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FIG e-Newsletter November 2010

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 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 – November 2010

On the FIG web site we publish each month 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 an FIG conference or another event. The Article of the Month in November 2010 is an invited paper presented at the FIG Congress 2010 in Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010 "*Social Tenure Domain Model: What It Can Mean for the Land Industry and for the Poor*". The paper is written by Dr. Clarissa Augustinus from UN-HABITAT, with whom FIG has had an outstanding cooperation for many years. Therefore - in addition of being an excellent presentation on social tenure domain model - this paper also recognises the long-term cooperation between UN-HABITAT and FIG. Clarissa Augustinus is a social scientist who has had large impact in the land surveying world.

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/november_2010/november_2010_augustinus.html

Handouts of this presentation as a .pdf-file:

http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2010/ppt/inv02/inv02_augustinus_ppt_3724.pdf

FIG Working Week 2011 - Bridging the Gap between Cultures - Marrakech, Morocco, 18-22 May 2011



FIG Working Week and General Assembly 2011 will be held in Marrakech, Morocco 18-22 May 2011. For details see the FIG Working Week web site: www.fig.net/fig2011 and www.onigt.ma/fig2011 (French and Arabic). Registrations will be opened in December.

Call for paper

The **submission of abstract** has been closed. Late arrivals will be taken into consideration if they are submitted at:

<http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=13>

Confirmations of acceptance of non peer review abstracts will be sent by 19 January and the deadline for the submission of the full paper is 16 March. Please remember to use the template for papers and read the guidelines carefully.

The **submission of full peer review papers** is closed. Authors of peer review papers will get the first notification of acceptance by 15 December 2010. The deadline for authors to submit revised full paper for 2nd round of peer review (depending on proposed corrections from reviewers) is 19 January 2011 and the second notification to authors of acceptance of peer reviewed papers will be 2 February 2011.

Guidelines for writing papers:

http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig_2011_template.doc

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Reports from last month

Cooperation with UN-HABITAT, Global Land Tool Network - Meeting of the International Advisory Board, UN-HABITAT, Nairobi, Kenya, 29 - 30 October 2010



The flag alley entrance to the UN-HABITAT Headquarters at Gigiri, Nairobi

FIG President **Stig Enemark** attended the Meeting of the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) International Advisory Board (IAB) held 29 October 2010 at the UN-HABITAT Headquarters in Nairobi, and followed by discussions 30 October on future co-operation and partnership between GLTN and FIG. GLTN has agreed upon 18 key land tools and argues that the existing lack of these tools, as well as land governance issues, are the main cause of failed implementation of failed implementation at scale of land policies worldwide.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2010/nairobi_october_2010.htm

FIG President Stig Enemark attends The GSDI-12 World Conference, Singapore, 15-19 October 2010



Abbas Rajabifard, President of GSDI and Stig Enemark, President of FIG

FIG and GSDI (Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association) signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the FIG Congress in Sydney outlining a framework for co-operation between the two organizations and identifying a range of activities for mutual benefits. The GSDI-12 World Conference was attended by about 600 participants from 65 countries throughout the world. It included a range of workshops, 5 plenary sessions and 35 technical sessions with about 150 presentations.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2010/singapore_october_2010.htm

FIG Vice President Matt Higgins Attends the Fifth Meeting of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG-5) Turin, Italy, 18 - 22 October 2010



FIG Vice President Matt Higgins at the ICG-5 meeting

The ICG has been formed as a result of recommendations of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space (COPUOS), as ratified by the General Assembly of the UN. The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UN OOSA) acts as the secretariat for the ICG. IFIG has an MoU with UN OOSA and is an Associate Member of the ICG. At the end of each meeting, the ICG issues a Joint Statement outlining the highlights of the work of the ICG and any major developments. Read about the status of all of the major GNSS Sub-Systems as well as a summary of the meeting and its work groups.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2010/turin_october_2010.htm

Paul Vanderschueren represents FIG at the Seminar on Assessment of Training Opportunities and Needs for Surveyor and their Technicians in West Africa, Niamey, Niger, 14-15 October 2010



Opening ceremony. President François Mazuyer, FGF in the middle and FIG representative Marc Vanderschueren on the right.

The seminar "Assessment of Training Opportunities and Needs for Surveyor and their Technicians in West Africa" was organised by the Fédération des Géomètres Francophones (FGF) in Niamey, Niger, 14-15 October 2010. The seminar was co-sponsored by FIG. The successful event gathered about 80 participants from 13 countries from Sub-Saharan Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo and of course from Niger).

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2010/niger_october_2010.htm

Job vacancies

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

New FIG Publications

Sydney Declaration - Final version of the declaration adopted as outcome of the XXIV FIG Congress held in Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010

http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/sydney_decl/sydney_declaration.pdf

Forthcoming events

25-26 November, Copenhagen, Denmark

FIG Handover Ceremony.

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2011

13 -15 April, Garching/Munich, Germany

The 1st International Workshop on The Quality of Geodetic Observation and Monitoring Systems - QuGOMS 2011. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5

Abstract submission: 15 November 2010

Invitation flyer: <http://www.fig.net/events/2011/qugoms2011.pdf>

Web site: <http://www.gih.uni-hannover.de/qugoms2011>

14-19 April 2011, Newcastle, United Kingdom

24th International Geodetic Students Meeting. Organised by IGSO and co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: <http://www.igsm2011.org.uk/>

27-29 April, Novosibirsk, Russia

Geosiberia - Seventh International Specialised Exhibition and Scientific Congress.

Organised by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and ITE Siberian Fair. Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/geosiberia_2011.pdf

Web site: <http://www.geo-siberia.com/>

27-29 April, Lviv, Ukraine

GEOFORUM 2011- 16th International Scientific and Technical Conference. Organised by Institute of Geodesy, National University. Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/ukraine_2011.pdf

3-8 May Antalya, Turkey

GI4DM - GeoInformation for Disaster Management. Co-sponsored by FIG

Abstract submission: 15 December 2010

Web site: <http://www.gi4dm.org/>

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13-16 June, Cracow, Poland

Mobile Mapping Technology Symposium, MMT11

7-12 July, San Diego, California, USA

The Survey Summit arranged by Esri and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM). Co-sponsored by FIG

Deadline for abstract submission: 6 December 2010

Web site: <http://www.thesurveysummit.com/>

18 November 2011, Delft, the Netherlands

Second International FIG Workshop on 3D-Cadastrals. Organised by FIG Commission 7 Working Group and supported by EuroSDR.

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