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**FIG e-Newsletter**  
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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 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 – May 2009**

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 May 2009 is written by Ms. **Jude Wallace** from Australia. Her paper "*Making Land Markets Work for All*" was prepared and presented for first time in session *MKT1: Potential and Challenges for Land Markets* at the FIG and World Bank Conference on Land Governance in Support of the MDGs: Responding to New Challenges, Washington DC, USA, 9-10 March 2009. Read the paper:

[www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/may\\_2009/may\\_2009\\_wallace.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/may_2009/may_2009_wallace.html)

**7th FIG Regional Conference - Spatial Data Serving People - Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity, Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009**

7th FIG Regional Conference - Spatial Data Serving People - Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity will be held in **Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009**. The topics of the conference are selected to address the issues at the top of the regional and local agenda, and at the same time giving a platform for international discussions. The key topics will be in the areas of land administration and environmental management. The conference thereby provides an excellent opportunity for FIG member associations and surveyors all over the world to meet and share experiences and achievements. Please notice that FAO will organise a two-day regional conference on *Voluntary guidelines for responsible governance of tenure of land and other natural resources* as part of the FIG regional conference. Please notice the registration fee for full participants is **300 EUR** until **15 August 2009** including lunches, dinners and technical tour to Ha Long Bay, a famous natural heritage site and geological reserve in Vietnam. Read more on the conference web site: [www.fig.net/vietnam](http://www.fig.net/vietnam)  
Themes and topics: [www.fig.net/vietnam/themes.htm](http://www.fig.net/vietnam/themes.htm)  
Web site for submitting abstracts: [www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=11](http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=11). Deadline for abstracts is **already 10 June 2009**.

**FIG Congress 2010 - Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010**

*FIG Congress 2010 - Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity* will be held in **Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010**. Final Invitation and Call for Papers brochure will be sent to the members in May and is available as a .pdf file at:

[www.fig.net/fig\\_2010/fig2010\\_final\\_invitation.pdf](http://www.fig.net/fig_2010/fig2010_final_invitation.pdf) (20 pages, 1.26 MB).

Online registration will be opened at the end of May 2009. You can register your interest already now at: [www.fig2010.com](http://www.fig2010.com).

Call for papers is available at: [www.fig.net/fig\\_2010/call.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig_2010/call.htm). Please notice that deadline for abstracts and full papers for peer review is already **22 September 2009**.

Abstracts can be submitted online at: [www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12](http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12)

The organisers have also announced the FIG 2010 Congress Prize, read more:

[www.fig.net/fig\\_2010/prize.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig_2010/prize.htm)

### News from last month:

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

The FIG Working Week 2009 took place in Eilat, Israel from 3rd to 8th of May 2009. The theme of this year's conference was "*Surveyors' Key Role in Accelerated Development*" which is a hot topic worldwide but especially in Israel that is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. The conference gathered more than 500 delegates – with exhibitors and accompanying persons about 650 participants from 65 countries to Eilat, the southernmost edge of Israel at the Red Sea. Among participants 60 students and more than 50 accompanying persons. The technical programme included almost 250 presentations in about 60 technical sessions and workshops. The conference was hosted jointly by the Association of Licensed Surveyors in Israel, ALSI and FIG in co-operation with the Survey of Israel.

Read more:

Conference report:

Picture gallery to be available by 25 May 2009

Conference proceedings including handouts of powerpoint presentations:

[www.fig.net/pub/fig2009](http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2009)

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

Some highlights :

Keynote address - Israel in Space Programme - Prof. Isaac Ben Israel, the Chairman of the Israel Space Agency

[www.fig.net/pub/fig2009/ppt/opening/opening\\_benisrael\\_ppt\\_3503.pdf](http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2009/ppt/opening/opening_benisrael_ppt_3503.pdf)

Opening Address - Prof. Stig Enemark, FIG President

[www.fig.net/pub/fig2009/papers/opening/opening\\_enemark.pdf](http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2009/papers/opening/opening_enemark.pdf)

Closing Address – Summary of the Conference - Prof. Stig Enemark, FIG President

[www.fig.net/pub/fig2009/ppt/closing/closing\\_enemark.pdf](http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2009/ppt/closing/closing_enemark.pdf)

The Role of FIG in contribution to professional development and the global agenda - Prof. Stig Enemark, President of FIG presentation at the General Assembly 4 May 2009

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/minutes/app\\_07\\_presidents\\_report\\_ppt\\_2009.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/minutes/app_07_presidents_report_ppt_2009.pdf)

#### **FIG General Assembly 2009 - Eilat, Israel, 4 and 8 May 2009**

The minutes of the FIG General Assembly 2009 are available on the FIG web site. At the General Assembly 4 May 2009 the General Assembly approved among other issues several new members and the new finance structure for the Federation. The General Assembly had a discussion forum with Commission chairs. At the only voting Mr. **Wafula Nabutola** was elected as Chair Elect of Commission 8 for 2009-2010. FIG Working Week 2013 was admitted to Abuja, Nigeria. Mr. **Ken Allred** from Canada was appointed as an Honorary Member of FIG.

You can also download the minutes without appendices as a pdf-file:

[www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/ga\\_minutes.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/ga_minutes.pdf) (18 pages) and the full set of the minutes (with all those appendices that were not circulated with the agenda papers) as a .pdf-file at: [www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/ga\\_minutes.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/ga_minutes.pdf) (103 pages - 15.5 MB).

The FIG Office will send a hard copy of the minutes to all members within next days. The hard copy will include handouts of the powerpoint presentation of President **Stig Enemark** on the role of FIG in contribution to professional development and the global agenda and a copy of Vice President **Iain Greenway's** report on the FIG finances. The

hard copy version of the minutes (30 pages – 2.5 MB) can also be downloaded from the web at: [www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/ga\\_minutes\\_ma.pdf](http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2009/ga_minutes_ma.pdf).

### **FIG President Stig Enemark attends the Geo-Siberia 2009 Conference - Novosibirsk, Russian Federation, 21-23 April 2009**

President **Stig Enemark** attended Geo-Siberia 2009, the Fifth International Exhibition and Scientific Congress, Novosibirsk, 20-24 April 2009 – invited by **Alexander Karpik**, Rector of the Siberian State Academy of Geodesy being the organiser of the conference. The Geo-Siberia 2009 attracted about 1,500 participants from about 130 organisations and companies and from 15 foreign countries.

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2009/novosibirsk\\_2009.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2009/novosibirsk_2009.htm)

### **Strengthening Cooperation with UN-HABITAT and the Global Land Tool Network - Nairobi, Kenya, 30 March – 4 April 2009**

FIG President **Stig Enemark** attended the 22nd session of the UN-HABITAT Governing Council Meeting in Nairobi 30 March - 3 April 2009 and the meeting of the International Advisory Board the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) 4 April 2009 at the UN-HABITAT Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.

Following the Governing Council meeting President Enemark also attended the meeting of the GLTN International Advisory Board (IAB), where FIG represents the international professional bodies.

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2009/nairobi\\_april\\_2009.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2009/nairobi_april_2009.htm)

### **Publications:**

#### **FIG Annual Review 2008**

The FIG Annual Review 2008 is available on the web at:

[www.fig.net/annual\\_review/anrew08/areview2008.pdf](http://www.fig.net/annual_review/anrew08/areview2008.pdf) (32 pages, 3.8 MB). Hard copies will be sent together with the General Assembly minutes. Further copies can be ordered from the FIG Office, email: [fig@fig.net](mailto:fig@fig.net).

### **Forthcoming events:**

#### **Intergraph's International Users' Conference, Washington, D.C., USA, 15-18 June 2009**

Read more: [www.intergraph2009.com](http://www.intergraph2009.com)

#### **Towards a Unique Map for the Arab World - Une carte unifiée pour le monde arabe, Beirut, Lebanon, 29 June – 1 July 2009**

First International Symposium of the Arab Union of Surveyors. Co-sponsored by FIG.

#### **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/>

#### **The 2009 Survey & Engineering GIS Summit, San Diego, CA, USA, 11-14 July 2009**

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: [www.esri.com/events/survey/index.html](http://www.esri.com/events/survey/index.html)

#### **6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology – MMT2009, Presidente Prudente, São Paulo, Brazil, 21-24 July 2009**

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5.

Read more: <http://www4.fct.unesp.br/simposios/mmt09/ingles/>

**FIG Commission 5 and 6 and SSGA Workshop on "Innovative Technologies for an Efficient Geospatial Management of Earth Resources", Listvyanka, Lake Baikal, Russian Federation, 23-30 July 2009**

This Commission 5 and 6 Workshop is organised for the first time in Russia jointly with the Siberian State Academy of Geodesy (SSGA).

Web site: [www.s-tur.com/geo/](http://www.s-tur.com/geo/)

Invitation brochure as a .pdf-file: [www.fig.net/commission5/baikal\\_2009/invitation.pdf](http://www.fig.net/commission5/baikal_2009/invitation.pdf)

More information: [argina@gmx.de](mailto:argina@gmx.de)

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

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Contact: [www.seasc2009.org](http://www.seasc2009.org)

**Geodesy for Planet Earth IAG2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 31 August – 4 September 2009**

Co-sponsored by Commission 5.

Read more: [www.iag209.com.ar](http://www.iag209.com.ar)

**Laserscanning2009, Paris, France, 1-2 September 2009**

ISPRS Workshop cosponsored by FIG Commission 6.

Read more: <http://laserscanning2009.ign.fr>

**FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting and one-day International Symposium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12-16 October 2009**

Organised by FIG Commission 7.

Read more: [www.fig.net/commission7](http://www.fig.net/commission7)

Preliminary invitation as a .pdf file:

[www.fig.net/commission7/malaysia\\_2009/am\\_2009\\_preliminary\\_notice.pdf](http://www.fig.net/commission7/malaysia_2009/am_2009_preliminary_notice.pdf)

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

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

Submit your abstract: [www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=11](http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=11). Deadline for abstracts is **10 June 2009**. Deadline for early bird registration **15 August 2009**.

**International Symposium "Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice in Geodesy and Related Fields, Sofia, Bulgaria, 5-6 November 2009**

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 2.

**XXIV FIG International Congress - Facing the Challenges - Building the Capacity and XXXIII General Assembly, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010**

Read more: [www.fig2010.com](http://www.fig2010.com) and register your interest.

Submit your abstract online at: [www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12](http://www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=12). Deadline for abstracts and peer review papers 22 September 2009.

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 and project opportunities** (latest updated 13 May 2009)

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

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