

Report on the Activities of Commission 7: Cadastre and Land Management 1998 –2002

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ABSTRACT

Commission 7 has gone from strength to strength in the 1998-2002 session. This report highlights the main areas of progress and achievement during this period.

The Commission's approach and activities are determined on the basis of its four yearly work programme which is developed both in policy and technical terms in a highly participatory manner. This programme reflects the Commission's assessment of the priority technical areas for this period that need to be addressed in cadastre and land management in the context of the broader work programme and priorities developed by the Bureau/Council.

The period 1998-2002 is the second full session in which the Commission has followed the policy of limiting the number of Working Groups to three. This has proven a very successful mechanism to ensure that the Commission's efforts are focussed and generate real outputs.

It is critically important to note that Commission 7's ability to undertake its planned activities and achieve its required outputs is dependent upon the high quality of communication between all of the national delegates. The most critical aspect of this is achieved through the annual Commission 7 working meetings.

The Commission's activities during the period 1998-2002 therefore include the following:

- Commission activities
- Working group activities and annual meetings
- Other major outputs (working weeks; joint commission and commission sponsored meetings; other meetings; publications; miscellaneous activities)

These are reported on in the following sections. It should be noted at the outset, however, that this report does not claim to be exhaustive. The Commission's activities are many and wide ranging, both in technical content and in geographical scope. What follows are some of the highlights and a flavour. Whilst the attempt has been made to include as much as possible of the Commission's activity in the space available, not everything has been featured. It is hoped that anyone whose work has not been thus mentioned will be understanding of this limitation.

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