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FIG Newsletter April/May 2016

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG 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 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 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 in **May 2016** is written by Walter Timo De Vries (Germany): **Post Disaster Consolidation of Land, Memory and Identity**. This peer reviewed paper was presented at the FIG Working Week in Christchurch, New Zealand, 2-6 May 2016. This paper takes a closer look at the post-disaster re-development plan for urban areas, with a particular focus on reconsolidating historical social memory and preservation of identity. This is done using two well-documented cases of urban disasters: the firework disaster in Enschede/Netherlands in 2000 and the Merapi disaster in Yogyakarta / Indonesia 2010.

http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2016/de_vries_may_2016.asp

The article in **April 2016** is written by Murat Meha (Kosovo) Joep Crompvoets (Belgium) Muzafer Çaka and Denis Pitarka (Kosovo): **Implementing a National Spatial Data Infrastructure for a Modern Kosovo. This paper was presented at the FIG Working Week in Sofia, Bulgaria, 17-21 May 2015**. The paper describes how to work on the strategy and implementation for a National Spatial Data Infrastructure in a modern society. Kosovo is used as example. The strategy that is developed is based on INSPIRE, and a road map for the implementation is also included.

http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2016/muha_et_al_april_2016.asp

FIG General Assembly 2016 Report - Two new Vice Presidents and Venue 2020



The new FIG Council

The FIG General Assembly was held 02 and 06 May in Christchurch, New Zealand in conjunction to the FIG Working Week 2016. The main issues on the agenda were the election of two FIG Vice Presidents for the term 2017-2020 and the venue for FIG Working Week 2020. 55 Member Associations and several observers attended the FIG General Assembly 2016. General Assembly report:

www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_05_ga_report.asp
(the minutes will be published soon)

FIG Working Week 2016 - Recovery from Disaster – Report



We are now - not recovering from disaster - but from a large and different Working Week success!



FIG Working Week 2016 was organised in Christchurch, New Zealand 2-6 May 2016 and attracted more than 700 participants from 65 countries. The Working Week offered a lot of various activities, sessions, pre-workshops and meetings during the busy week.

Report from the Working Week:

www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_05_ww_report.asp

Proceedings:

www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2016/index.htm



A traditional Maori dance

General Assembly Report:

www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_05_ga_report.asp

Photo Gallery:

www.fig.net/images/conference/2016_gallery_1.asp

Programme book:

www.fig.net/fig2016/downloads/NZ_programme.pdf

Working Week web site: www.fig.net/fig2016

We thank our Working Week partners and sponsors:

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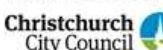
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FIG Annual Review 2015



Join us on a trip through the year 2015. 2015 was the first year for the new President, Council and FIG Commission Chairs. Read more:

www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_04_annual_review-2016.asp

Annual review in pdf:

www.fig.net/about/annual_review/anrew15/ARReview2015.pdf

(the annual review will be sent to all members by post together with the minutes from the FIG General Assembly)

Fourth High Level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management



At the high level forum in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, FIG was represented by Christiaan Lemmen. Focus was on land administration and management, with particular emphasis on sharing experiences, including benefits and challenges,

considering fit for purpose aspects, digital land registers, cadastres, and other land data needs, demonstrating practical examples of land administration success stories.

www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_04_un-ggim.asp

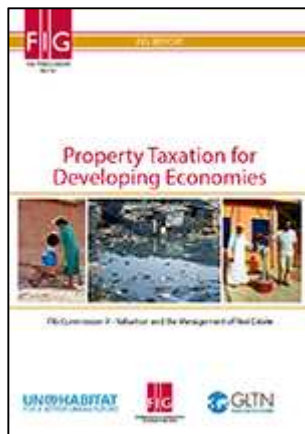
News from FIG Permanent Institution on History of Surveying and Measurement



Chair of the Permanent Institution, Jan de Graeve, participated in the UNESCO World Heritage Meeting - on the Struve Arc on 11 May 2016.

www.fig.net/organisation/perm/hsm/news/2016_05-UNESCO-WH-Meeting-iihsm.pdf

New Publication: Report on Property Taxation for Developing Economies – Valuation and the Management of Real Estate



New joint FIG Commission 9/UN-Habitat/GLTN Report on Property Taxation for Developing Economies – Valuation and the Management of Real Estate, FIG Report 2016

The report promotes discussion on a relatively simple, sustainable, speedy and cost-effective system of property taxation which can be introduced in jurisdictions with a paucity of the resources normally required to administer a more complex ad valorem property tax regime. This discussion takes place within the context of existing examples of Banded tax assessments and is based on the needs and the limited resources of the so-called developing and transitional economies.

www.fig.net/resources/publications/figpub/pub67/Figpub67.pdf

Vacancies and project opportunities

www.fig.net/about/jobs/index.asp

Forthcoming events



7-9 June 2016, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

4th FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting

Web site: www.fig.net/organisation/networks/ys/activities/events/4ysem.asp

5-8 July, Salzburg, Austria

GI_Forum 2016 - organised by UNIGIS, Z_GIS, GIScience and OAW. Call for Papers: December 1, 2015 - February 1, 2016. Co-sponsored by FIG

Web site: <http://www.gi-forum.org>

2-4 August, Johannesburg, South Africa

Geomatics Indaba 2016 - organised by organised by the the Geo-Information Society of South Africa (GISSA), the Institute of Mine Surveyors of Southern Africa (IMSSA), the South African Geomatics Insitute (SAGI), and EE Publishers (publishers of PositionIT). Supported by PLATO and FIG.

Web site: <http://geomatics.org.za/>

6-8 September, Beirut, Lebanon

3rd International Conference of the Order in Beirut, Management of the agricultural Zones. The Surveyors at the heart of the Decentralization and sustainable development
More information: www.fig.net/events/2016/2016_09_lebanon.pdf

11-13 October 2016, Hamburg, Germany

InterGeo Organised by DVW.

Web site: <http://www.intergeo.de/>

18 September Sounio, Greece

Discussion on Commission Structure

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19-21 September 2016 Athens , Greece

Workshop on Sustainable Real Estate Markets Policy Framework & Necessary Reforms
Organised by FIG Task Force on Property Markets and Technical Chamber of Greece

More info at: okal@central.tee.gr

27-30 September 2016 Belek-Antalya, Turkey

Selcuk International Scientific Conference On Applied Sciences - 2016 - organised by Selcuk University in Belek-Antalya, Turkey

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2016/2016_09_turkey.pdf

Web site: <http://iscas2016.selcuk.edu.tr/>

5-6 October 2016 Vichy, France

5th International conference on Machine Control & Guidance - MCG2016 Organised by Irstea, CNRS/Blaise-Pascal University and Labex IMobS3. Supported by FIG Commission 5 and 6.

Web site: <http://mcg2016.irstea.fr/>

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FIG 5th International Workshop on 3D Cadastres organized together with the 11th 3D GeoInfo Conference

9-11 November 2016, The Netherlands

Land Consolidation and Readjustment for Sustainable Development - Designing Resilient Landscapes and Empowering Communities. Co-organised by FIG and Dutch Kadaster in close co-operation with FAO. This event is organised because of the celebration of 100 years of land consolidation in the Netherlands in 2016.

Web site: www.lcsymposium.nl

29 May – 2 June 2017, Helsinki, Finland

FIG WORKING WEEK 2017



with the overall theme "Surveying the world of tomorrow – from digitalisation to augmented reality".

Web site: www.fig.net/fig2017

6-11 May 2018, Istanbul, Turkey



FIG Congress 2018

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

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