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To : Delegates, Correspondents and Friends of FIG Commission 7
cc : FIG Office Copenhagen
From : András Osskó, Chair
Subject : e-Newsletter June 2007

Dear Delegates, Correspondents and Friends,

During the last six months we were very busy to organise, together with Korean friends, the Commission 7 Annual meeting and also the professional program of the FIG Working Week was held in Hong Kong.

It's the time now to inform you about Commission 7 activities in the first half of 2007.

1. FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting and symposium on “Good practice in Cadastre and Land Registry” Seoul, Korea, May 18-23, 2007.

Following our tradition, the Commission 7 Annual meeting was a successful, very well organised event. Thanks to the Korean organisers, especially the Korean Cadastral Survey Corporation, KCSC, and also Commission 7 working group chairs, vice chair administration and secretary for their enthusiastic activity.

The venue of the Annual Meeting was the Coex Intercontinental Hotel, one of the best hotels in Seoul. KCSC provided excellent meeting and other facilities; accommodation, food and social events were all 1st class.

Because of the close date of Working Week in Hong Kong and other reasons, many of the Commission 7 delegates were not able to attend. Apart from difficulties, 40 participants, including Korean speakers, attended the Annual meeting.

We were happy to welcome new faces, delegates Mr. Markus Seifert from Germany, Mr. Sung, Hon Kwong from Hong Kong, Mr. Radnaabazar Gankhuyag and Ms. Yondon Enkhee from Mongolia, Mr. Alexander Lazarov from Bulgaria, hoping they will be regular participants of Commission 7 Annual Meetings in the future. We also welcomed 3 accompanying persons.

The Annual meeting received a very strong political support by Korean Cadastral Survey Corporation and the Ministry of Government Administration and Home affairs, MOGAHA. The President of KCSC Mr. Kong, Min Bae hosted the welcome dinner on 18 May and the farewell lunch on 23. May. The Annual meeting was opened by the President of KCSC and the vice minister of MOGAHA. During the technical tour we visited MOGAHA and the minister Myung-Jae, Park received the Chair of Comm. 7, Paul van der Molen vice president of FIG and the 3 working group chairs for discussion. Of course we couldn't leave the ministry without nice Korean souvenirs.

The program of the Annual meeting was structured according to traditions. 3 days commission meetings, one-day open symposium and one-day technical tour. (*The full program is attached.*) Korean representatives have introduced the activities of KCSC and land surveyor profession in Korea. They are very advanced in technology and electronic services. We informed delegates about FIG Council, Commission 7 and working group work plans. There was a good discussion on the preparation of the special technical session to be held in 2008 in Stockholm WW on “slum financing” and Commission 7 contribution. Delegates received information about the passed FIG conferences and future events including 2008 Commission 7 Annual meeting in Verona, Italy.

I want to point out the success of the open symposium on “Good Practice in Cadastre and Land Registry”, which was a parallel event with the Cadastre Expo organised by KCSC. The venue of the symposium and the Expo were the COEX building (Convention Centre), a building next to the hotel. The symposium was held in the Grand Ballroom with 400-500 Korean participants. We organised 4 technical sessions with 14 presentations, 5 from Korea, 2 from Japan, Commission 7 contributed with 7 presentations. The opening ceremony of the Cadastre Expo – held in the auditorium of COEX – was the part of the symposium with an audience of 3000, politicians, professionals not only from Korea, but other Asian countries as well. Minister of MOGAHA and president of KCSC opened the event. The chair of Commission 7 was invited as the only keynote speaker. The Cadastre Expo was open for 3 days.

I want to say thank you to all delegates and organizers for their contributions.

2. FIG Working Week and XXX. General Assembly, Hong Kong, SAR, China, May 13-17, 2007.

The FIG Working Week was held in Hong Kong, SAR, China, May 13-17, 2007 in Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel

13 and 17 May: General Assembly, 14-16 May: plenary and technical sessions. More than 500 participants. FIG Council work plan and Commission work plans have been approved.

There were 64 technical sessions with about 300 presentations. Commission 7 was the major contributor of the technical sessions. We organised 14 sessions and 5 joint sessions with other commissions with more than 70 papers.

Many of the Commission 7 participants, who attended the Working Week, couldn't come to Seoul. We held a short Commission 7 meeting with 31 attendants informing them about the organisation of the Annual meeting in Seoul and other Commission 7 news.

We enjoyed social events and also technical and social tours.

Thanks to all Commission 7 delegates for their active contribution.

For more information please visit the site www.figww2007.hk.

3. Geoconference Quebec, Canada, October 2-5, 2007.

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Commission 7 together with local organisers intend to organize a workshop. Organisation is going on, but the title and other details are not yet finalised. Commission 7 Working group 2 chair Soeren Christensen together with the Canadian delegate Daniel Roberge are responsible for the organisation of the workshop. Please contact them for further information.

4. 6th FIG Regional Conference, San José, Costa Rica, November 12-15, 2007.

The title of the Regional conference is “Coastal Areas and Land Administration Building the Capacity”. The subject seems to be related to Commission 7 activities. I invite Commission 7 delegates for active contribution. The whole conference will be in English and Spanish with interpretation in 3 parallel sessions. Deadline of abstracts: July 2007.

More information: www.fig.net/costarica

5. FIG Working Week 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden, June 14-19, 2008.

There will be a joint UN Habitat-FIG Seminar as fully integrated part of the Working Week programme during the first two days. This includes contributions from commissions 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on slum upgrading and innovative financial mechanism. During our Annual Meeting we discussed about the possible contribution to the seminar. Working gr. 1 chair Christiaan Lemmen and Tommy Österberg, member of the organising committee are responsible for coordinating Commission 7 contribution.

More information: www.fig.net/fig2008

6. Commission 7 Annual Meeting 2008 in Verona, Italy, September 12-16, 2008

The Italian Association (*Consiglio Nazionale Geometri*) will host Commission 7 Annual Meeting in 2008. We discussed their proposal during the Annual meeting in Seoul. We agreed in date and the location of the hotel in the centre of Verona. During the technical tour we will visit Venice studying “Mose Yards of Venice”. The subject of the open symposium will be decided later.

The date of the 2008 Annual Meeting is far away but please include it in your next year plan.

Attachments of the FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting 2007, Seoul:

- Picture Gallery**
- List of Participants**
- Programme of the Meeting**

Best regards

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