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Cadastre & Land Management

To : Delegates, Correspondents and Friends of FIG Commission 7
cc : FIG Office Copenhagen
From : Paul van der Molen, Chair
Subject : e-Newsletter November, 2004

Dear all,

We send our sincere greetings and hope you are well.

1. Annual Meeting 2004 FIG Commission 7, held 8-14 September 2004

The Annual Meeting of the Commission took place from 8 to 14 September in Clermont Ferrand (France). It was a success, with many interesting presentations and a good atmosphere. About 40 delegates found their way to Clermont. The Commission learned much about the land administration situation in France. The technical excursion went to the land consolidation of Ambert, with a field trip and an explanation of the processes in France. There were many other presentations by the delegates, both on PhD research issues as on recent developments in several countries. Presentations and picture gallery are available at <http://www.fig.net/commission7/index.htm>

2. Symposium Modern Land Consolidation, held 10-11 september 2004

The symposium, that traditionally was included in the Annual Meeting, concerned Modern Land Consolidation, with presentations of Arvo Vitikainen (Finland), Terry van Dijk (Netherlands), Mikka Törhönen (FAO), Frantz Derlich (France), Gérard Reigner (France), Robert Bergès (France), Won-Jun Choi (Korea), András Osskó (Hungary), Adri van den Brink (Netherlands), Joachim Thomas (Germany), Murat Meha (Kosovo), Vilma Daugaliene (Lithuania), Tommy Österberg (Sweden), Adrianna Pulecka (Poland) and Mikko Uimonen (Finland). The participants enjoyed a well organised excursion to the land consolidation area of Loubeyrat and a field trip. The symposium was attended by about 70 participants from 28 countries.

Presentations and picture gallery are now available at <http://www.fig.net/commission7/index.htm>

Meanwhile we are preparing the publication of the book with the papers. We wish to thank our sponsors ESRI, Focus Corporation, GeoExperts, Swedesurvey, the Geodetic Institute of Slovenia and the National Land Survey of Finland for their kind support.

3. Annual Meeting 2005

The preliminary dates for the annual meeting in 2005 are 19-25 June 2005, to be held in Madison (Wisconsin). The idea is to include a 1 day seminar on the real advanced technical developments that will influence the workprocess in the near future, both in countries where land administration already is institutionalised as well as in countries where land administration is still developing. The reason for the early annual meeting is the 4th regional conference in Havana (item 9).

4. Marrakech Declaration published

The FIG Office in Copenhagen published the Marrakech Declaration 'on the urban-rural interrelationship for sustainable development'. The Declaration was launched at the 2nd World Urban Forum in Barcelona 13-17 September 2004 by the FIG-President. In the Declaration much attention is paid to land administration as a prerequisite for good governance and the control of land tenure, land value and land use. The Declaration can be obtained on <http://www.fig.net/>

5. **Jakarta FIG Regional Conference 3-7 October 2004**

The Commission had a good profile during the 3rd FIG Regional Conference in Jakarta. The Commission held sessions on land administration and housing issues in informal settlements (with Comm 8,10), e-land administration and e-government (with Comm 3), urban and rural land management (with Comm 8), marine cadastres and coastal zone management (with Comm 4), developing land administration systems, land administration in post conflict areas, new developments of imagery (with Comm 3, 5), and a plenary sessions with the Worldbank. You will find the papers at the <http://www.fig.net/pub/jakarta> and <http://www.oicrf.org/>

6. **Expert Group Meeting on 'secure land tenure: new legal frameworks and tools', held 11-12 November 2004**

This Expert Group Meeting has been held at the premises of the United Nations on 11-12 November 2004 in Nairobi. The meeting was organised by FIG Commission 7 in cooperation with UN/Habitat, the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) and the Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE). About 70 experts were asked to attend the meeting and to give their view on the subject. Presentations and picture gallery are available at <http://www.fig.net/commission7/index.htm>

7. **Commission 7 + COST workshop on standardisation in the cadastral domain, to be held 9-10 December 2004 in Bamberg, Germany**

The goals of this workshop on Standardisation of the Cadastral Domain are to bring together several disciplines: legal specialists, surveyors, knowledge engineers, ICT-specialists etc. from different organisations. This includes Geo-ICT industry and standardisation organisations, with interest in the cadastral domain and the work on standardisation in this domain. Commission 7 participates in the Organisation Committee (Christiaan Lemmen), and the Scientific Committee (Paul van der Molen and Winfried Hawerk). Information at <http://www.kinf.wiai.uni-bamberg.de/SICD/>

8. **Second Announcement Working Week Cairo, Egypt, 16-21 April 2005**

You will find the information at <http://www.fig.net/cairo/> We kindly invite you to join this event, which will be a combination of FIG and GSDI. The deadline for abstracts is extended to November 30.

9. **4th FIG Regional Conference**

This 4th regional conference will take place in Havana, Cuba, 26-29 September 2005. The FIG Council would like to welcome many Commission 7 delegates, as the local organisers have indicated to be very much interested in land administration for the Latin America and the Caribbean.

10. **Cadastre 2014**

The booklet Cadastre 2014 (Jurg Kaufmann and Daniel Steudler) is translated into the 34th language, Albanian, thanks to the efforts of our Kosovar delegate prof. Murat Meha.

11. **Cadastral Template**

We keep promoting the Cadastral Template and believe this is the first successful attempt to standardise and harmonise the description of cadastral systems all over the world. Again we strongly recommend your participation in this project, as more than **35** countries already joined. It saves much time, as you redirect all questionnaires you get in the future to the cadastral template website. Please look at <http://www.cadastraltemplate.org/>

12. **Proceedings Symposium on IT Renewal Strategies for Land Registry and Cadastre**

Proceedings of the Commission 7 Symposium on IT Renewal Strategies for Land Registry and Cadastre, held in Enschede, The Netherlands, 8-9 May 2003 are still available. Please contact Mrs Pauline van Elsland (pauline.vaneland@kadaster.nl)

13. Proceedings Symposium on Land Administration in Post Conflict Areas

Proceedings of the Commission 7 Symposium on Land Administration in Post Conflict Areas, held in Geneva, 29 -30 April 2004 are still available. Please contact Mrs Pauline van Elsland (pauline.vanelstrand@kadaster.nl)

The Commission sent a copy of these proceedings to Mr Kofi Annan, the Secretary-General of the UN.

His Excellency,

We are sending you with pleasure the proceedings of an international symposium on land administration in post-conflict areas, held in the Palais des Nations in Geneva, 29-30 April 2004.

This symposium was organised by the International Federation of Surveyors FIG Commission 7 (on 'cadastre and land management') in good cooperation with UN/HABITAT and UN/FAO. Representatives of UNHCR, USAID and various other international and humanitarian organisations etc. participated in the meeting.

One of the outcomes of this symposium might be of interest for you and your organisation.

The symposium concluded that in many peace accords (e.g. Guatemala, Rwanda, Cambodia) and many (interim)governmental action plans (Afghanistan, Iraq) the establishment and development of landregistration and cadastre are promoted. The symposium recognised that land is a conflict issue (might be not always the cause of a conflict, but a strongly related issue), and that land registration and cadastre make sense in the post conflict situation.

However, in many post conflict countries it remained unclear what the starting points of a reconciliation process are with regard to the land ownership. The symposium concluded that in such situations land registration and cadastre are seen as the start of the reconciliation process, as the symposium found that it should rather be the end of it.

Without clear rules how to allocate land ownership rights in the post conflict situation, land registration and cadastre are hardly to pursue, as the land registrar does not know which name to write in the land book as the recognised owner, and the land surveyors does not know which line to draw on a map as a boundaryline. The symposium understood that if this name is not considered as being fair and justice by the people, as is the same with the boundary line, easily a new conflict might develop.

Representatives from international and humanitarian organisation involved in the creation of peace accord and interim government policy plan, should be aware of this. It might well be that new work instruction are necessary.

The symposium believed you would appreciate this information.

*Sincerely,
prof. Paul van der Molen, chairman FIG Commission 7 ('Cadastre and Land Management')*

14. Proceedings Seminar on E-land Administration

Proceedings of the Commission 7 Symposium on e-Land Administration, held in Innsbruck 2004 June 2-4 are still available. Please contact Mrs Gerda Schennach (gerda.schennach@bev.gv.at)

Kindest regards,

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