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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 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 January 2014 is written by **Volker Schwieger**, Germany and **Mikael Lilje**, Sweden: **Innovative and Cost Effective Spatial Positioning**. This paper was presented at FIG Working week, 6-10 May 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria. This paper focuses on surveying of land and the base infrastructure needed for surveying task. It shows how geodetic marks may be replaced by new infrastructures like active control networks. Apart from the technical basics, it outlines the economic benefits with respect to costs and surveying instruments available to local surveyors.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/january_2014/schwieger_lilje.html

FIG Congress 2014 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16-21 June 2014 – Register now to get the Early Bird Fee and help us spread the word



Registration has opened

It is now time to register to one of the premier international events within the surveying field in 2014; the XXV FIG Congress 2014 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Early bird registration is open until **27 February 2014**.

www.fig.net/fig2014/registration.htm

Have you submitted an abstract?

We have received many abstracts for the congress program, and we thank all abstract submitters for their engagement and their contribution to an exciting technical program. All FIG Commission Chairs and key persons have worked thoroughly with the abstracts to compose the very best technical program for you. You will be notified in the beginning of February on the final status of your abstract.



Why attend?

The silver jubilee Congress will be a grand celebration! The FIG XXV Congress will be a culmination of the four-year FIG Work Plan as well as the start of a new 4-year term with a new FIG President who will be elected at the 2014 General Assembly. The celebration will be a mix of interesting plenary and technical sessions and workshops; a trade exhibition and a variety of side events and



social functions, giving you a unique opportunity to discuss best practices within the surveying profession with fellow peers. The Kuala Lumpur 2014 FIG Congress should be of interest to participants from all over the world and will be a memorable experience not to be missed.

A fully packed program will be offered. The program will be underpinned by invited high level key note speakers in four plenary sessions. The four consecutive congress days will be offering up to 10 parallel sessions and workshops. In addition a range of technical tours will be offered aimed at highlighting the role of the profession in Malaysia and set across the broad context of FIG's Commissions. And did we mention the Malaysian evening and Gala dinner?



Help us spread the word!

You can help us by informing your surroundings about the Congress in order to secure a lively, inspiring and well-attended Congress.



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

Experience the Malaysian culture at the congress



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

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.

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

Nomination letter:

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.pdf

Template for nomination - FIG President 2015-18 (.docx):

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/election/pres_template_15-18.docx

Template for nomination - FIG Vice President 2015-18 (.docx):

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/election/vice_pres_template_15-18.docx

Change around the corner for global real estate - International Property Measurement Standard, Press release, 13 January 2013



FIG is a founder member of the International Property Measurement Standard Coalition. Chair of Commission 9, Frances Plimmer is FIG contact person to the coalition. The aim of the Coalition is to enable properties to be measured on a transparent basis that promotes market efficiency through greater confidence between investors, occupiers and funds.
www.fig.net/news/news_2014/ipms_release_jan_2014.htm

The Eight Meeting of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG-8), 9-14 November 2013, Dubai, UAE



The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) is an Associate Member of the ICG. Chair of FIG Commission 5 Mikael Lile was attending as the FIG representative to UNOOSA. At the end of the meeting, the ICG issued a Joint Statement outlining the highlights of the broad scope of work across the ICG.
www.fig.net/commission5/reports/ICG-8_meeting_dubai-2013.pdf

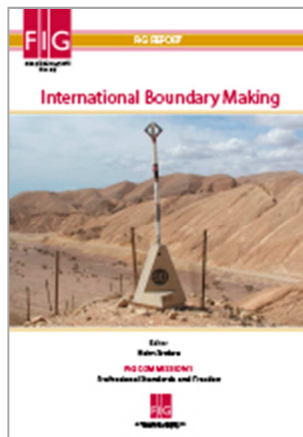
Modernising Land Agencies Budgetary Approach: Costing and Financing of Land Administration Services in Developing Countries Gävle, Sweden, 14 - 15, October 2013



The participants at the 2nd CoFLAS expert meeting

The objective of the CoFLAS project is to develop a useful and practical tool whereby the costing and financing of land administration services in developing countries can be reformed and modernized with a view to enabling the agencies provide cost effective, efficient, sustainable and affordable services. A second Expert Group Meeting (EGM) was hosted by Lantmäteriet at its premises in Gävle, Sweden on 14-15 October 2013 attended by 20 experts.
www.fig.net/news/news_2013/GLTN_Gavle_workshop.htm

Now incl. correct link - New Publication on the International Boundary Making - FIG Publication No.59



In the December issue of the e-Newsletter we introduced the new publication in the FIG Publication Series, No. 59, on International Boundary Making addressing surveying methodology and experiences in the delimitation and demarcation of international boundaries. Unfortunately a wrong link had found its way to the newsletter for which we apologise. Please find the correct link here:

<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub59/figpub59.htm>

To read the publication in pdf please follow this link:
http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub59/figpub59_screen.pdf

The Aubrey Barker Fund Announces Support for Student Organisations

The Trustees of the Aubrey Barker Fund have announced that the fund will consider applications from student organisations within the field of land surveying, quantity surveying and land economy to support student meetings.

http://www.fig.net/ys/index.htm#aubrey_barker_fund

Reminder - FIG Foundation presents:



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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

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

Job vacancies – updated January 2014

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

Personalia – Updated January 2014

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

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http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate_benefits.htm

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Forthcoming events

24-27 March, 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

3-4 April, Prague, Czech Republic

INGEO 2014 - 6th International Conference on Engineering Surveying

Announcement: 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

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

Program: http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014_norfolk_conf.jpg



7-11 October Québec, Canada

FIG Commission 7 annual meeting and GeoConference 2014

25-27 November 2014, Suva, Fiji Islands

Pacific GIS/RS User Conference, Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing in the Pacific, cosponsored by FIG

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

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