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FIG e-Newsletter October 2013

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG e-Newsletter, which brings you latest information about 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 monthly or bi-monthly by e-mail. 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 and networks.

Article of the Month

Each month on the FIG web site we publish 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 a FIG conference or another event.

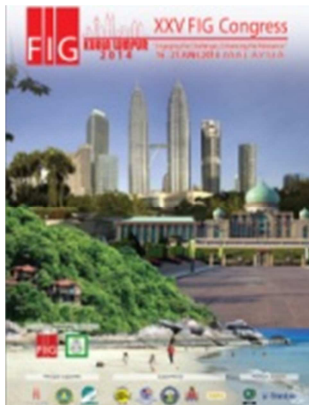
The Article of the Month in **October 2013** is written by **Pasi Häkli, Ulla Kallio Jyrki Puupponen, Finland: From Passive to Active Control Point Networks – Evaluation of Accuracy in Static GPS Surveying**. This peer reviewed paper was presented at FIG Working Week in Abuja, Nigeria, 8 May 2013 and evaluates the accuracy of static GPS surveying through active stations with regard to the official passive control point networks in EUREF-FIN.

http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/october_2013/pasi_hakli.html

FIG Congress 2014 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16-21 June 2014 – Last call for peer review papers – call for non-peer-review papers



It is a pleasure to invite you to the XXV FIG Congress which will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16-21 June 2014. The Malaysian Local Organizing Committee and FIG are working closely together to organize a spectacular and outstanding event for you both with an interesting technical program including many special sessions, a local inspired and tempting social program as well as specially selected technical and social tours.



The overall theme of the Congress is "Engaging the Challenges – Enhancing the Relevance", within the context of the FIG Work Plan for 2011 - 2014 that has a vision to extend the use and usefulness of the Profession for the betterment of society, environment and economy towards a world that we want. The technical program will include a broad professional and scientific program: during 4 consecutive days, offering up to 10 parallel sessions and workshops. This will allow more than 700 presentations in the entire broadness of the surveying profession.

Last Call for peer review papers

Deadline for the submission of **full paper** for peer review is **1 November 2013**. Before submitting your full paper you have to submit the abstract at:

<http://www.fig.net/fig2014/submission.htm>



The impressive Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Please submit your full paper at: fig@fig.net

and note the guidelines and template for the full paper:

Paper guidelines:

www.fig.net/fig2014/presenter/guidelines_for_papers_fig_2014.pdf

Paper template (.docx):

www.fig.net/fig2014/presenter/fig_2014_template.docx

Paper template (.doc):

www.fig.net/fig2014/presenter/fig_2014_template.doc

Non peer review papers

Submit your abstract for FIG Congress 2014 now. Deadline for submitting abstract for normal papers is **1 December** 2013. Read more about the call for papers and specific themes:

http://www.fig.net/fig2014/call_for_papers_fig2014.pdf

Submit your abstract: <http://www.fig.net/fig2014/submission.htm>

General Assembly including important votings

The General Assembly 2014 will among other important items vote for the new President of FIG, two new Vice Presidents, the venues both for the 2017 Working Week and 2018 Congress.

Bid material for FIG Working Week 2017 (deadline 15 November 2013): www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid_2017.pdf

Bid material for FIG Congress 2018 (deadline 1 December 2013):

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid_2018.pdf

Exhibition

The exhibition will be large and attractive and already now many booths are reserved. More information on the exhibition:

<http://www.fig.net/fig2014/exhibition.htm>

Sponsorship opportunities:

http://www.fig.net/fig2014/exhibition_opportunities.htm



Experience the Malaysian culture at the social events



Join the Golf Tour after the Congress

Travel in and around Kuala Lumpur and Malaysia

Malaysia and Kuala Lumpur are attractive destinations with many possibilities. Plan your travel already now. The congress web site gives you information on possibilities in and around Kuala Lumpur as well as hotel information. A special carbon offset technical tour for Presidents or Heads of Delegations is organized and a Golf tour is also being planned after the Congress. You can join several social tours

Follow the congress web site: www.fig.net/fig2014

Platinum sponsors of the Congress are Trimble and Esri, and primary supporter is Malaysia Convention and Exhibition Bureau



Policies and Practices for Responsible Governance - Pacific Small Island Developing States Symposium, 18-20 September 2013, Suva, Fiji



The local organisers had done an amazing work to organise the symposium, and participants were greeted by a fantastic street banner.

The FIG/FAO workshop attracted 90 regional and international participants and had a specific emphasis on the challenges in the Pacific Small Island Developing States and was organised together with FAO, UN-GGIM, FIG (in particular Commissions 3 and 5 and the Climate Change Task Force), the Fiji Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, the Fiji Institute of Surveyors (member association of FIG) and the Global Land Tool Network Secretariat. A Suva Statement on Specially Responsible Governance was agreed upon.

Report:

www.fig.net/news/news_2013/pacific_sids_symposium_fiji.htm

Suva Statement on Spatially Responsible Governance:

http://www.fig.net/pub/fiji/ppt/reports/Suva_Statement.pdf

Proceedings: <http://www.fig.net/pub/fiji/index.htm>

Picture Gallery: http://www.fig.net/fiji/picture_gallery.htm

Government of Netherlands Contributes US\$20.4 Million to Global Land Tool Network Programme



On 3 October 2013, the Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation has signed an agreement with IFAD and UN-Habitat for a contribution totaling US\$20.4 million in support of Phase 2 of the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) programme particularly on scaling up and advancing country-level engagement and promoting good land governance through a comprehensive set of demand-driven and pro-poor land tools and approaches.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/contribution_to_gltn.htm

World Bank 2014 Land and Poverty Conference - Call for papers

Under the theme of "Integrating Land Governance into the Post-2015 Agenda: Harnessing Synergies for Implementation and Monitoring Impact", the 2014 conference will focus on building a shared understanding of best practices in land governance. By providing an opportunity to strengthen collaboration between diverse experts in land governance, the conference aims to put stakeholders at the country level in a position to address this key development issue

<http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTPROGRAMS/EXTIE/0,,contentMDK:23467358~pagePK:64168182~piPK:64168060~theSitePK:475520,00.html>

The 10th National Representative Assembly of the Chinese Society of Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography (CSGPC), Beijing, China 10-12 October 2013



The 10th National Representative Assembly of CSGPC

The 10th National Representative Assembly of the Chinese Society of Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography (CSGPC), and the Annual Comprehensive Academic Conference was held at Jingxi Hotel in Beijing, China 10-12 October 2013. More than 800 delegates participated. FIG Vice President, Prof. **Cheng Pengfei** represented FIG at the event. During the meeting, he was elected specially-appointed Vice President of the CSGPC.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/CSGPC_assembly.htm

LADM2013: 5th FIG International Land Administration Domain Model Workshop was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 24-25 September 2013



LADM audience listening focused

Over 40 participants attended the workshop and a total of 25 peer reviewed papers were presented, covering a range of themes, including: the industry perspective on LADM; the linkage between LADM and information infrastructures; refined LADM modeling, 3D representations and formalizing LADM semantics; specific LADM country profiles; and implementation aspects.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/ladm2013.htm

Proceedings:

www.fig.net/news/news_2013/ladm2013_proceedings.htm

What is the definition of a surveyor? FIG Commission 1 Workshop on 11 September 2013 in Melbourne, Australia



What is the definition of a Surveyor?

The workshop reviewed the definition of a Surveyor as defined by FIG in 1991. The findings were that the content is right but is missing some elements and the wording of the definition needs updating.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/comm1_workshop.htm

FIG Commission 1 will progress towards a formal change of definition. Discussions and input are welcome through Facebook:

www.facebook.com/internationalfederationofsurveyors

and FIG commission 1 LinkedIn group: <http://linkd.in/16iGj8H>

Celebrating the Past – Redefining the Future...



... was the theme of the annual New Zealand Institute of Surveyors (NZIS) Conference, which was held between 28 – 31 August 2013 in Dunedin, New Zealand. The conference celebrated the 125th anniversary of NZIS as well as the 50th Anniversary of the University of Otago's School of Surveying. FIG President CheeHai Teo participated in the event.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/nzis_conference.htm

10th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas was held from 19 – 23 August 2013 at the UN headquarters in New York



The theme of the conference was "UN-GGIM and the Americas: Addressing global challenges through geospatial information". UNRCC-Americas provides a regional forum to address their common challenges and share experiences and expertise in the field of surveying and mapping, cartography, hydrography, remote sensing, land and geospatial information systems.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/unrcc.htm

Presentation by FIG President CheeHai Teo:

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/unrcc/fig_unrcc_presentation.pdf

Food and Agriculture Organisation Technical and Awareness Raising Workshop was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 13 – 15 August 2013



The Workshop is part of FAO's strategy to raise awareness on the Voluntary Guidelines and to discuss the implementation and use, particularly at the national and local levels. The regional focus of this Workshop is Asia. The Workshop aimed at supporting activities and actions to improve governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests.

http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/fig_fao_technical_workshop.htm

Reminder - FIG General Assembly 2014 - Call for bids to host FIG Working Week 2017 or FIG Congress 2018



2017 FIG WORKING WEEK BID MANUAL
2018 FIG CONGRESS BID MANUAL

FIG member associations are invited to consider making a bid to host the FIG Working Week 2017 or FIG Congress 2018 together with FIG. At its meeting in Kuala Lumpur 16-21 June 2014, the FIG General Assembly will select the host and venue for the two events. The Council has prepared bidding guidelines for making the bid. These guidelines explain in detail the information that is required for a successful bid.

More information:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid_cover_letter_2013.pdf

FIG Working Week 2017 deadline: **30 November 2013**

Guidelines for FIG Working Week 2017:

www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid_2017.pdf

FIG Congress 2018 deadline: **15 December 2013**

Guidelines for FIG Congress 2018:

http://www.fig.net/admin/ga/2014/bids/bid_2018.pdf

Reminder - FIG Foundation presents:



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2014 FIG Foundation Academic Research Grants

Research grants will be provided of up to 20,000 euros spread over two years. Applicants shall be based in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline **31 March 2014**.

Read more: www.fig.net/figfoundation/2014_research_grants.htm

2014 FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships

Scholarships will be provided of up to 4,000 euros to PhD students. Applicants shall be studying for a PhD degree and registered solely in a surveying/geomatics academic programme that teaches surveying in a country listed by the World Bank as a low-income, lower-middle or upper-middle income economy. Deadline **1 February 2014**.

Read more: www.fig.net/figfoundation/2014_phd_scholarship.htm

2014 FIG Foundation Young Surveyors Fellowship

The FIG Foundation Young Surveyors Fellowships will provide funding for individuals to cover the costs to attend and participate in the 2014 FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, including attendance at all FIG Young Surveyors events during the congress. Deadline **1 December 2013**.

Read more: www.fig.net/figfoundation/index.htm#2014_fellowship

Job vacancies – updated October 2013

GLTN, University of Twente, Bulent Ecevit University, Republic of Namibia.
<http://www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm>

Personalia

<http://www.fig.net/personalia/index.htm>

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http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate_benefits.htm

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Twitter: https://twitter.com/FIG_NEWS

LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2669121&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr

Forthcoming events

17-18 October, Lisbon, Portugal

1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting

Web site: <http://figysn.ordemengenheiros.pt/pt/>

21-25 October, Yaounde, Cameroon

2nd Surveying Week: Building Capacities in Land Reforms and Land Management jointly with the annual assembly of Commission 2 and Commission 7 and the general assembly of the FGF. Organised by l'Ordre des Géomètres du Cameroun, FIG Commission 2 and 7

<http://fig2013-c7.jimdo.com/>

7-8 November, Sofia, Bulgaria

The XXIII International Symposium On Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice In Geodesy and Related Fields

Web site: <http://geodesy-union.org/>

13-16 November, Skopje, FYROM

International Scientific Conference on "Spatial Data Infrastructures & Spatial Information Management 2013".

Invitation: http://www.fig.net/events/2013/skopje_2013.pdf

Web site : <http://conf2013.geo-see.org/>

31 March - 3 April, Washington DC, USA

Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty: Land Governance in the Post-2015 Agenda: Harnessing Synergies for Implementation and Monitoring Impact

Web site:

<http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTPROGRAMS/EXTIE/0,,contentMDK:23467358~pagePK:64168182~piPK:64168060~theSitePK:475520,00.html>

Call for papers:

http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014_world_bank_conference_call_for_paper.pdf

3-4 April, Prague, Czech Republic

INGEO 2014 - 6th International Conference on Engineering Surveying

Announcement: http://www.fig.net/events/2014/ingeo_announcement.pdf

16-18 April, Novosibirsk, Russia

Interexpo GEO-Siberia 2014 on "Advanced Geospatial and Surveying Technologies for Environmental Management and Sustainable Territorial Development" organized by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and LLC

Web site : <http://www.expo-geo.ru>

28-29 May, London, United Kingdom

GEO Business 2014, geospatial Exhibition and Conference, organised by The Survey Association (TSA), Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors(ICES) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors(RICS).

Web site: <http://geobusinessshow.com/>



16-21 June, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

XXV FIG Congress and General Assembly.

Web site: www.fig.net/fig2014

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

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