of the Annual Meeting, including presentations, minutes and picture gallery are available at

<http://www.fig.net/figtree/commission7/index.htm>.

The presentations of the Cadastral Congress are available at <http://www.oicrf.org/>.

We thank our hosts, Prof. Andrzej Hopfer, the chairman of the Polish Association Kazimierz Czarnecki and organiser Karol Klin for all the work done! Meanwhile we sent words of gratitude to the mayor, governor, Mr. Edvard Mecha and head of cadastral office of the city of Brezsko for hosting our excursion.

#### 2. **FIG 2nd Regional Conference Marrakech Morocco**

The 2nd Regional Conference of FIG took place in Marrakech, from 2-5 December 2003. The Commission was represented by Mr. Andrés Osskó (vice chair) and Mr. Christiaan Lemmen (vice chair administration). The programme and related papers are on

<http://www.fig.net/figtree/morocco/index.htm>.

#### 3. **UNB-FIG Meeting on Marine Cadastres**

Our joint working group with Commission 4 on Coastal Zone Management/Marine Cadastres chaired by Mr. Michael Sutherland (Canada) held a meeting in New Brunswick Canada 15-16 September 2003. Marine cadastres are a new development in our field of work, which we should follow carefully. The outcomes of this meeting can be found at

[http://gge.unb.ca/Research/LandStudies/MarineCadastre/marine\\_cadastre\\_2003.htm](http://gge.unb.ca/Research/LandStudies/MarineCadastre/marine_cadastre_2003.htm).

#### 4. **Nominations for Commission Chairs**

Mr Winfried Hawerk (Germany) and Mr. Andrés Osskó (Hungary) are nominated by their Associations as chair for the Commission in the period 2006-2010. The FIG Council decided to extend the deadline to 20th January 2004.

## 5. **FIG Working Week 2004, Athens, Greece**

FIG will hold his 2004 Working Week in Athens, Greece, from **22-27 May 2004**. From the Commissions point of view we included the following topics in the call for papers:

- good practices in land administration and cadastre
- development of good land administration organisations
- impact of new land laws and land reform laws on good land administration
- development of marine cadastres and mining cadastres
- appropriate technologies for good land administration
- developments in urban and rural land management.

The deadline for sending abstract is **10 December 2003**, but I guess latecomers will get sympathetic consideration. Please look at <http://www.fig2004.gr/>.

## 6. **Annual Meeting 2004 Clermont Ferrand**

Our French delegate Mr. Frantz Derlich is busy with the preparations for the annual meeting 2004 in Clermont Ferrand (France). Next month we will meet Frantz in Clermont, to finalise the necessary arrangements. The dates are preliminary fixed at **8-14 September 2004**, so please make this reservation in your diary. Part of the meeting will be a 1,5 day seminar on modern land consolidation, to be organised by Frantz and our vice chair Mr. Mikko Uimonen.

## 7. **Symposium E-land administration Innsbruck Austria**

On behalf of the Commission, our Austrian delegate Mrs. Gerda Schennach is preparing a special seminar on e-land administration, to be held in Innsbruck, Austria **2-4 June 2004**. There will be invited papers and presentations on various e-aspects of land administration. The latest developments on e-conveyancing e-data supply will be highlighted. Gerda will send out more e-information in due course. Please keep an eye on our FIG website <http://www.fig.net/figtree/commission7/index.htm>.

## 8. **Possible Meeting Kosovo on Post Conflict Land Administration**

During the Annual Meeting of the Commission in Kraków, the chief executive officer of the Kosovo Cadastral Agency, Professor Murat Meha approached the Commission with the request to co-organise a seminar in Pristina, Kosovo. After discussions the appropriate subject seems to be 'Land Administration in Post Conflict Areas'. **Tentative dates 29-30 April 2004**. We are still in contact with Professor Meha to see how the Commission can contribute. At the same time we keep in touch with UN/Habitat because they prepare a general guideline on the issue. Maybe we can work together here.

## 9. **Possible Meeting Nairobi on secure land tenure: new legal frameworks and tools.**

We are working on a Terms of Reference for a Commission 7 special symposium in Nairobi/Kenya on the impact of the new land laws in Africa on land administration. This was extensively debated during the break out session of working group 1 in Kraków, chaired by Mr. András Osskó. As we intend to use the facilities of the UN/Habitat, we asked Dr. Clarissa Augustinus (Chief, Land and Tenure Section, Shelter Branch, Global Division) and advisor to the Commission to help us.

**Preliminary dates are 2004 Nov 24-26 or Dec 1-3**. We start to find sponsors. If the Commission delegates have suggestions, we welcome this warmly.

## 10. **225th Anniversary State University of Land Use Planning**

Our Russian delegate Professor Sergei Volkov, Rector of the State University, welcomes the participation of the Commission at a scientific conference on the occasion, to be held May 25<sup>th</sup> 2004 in Moscow, Russia. The chair of the Commission is invited to deliver a presentation.

**11. Nordic Surveyors Congress**

The land surveyors of the Scandinavian countries will meet in Helsinki Finland June 8-9. The chair of the Commission is invited to participate, and will present a paper on the impact of the European Union on the profession.

**12. Low Cost Working Group gets started!**

We congratulate Mr Dan Schnurr, United Kingdom, with his appointment as chair of our joint working group with Commission 5 on 'low cost technology for developing countries. A work plan was presented already. Our Commission is represented by Mrs. Mabel Alvarez Lopez, Argentina, Mrs Gerda Schennach, Austria, Mrs. Chryssy Potsiou, Greece, Mr. Jacob Opadeyi, Trinidad and Mr. Tom Viney, United Kingdom, We wish the group good success!

**13. Annual Meeting 2005 not in Hong Kong**

Despite all his efforts, our Hong Kong delegate Dr. Conrad Tang reported that the organisation of an annual meeting of the Commission in 2005 in Hong Kong encountered too much problems and seemed not to be realistic. Therefore we cancelled this proposal.

**14. Cadastral Template**

Our Swiss delegate, Mr. Daniel Steudler, is very active in promoting the Cadastral Template. We believe this is the first successful attempt to standardise and harmonise the description of cadastral systems all over the world. We strongly recommend your participation in the project, as more than 30 countries already joined! Please visit <http://www.cadastraltemplate.org/>.

**15. Italy**

We discussed with the chairman of the Italian Association Mr. Piero Panunzi the relationship of the Association with the Commission, as an early request (in Gävle) of the Association to host an annual meeting seemed to be not processed adequately. There might be a new request in the future.

**16. IT Renewal Strategies**

The proceeding of the symposium on IT Renewal Strategies held in Enschede (NL) 8-9 May 2003 are published now. We are happy to offer you a copy.

**WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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