

## FIG Commission 8 – Spatial Planning and Development

### ANNUAL REPORT 2012

#### 1. Title

Spatial Planning and Economic Development.

#### 2. Terms of Reference

- Regional and local structure planning
- Urban and rural land use planning and control
- Planning policies and environmental improvement
- Land use planning and implementation and control
- Public-private partnerships
- Informal settlement issues in spatial development,
- Spatial planning and good governance
- Re-engineering mega cities
- Strategy for environmentally sustainable development
- Disaster risk management and land use planning
- Inter-relationship between Commissions

#### 3. Mission Statement

The activities of Commission 8 in the years 2011–2014 continue to involve all levels of physical planning, which enable environmentally sustainable development to occur.

Commission 8 continues to assist in building the capacity of knowledge and skills via case studies, workshops, collaboration and consultation thus contributing, in a positive way, to environmentally sustainable development and living conditions of humans in a changing globalised world.

The challenge this presents is to protect our national heritage while permitting appropriate growth. This is sometimes referred to as “smart growth,” carefully planned growth to preserve the past for future generations. Yet, it seems, one person’s notion of “smart growth” may be, to another person, restraint of trade.

Throughout the world small communities are facing challenges from developers – both builders and land owners looking to make an honest profit – who seek to create commercial, industrial, and residential projects on water masses, former farms, pastureland, and forests.

#### ACTIVITIES 2012

During 2012, commission 8 was active within the FIG Working Week in Rome, participating in several technical sessions. A record total of 115 abstracts were accepted for writing of full

papers. Some of these were in conjunction with other Commissions. We also conducted a well attended Commission 8 Roundtable meeting. During the RoundTable we reviewed progress on all the 4 working groups. There was excellent collaboration towards the objectives of FIG Commission 8 WG 8.1. on Urban Regeneration, Energy Optimization, Public Private Partnerships and Business Improvement Districts (BID's). Activities in the other Working Groups need to be spruced up and we are following up on individual WG's leaderships to establish what their needs are and how we can work towards realizing their respective primary objectives.

Later in the year, in November 2012, Commission 8 approved a total of 16 abstracts for papers to be presented at the FIG Regional Conference in Montevideo, Uruguay. The participation numbers were much lower than in Rome. Nevertheless the

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