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## **FIG e-Newsletter October 2008**

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG e-Newsletter, which brings you latest information about the 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 by e-mail monthly. 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.

### **Article of the Month – October 2008**

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 October 2008 is written by Dr. **Anna K. Tibaijuka**, Under Secretary General and Executive Director UN-HABITAT. Her paper "*Improving Slum Conditions through Innovative Financing*" was presented as the keynote address at the Opening Ceremony of the FIG Working Week 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden 15 June 2008. Read the paper:

[www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/september\\_2008/september\\_2008\\_martin.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/september_2008/september_2008_martin.html)

### **FIG Working Week 2009 - Surveyors Key Role in Accelerated Development, Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009**

The call for papers for FIG Working Week 2009 is announced. Deadline for **peer review papers** and **non peer review abstracts** is **10 November 2008**.

Submit your **non peer review abstract** online at:

[www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=10](http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=10) by **10 November 2008**

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Registration will be opened in early November.

Conference web site: [www.fig.net/fig2009](http://www.fig.net/fig2009)

### **News from last month:**

#### **FIG President Stig Enemark attends the 39th Conference of the French Chartered Surveyors and the 1st Conference of European Surveyors - Strasbourg, France, 17-19 September 2008**

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2008/strasbourg\\_sept\\_2008.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/strasbourg_sept_2008.htm)

#### **Regional Association for Surveyors in Latin America under discussion - Pedro Cavero attends the X International Congress on Surveying, Cadastre, Geodesy and Geomatics - San José, Costa Rica, 18-20 September 2008**

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2008/costarica\\_sept\\_2008.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/costarica_sept_2008.htm)

## **INTERGEO 2008 in Bremen: Knowledge and Action for Planet Earth - Bremen, Germany, 30 September – 2 October 2008**

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2008/bremen\\_oct\\_2008.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2008/bremen_oct_2008.htm)

### **FIG Office Update – Position of FIG General Manager**

Following the resignation of the Office Manager in Copenhagen earlier this year, the opportunity has been taken to review the duties of office staff and also reduce the heavy workload that the Director has been carrying. It is planned to upgrade the vacant position to that of General Manager as it will have complete responsibility for the management and administration of the office. This will allow the current Director to allocate a higher percentage of his time to supporting the President and Council and developing the FIG events. The position of General Manager is being advertised in this issue of the Newsletter and in other media to ensure FIG obtains the best available person to manage the office.

Read more: Advertisement for the position of the FIG General Manager:

[www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm#FIG\\_GM](http://www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm#FIG_GM)

and as a .pdf file: [www.fig.net/jobs/gm\\_fig.pdf](http://www.fig.net/jobs/gm_fig.pdf)

### **Benefits from FIG Corporate Members to FIG members and members of FIG member associations**

FIG Corporate Members offer some benefits to FIG members and members of member associations. These benefits are now published on a specific web site:

[www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate\\_benefits.htm](http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate_benefits.htm)

At the moment you can get e.g. a free subscription of GIM International:

<http://www.gim-international.com/figmember/>

### **FIG Foundation grants for 2009**

The FIG Foundation has announced the grants for grants and fellowships for 2009. Deadline for applications is **30 November 2008**. This time grants will be available traditionally for projects and as a new initiative some fellowships will be offered for participation to FIG conference (FIG Working Week in Israel and the FIG Regional Conference in Vietnam). These fellowships can be applied by authors from developing countries for paper presentations that pass through the peer review process. For further information see the guidance notes.

Read more: Guidance notes: [www.fig.net/figfoundation/guidancenotes\\_2008.pdf](http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/guidancenotes_2008.pdf)

Application form as a .doc-file: [www.fig.net/figfoundation/foundation\\_apply\\_2008.doc](http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/foundation_apply_2008.doc)

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### **FIG Working Week 2013 - Invitation to host the FIG Working Week**

FIG member associations that are willing to host the FIG Working Week 2013 are invited to contact FIG Director Markku Villikka (email: [fig@fig.net](mailto:fig@fig.net)) by **31 October 2008**.

Bidding document shall be provided by **30 November 2008**. Decision on the venue will be made in May 2009 in Eilat, Israel. Requirements and Bidding Guidelines for FIG Working Week 2013 as a .pdf-file:

[www.fig.net/events/2013/ww2013\\_bidding\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2013/ww2013_bidding_guidelines.pdf)

### **Publications:**

#### **Publicación de la FIG No 43 - Declaración de Costa Rica - Gestión de zonas costeras a favor de los pobres. Declaración de principios de la FIG, 2008.**

Read more: [www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub43\\_span/figpub43.htm](http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub43_span/figpub43.htm)

## Call for papers for FIG Commission Events:

### **Commission 3 Workshop on Spatial Information for Sustainable Management of Urban Areas. Mainz, Germany, 3-5 February 2009**

Deadline for short abstract submission (full paper refereed channel) and for extended abstract submission (abstract refereed channel) has been extended to **31 October 2008**.

Read more: [www.i3mainz.fh-mainz.de/FIG-Workshop/](http://www.i3mainz.fh-mainz.de/FIG-Workshop/)

Call for papers: [www.fig.net/events/2009/com\\_3\\_february\\_2009.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2009/com_3_february_2009.pdf)

### **Navigating the Future of Surveying Education - Workshop on Educational Management and Marketing, Vienna, Austria, 26-28 February 2009**

Organised by FIG Commission 2 WG 2.3.

Deadline for extended abstracts: **31 October 2008**.

Read more: <http://fig09.ovg.at/>

## Forthcoming events:

### **Seminar on Appraisal and Property Protection, Beijing, China P.R., 18-19 October 2008**

Organised by Commission 9, CIREA and HKIS and co-sponsored by Commission 8.

Read more: [www.fig.net/commission9/beijing\\_2008/](http://www.fig.net/commission9/beijing_2008/)

Register at: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=60>

### **INGEO 2008 – 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Engineering Surveying. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 6. Bratislava, Slovakia, 23-24 October 2008**

Second invitation: [www.fig.net/events/2008/INGEO%202008/ingeo\\_2announcement.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2008/INGEO%202008/ingeo_2announcement.pdf)

Read more: [web.svf.stuba.sk/kat/GDE/Welcome.html](http://web.svf.stuba.sk/kat/GDE/Welcome.html)

### **Exhibition on the Evolution from Local Measures to the Meter, Braine-I' Alleud, Belgium, 9 January – 7 February 2009**

Organised by the International Institution for the History of Surveying and Measurement, Permanent Institution of FIG

Web site: [www.fig.net/events/2009/history\\_2009.htm](http://www.fig.net/events/2009/history_2009.htm)

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### **Joint FIG / World Bank Conference – Land Governance in Support of the MDGs, Washington DC, USA, 8-10 March 2009**

Conference is organised by FIG and the World Bank – attendance by invitation only.

Read more: [www.fig.net](http://www.fig.net)

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**9<sup>th</sup> Conference on Optical 3-D Measurement Techniques, Vienna, Austria, 1-3 July 2009**

Co-sponsored by Commission 5 and 6.

Read more: <http://info.tuwien.ac.at/ingeo/optical3d/>

**10<sup>th</sup> South East Asian Survey Conference (SEASC'09), Bali; Indonesia, 4-7 August 2009**

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Contact: [dkirana@bakosurtanal.go.id](mailto:dkirana@bakosurtanal.go.id)

**7<sup>th</sup> FIG Regional Conference, Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009**

Read more: [www.fig.net/vietnam](http://www.fig.net/vietnam)

**FIG XXIV Congress and XXXIII General Assembly, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010**

Read more: [www.fig2010.com](http://www.fig2010.com)

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

**Job opportunities** (including FIG General Manager, latest updated 13 October 2008)

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