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Forthcoming Events

9th to 10th September, Verona, Italy
International Seminar on 'State and Public-Sector Land Management. Organised by FIG Commission 7 with Consiglio Nazionale Geometri.

23rd to 24th October, Bratislava, Slovakia
INGEO 2008 - 4th International Conference on Engineering Surveying Devoted to 70th Anniversary of the Faculty of Civil Engineering of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava. Co-organised by FIG Commission 6.

26th to 28th February 2009, Vienna, Austria
Workshop on Educational Management and Marketing. Organised by FIG Commission 2.

3rd to 8th May 2009, Eilat, Israel
FIG Working Week 2009
www.fig.net/fig2009

19-22 October 2009, Hanoi, Vietnam
7th FIG Regional Conference
www.fig.net/vietnam/

New FIG Officers

The FIG 31st General Assembly was held from 15th to 19th June 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden, during FIG Working Week 2008. More than fifty member associations participated in the Working Week, and several new affiliate members were welcomed to the Federation (see report page 25). The general assembly elected new commission chairs and two new vice-presidents, Iain Greenway (United Kingdom) and Teo CheeHai (Malaysia). Both are well known within the Federation and their contributions have always been highly appreciated; expectations for their term of office, 2009-2012, are commensurate. Vice-presidents Paul van der Molen and Ken Allred are vacating their places on the council. Commission chairs-elect 2009-2010, to automatically assume commission chairmanship 2011-2014, are as follows:

Commission 1	Leonie Newnham, Australia
Commission 2	Dr Steven Frank, USA
Commission 3	Prof. Yerach Doytsher, Israel
Commission 4	Dr Michael Sutherland, Canada
Commission 5	Mikael Lilje, Sweden
Commission 6	Dr Gethin Wyn Roberts, UK
Commission 7	Daniel Roberge, Canada
Commission 9	Dr Frances Plimmer, UK

New Publications

FIG Publications are recognised all over the world by professionals, academia, NGOs and organisations such as UN-Habitat, FAO and the World Bank in developing policies, profession and practice. Forty high-level publications may



The FIG Council at the Working Week in Stockholm - from left to right: Prof. Paul van der Molen, Netherlands, Dr. Chryssy Potsiou, Greece, Ken Allred, Canada, Dr. Dalal S. Alnaggar, Egypt, FIG President Prof. Stig Enemark Denmark and Matt Higgins, Australia.

be downloaded from the FIG website, the latest including:

- ◆ *Informal Settlements – the Road towards More Sustainable Places*. The aim of this report is to explore how surveyors can be better prepared to work with international agencies and national and local government.
- ◆ *FIG Guidelines on Capacity Assessment in Land Administration*. This guide, developed in co-operation with FAO, is offered as a tool for improving existing Land Administration Systems through in-country self-assessment of capacity needs, especially in developing and countries in transition, where financial resources are limited.
- ◆ *Costa Rica Declaration on Pro-Poor Coastal Zone Management*. The coastal zones are fragile and include a range of rights and interests. FIG supports the right of poor coastal communities to thrive and retain ongoing access to coastal resources.

The FIG Profile is the latest FIG brochure explaining the benefits of being a member of the Federation. The role of FIG, commission activities, organisation, operation, financing and administration are all elucidated, and FIG international co-operation highlighted.

Land Administration Domain Model

Following a vote in ISO/TC 211, the Land Administration Domain Model is now under development as an international standard. A first meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, in May 2008 amended the scope of the standard: it will be developed as a reference model which can be used as a basis for the development of land-administration systems and for data sharing between systems. The standard shall explicitly not override national laws. The new scope will be presented in a 'Working Draft' for voting, also at CEN, the European Standardisation organisation. CEN is expected to support this development now that it has been made explicitly clear there can be no impact on existing Land Administration systems. A timetable for development of this ISO 19152 has been agreed. 