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FIG e-Newsletter November 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 – November 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 November 2008 is written by Ms. **Kari Strande** from Norway. Her paper "*e-Government for e-Citizens – NSDI as Tools in Good Governance Examples from eNorway and Norway Digital*" is an updated version of the paper that she presented at the FIG Working Week 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden, 14-19 June 2008. Read the paper:

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/november_2008/november_2008_strande.html

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

Deadline for **peer review papers** and **non peer review abstracts** has been extended to **1 December 2008**. We have received a good number of papers already but there is still space in the programme for quality presentations.

Submit your **non peer review abstract** and **abstract of your peer review** paper online at: www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=10 by **1 December 2008** and your complete **peer review paper** by sending it to the FIG Office by **1 December 2008**. Please submit the peer review paper as soon as you can so that there will be enough time for the peer review process. Please see information on the FIG Foundation web site for scholarships to attend the conference. The conference organisers will also give a limited number of grants to speakers from developing countries for attending the Working Week.

Read more: Call for papers: www.fig.net/fig2009/call.htm

Online submission of non peer review abstracts:

www.fig.net/abstractdb/submit.asp?id=10

Registration is open at: https://www.ortra.com/fig/default-register_r.htm

Conference web site: www.fig.net/fig2009

News from last month:

"Facing the Challenges - Building the Capacity" confirmed as theme for FIG 2010 during President Enemark's visit to Sydney - Sydney, Australia, 10-14 November 2008

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2008/sydney_nov_2008.htm

President Stig Enemark attends the 4th World Urban Forum in China - Land issues have a key role in Harmonizing Urbanization - Nanjing, China P. R., 3-6 November 2008

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2008/nanjing_nov_2008.htm

Commission 3 at the 9th Congress of Metropolis: Trends in Megacities – Metropolis Congress 2008 - Sydney, Australia, 22-25 October 2008

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2008/sydney_oct_2008.htm

Joint FIG/CIREA/HKIS Seminar on Appraisal and Property Protection - Beijing, China P. R., 18-19 October 2008

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2008/beijing_oct_2008.htm

FIG President Stig Enemark attends Society of Chartered Surveyors Conference 2008 - Dublin, Ireland, 17 October 2008

Read more: www.fig.net/news/news_2008/dublin_oct_2008.htm

Nomination of Chair Elect for Commission 8 and 10

FIG Council is looking for nominations for the position of Chair Elect in Commission 8 – Spatial Planning and Development and Commission 10 – Construction Economics and Management. The Chair Elect will serve as Chair Elect of the Commission 2009-2010 and he/she will in normal situation then be appointed as the chair of his/her Commission for 2011-2014. Member association willing to make a nomination are requested to send the nomination letter together with the profile of the candidate to the FIG Office, email: fig@fig.net by **3 January 2009**. The election will take place at the General Assembly in Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009. A letter on making the nomination has been sent to the member associations.

Read more: Template for making a nomination of a chair elect as a doc-file:

www.fig.net/news/news_2008/nominations_2009/template_chairelect_2009.doc

Template for making a nomination of a chair elect as a .pdf-file:

www.fig.net/news/news_2008/nominations_2009/template_chairelect_2009.pdf

Internal rules about the election of a Chair Elect:

www.fig.net/news/news_2008/nominations_2009/rules_chairelect_2009.pdf

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/guidance_notes_2009.pdf

Application form as a .doc-file: www.fig.net/figfoundation/foundation_apply_2009.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). Bidding document shall be submitted to the FIG Office 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

Publications:

FIG Publication no. 44 - Improving Slum Conditions through Innovative Financing

Summary report of the FIG/UN-HABITAT Seminar, Stockholm, Sweden, 16–17 June 2008. Published in the FIG Report series.

Hard copies have been mailed to FIG members.

Read more: www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub44/figpub44.htm

Proceedings of the FIG/FAO/CNG Seminar on State and Public Land Management, Verona, Italy, 9-10 September 2008

Read more: www.fig.net/commission7/verona_fao_2008/index.htm

Proceedings of FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting and FIG/CNG Open Symposium on Environment and Land Administration "Big Works for the Defence of the Territory", Verona 11-15 September 2008

Read more: www.fig.net/commission7/verona_am_2008/index.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 **22 November 2008**.

Read more: www.i3mainz.fh-mainz.de/FIG-Workshop/

Call for papers: www.fig.net/events/2009/com_3_february_2009.pdf

Forthcoming events:

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

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Second Map World Forum: A Promise for Sustainable Planet Earth, Hyderabad, India, 10-13 February 2009

One seminar organised by FIG.

Read more: www.mapworldforum.org

3rd Conference of the International Academic Association on Planning, Law and Property Rights, Aalborg, Denmark, 11-13 February 2009

Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 8.

Read more: <http://planninglaw2009.land.aau.dk>

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.

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

Joint FIG / World Bank Conference – Land Governance in Support of the Millennium Development Goals: Responding to New Challenges, Washington DC, USA, 9-10 March 2009

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

Read more: www.fig.net/wb2009

GEO-SIBERIA – 2009. 5th International Exhibition and Scientific Congress, 21-23 April 2009, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation

Co-sponsored by FIG.

Read more: www.geosiberia.sibfair.ru

Surveyors Key Role in Accelerated Development, Eilat, Israel, 3-8 May 2009

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Conference web site: www.fig.net/fig2009

9th 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/>

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

Co-sponsored by FIG.

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

Co-sponsored by Commission 5.

Read more: www.iag209.com.ar

7th FIG Regional Conference, Hanoi, Vietnam, 19-22 October 2009

Read more: www.fig.net/vietnam

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

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

Job opportunities (latest updated 16 November 2008)

Read more: www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm

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

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www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate_benefits.htm

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