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Cadastre & Land Management

To : Delegates, Correspondents and Friends of FIG Commission 7
cc : FIG Office Copenhagen
From : András Oskó, Chair
Subject : e-Newsletter November 2006

Dear Delegates, Correspondents and Friends,

Commission 7 has finished a very successful 4 years period. The official handover of commissions chairmanship for the years 2007-2010 took place during the FIG Congress in Munich.

Once again, on behalf of Commission 7, as the new chair, I would like thanks again for the outgoing chair, Prof. Paul van der Molen for his outstanding performance and his team Christiaan Lemmen and Pauline van Elstrand for all of their efforts and excellent achievements.

I hope Commission 7 family will continue its successful work in the future, expecting your usual support and contribution. I try my best together with Mr. Gyula Iván vice chair administration and Mrs. Mária Tóth secretary to keep Commission 7 active and successful.

1. XIIIth FIG Congress in Munich, Germany, October 8-13, 2006. “Shaping the Change”:

1.1 Major Decisions of the General Assembly:

- Prof. **Stig Enemark** from Denmark was elected as the new President of FIG for the period 2007-2010.
- Mr. **Matt Higgins** (Australia) and Dr. **Dalal S. Alnagggar** (Egypt) were elected as Vice Presidents for 2007-2010.
- Prof. **Paul van der Molen** was elected as Vice President for the two years term of office (2007-2008) Congratulations!
- Mr. **Jürg Kaufmann** (Switzerland) was appointed as Honorary Members of FIG.
- The privilege of organizing the FIG Working Week 2011 was awarded to ONIGT of Morocco. It will be held in **Marrakech in April/May 2011**.
- The 6th FIG Regional Conference will be organised in **San Jose, Costa Rica, 11-15 November 2007**.
- **9 new member associations** were approved during the meetings in Munich, so the number of member associations reached 102, from 85 countries.
- **Draft Work Plan** of New Commission Chairs: The General Assembly also approved the final report of ACCO and of ten technical commissions and signed the draft work

plans of new commission chairs for 2007-2010. These work plans will be endorsed in Hong Kong in May 2007.

1.2 Technical Sessions

As generally, Commission 7 was very active during the Congress. The Commission has been involved in more than 30 technical sessions. We had joint technical sessions with other Commissions and the representatives of other international organisations too (FAO, World Bank, GSDI etc.)

Our delegates, correspondent and friends made a very hard work during the Congress. The best measure of their high-quality activities is the attendance of our technical sessions. Based on the statistics made by the rapporteurs, the number of attendants of our technical sessions is 1246 persons!

We had 180 presentations and 20 poster presentations during the Congress too. Thanks a lot for the active work.

The papers and slides of the presentations are available at <http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2006/techprog.htm>

1.3 Commission 7 meeting, 9th October, Munich

On Monday, 9th October, a short Commission 7 meeting was held in the morning in ICM with a considerable number of participants.

Prof. Paul van der Molen reported the Commission 7 activities performed in the last four-year period.

The new Commission chair elect, Mr. András Osskó propounded the new Commission Work Plan for the next period, 2007-2010.

Then Mr. Lee, Young-Ho demonstrated the progress of organization of FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting 2007, which will be held in Pusan, Korea.

Mr. Daniel Roberge invited Commission 7 to be the part of the International GeoConference, which will take place in Québec, Canada, 2-5 October 2007.

On behalf of the Hong-Kong Working Week organizers, who visited our meeting, Ms. Winnie Shiu presented the planned working week program and the progress in this aspect.

2. Commission 7 Dinner, 11 October 2006

Commission 7 dinner is a tradition and also a fun during annual meetings and FIG Congresses.

We thank for our German delegate Winfried Hawerk and the representative of AdV, Wilhelm Zeddies who organised the dinner in Speiselokal & Hopfothek Leib und Seele on October 11. The dinner was sponsored by the AdV so participants had to pay 10 Euro only.

The dinner was "overbooked" we had a limit of 50 guests. It was our pleasure to welcome the new elected FIG president, Prof. Stig Enemark, former Commission 7 chairs Andzrej Hopfer, Ian Williamson, Paul Munro Faure and Prof. Gottfried Konecny, former president of ISPRS.

It's also a tradition that delegates of Commission 7 present the chairperson with a gift to appreciate the four years hard work. I would like to thank the delegates, correspondents, and friends for their financial contributions. The dinner was the excellent occasion to give our present, a box of fine cigars and garden gas heater to Paul. The three working group chairs Mikko Uimonen, Winfried Hawerk, András Osskó also received Commission 7 ceramic plates. And last but not least we appreciated Chrit and Pauline fantastic contribution.

We enjoyed the excellent food and Commission 7 atmosphere and above all, after few years break, Jürg Kaufmann's performance, playing guitar and singing new versions of Commission 7 song. (Now we have 82 versions).

3. Commission 7 Annual meeting 2007, Pusan, Korea

There is a significant progress of organising the 2007 Annual meeting. It is confirmed the date of the Annual meeting 19-23 May, two days after Hong Kong FIG Working Week. The structure of the program is as usual, 3 days Commission activities, one day open symposium on "Good practice in Cadastre and land registry", one day technical tour. I hope we will have information about the cost of participation soon, allowing us to prepare travel plan.

4. FIG Publications

Commission 4 (Hydrography) jointly with Commission 7 published a new FIG publication (**No. 36.**) Please look at <http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub36/figpub36.htm>
This publication includes state of the art knowledge about marine cadastres.

Commission 4 (Working Group 4.2) has produced a guidebook (**No. 37**): "FIG Guide on the Development of a Vertical Reference Surface for Hydrography". Please look at <http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub37/figpub37.htm>

Working Group 8.4 has published **No. 38** with the following title: "The Contribution of the Surveying Profession to Disaster Risk Management". Please look at <http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub38/figpub38.htm>

5. Proceedings UN/FIG Meeting Bangkok 8-9 December 2005

The proceedings of this expert group meeting are still available. Please look at http://www.fig.net/commission7/bangkok_2005/index.htm

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6. Proceedings FIG Symposium Madison June 2005

Finally the proceedings of a major part of the papers in the symposium in Madison on 'Innovative Technologies for Land Administration' are printed and sent out. See also:

<http://www.oicrf.org>

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7. Workshop Legalizing Informal Settlements

Commission 3 organises a workshop on Spatial information Management towards Legalizing Informal Urban Settlements in Athens 28-31 March 2007. Commission 7 is invited to participate. More information is available at <http://www.fig.net/commission3/index.htm#FIG>

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