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FIG e-Newsletter February 2011

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 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 – February 2011

On the FIG web site we publish each month 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 an FIG conference or another event. The Article of the Month in February 2011 is written by **Philipp Zeimet** and **Heiner Kuhlmann**, Germany: *Validation of the Laboratory Calibration of Geodetic Antennas based on GPS Measurements*. This paper is a peer reviewed paper presented at the FIG Congress in Sydney, Australia in April 2010. The topic of the paper is relevant to all who are interested in high precision GNSS surveying and it is presenting a new and innovative method for antenna calibration.
www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/february_2011/february_2011_zeimet_kuhlmann.html

FIG Working Week 2011 - Bridging the Gap between Cultures - Marrakech, Morocco, 18-22 May 2011



FIG Working Week and General Assembly 2011 will be held in Marrakech, Morocco 18-22 May 2011. For details see the FIG Working Week web site: www.fig.net/fig2011 and www.onigt.ma/fig2011 (French and Arabic).

Early bird registration closes 16 February 2011

Take advantage of the early bird registration fee and register now online at: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=74>. Deadline for early bird registration is **16 February 2011**.

Technical Programme and paper submission

The organisers have received 600 proposals for presentations. The draft technical programme is now available on the web at: www.fig.net/fig2011/techprog.htm. In the draft programme there are almost 500 presentations in 90 sessions and workshops. The FIG Office is currently confirming the papers to authors. Please notice that some proposals are still under evaluation and that there may be changes in the draft programme. Deadline for submission of full paper is **16 March 2011**. Please remember to use the template for papers and read the guidelines carefully. Guidelines for writing papers: http://www.fig.net/fig2011/fig_2011_template.doc

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When you register to the Working Week please book your technical tours, sightseeing tours and social events at the same time. We recommend to book accommodation at the Mansour Eddabhi Hotel that has been selected as the main conference hotel. See instructions for booking and special rates on the conference web site. Royal Air Maroc has been selected as the official carrier – see details on the web.

FIG General Assembly 2011 - Marrakech, Morocco, 18 and 22 May 2011 – Agenda paper will be available 18 March 2011



Palais des Congres, Marrakech

The main issues on the General Assembly agenda in 2011 will be adoption of the Council and Commission work plans. These will be our roadmap over the next four years. As there will be no election at this year's General Assembly, there will be more time available for discussions. The Council is considering a break-out session focusing particularly on issues related to the rights and obligations of membership. The General Assembly will also decide on the venue for FIG's Working Week in 2015. Associations interested to host the 2015 FIG Working Week, shall contact the FIG Director. Closing date for bids is **28 February 2011**.

Reports from last month

20th Anniversary of the Albania Association of Geodesy (AAG) and 1st General Conference, Tirana, Albania, 22 January 2011



Dipl. Ing. **Bledi Stefa**, President of AAG, and Prof. **Chryssy A Potsiou**, FIG Vice President at the anniversary of the Albanian Association of Geodesy (AAG)

The Albanian Association of Geodesy celebrated its 20th anniversary since its establishment and organized a one-day Conference in Tirana on the 22nd of January 2011. The conference was a historic event as it was at the same time the 1st conference of AAG. During these past 20 years Albania and its Association of Geodesy (AAG) have both walked in the path of progress. AAG became a member association of FIG at the congress in Sydney. More than 400 participants attended the conference, most of them surveyors from Albania and the neighboring countries in the Balkan region. FIG Vice President, Prof Chryssy A Potsiou represented the Council at the conference.

www.fig.net/news/news_2011/albania_jan_2011.htm

Courtesy Visit to Director General of Survey and Mapping Malaysia - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 3 January 2011



Dato' Prof Dr. **Abdul Kadir Taib**, Director General of Survey and Mapping Malaysia and Mr. **CheeHai Teo**, FIG President.

On 3rd January 2011, Prof. Dr. Abdul Kadir Taib, Director General of Survey and Mapping Malaysia cordially received Mr. CheeHai Teo, FIG President at his office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Director General also chairs the Land Surveyors Board, the regulatory authority for the land surveying profession in Malaysia. FIG President thanked the Director General for his continuing support for FIG and his attendance at the recent FIG Handover Ceremony. During the visit, various matters were discussed including the standing and advancement of the profession in Malaysia, the active participation of the Department's officers at FIG events, as well as the support of the

Department in particular, the Government of Malaysia in general for the XXV FIG Congress in 2014.

www.fig.net/news/news_2011/kl_jan_2011.htm

Latest reports and newsletters:

- Young Surveyors Newsletter – February 2011
http://www.fig.net/ys/ys_newsletter_february2011.pdf

Job vacancies (incl. FAO, The University of Nottingham in China and New Mexico State University)

<http://www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm>

Forthcoming events

13 -15 April, Garching/Munich, Germany

The 1st International Workshop on The Quality of Geodetic Observation and Monitoring Systems - QuGOMS 2011. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5

Abstract submission: 15 November 2010

Invitation flyer: <http://www.fig.net/events/2011/qugoms2011.pdf>

Web site: <http://www.gih.uni-hannover.de/qugoms2011>

14-19 April 2011, Newcastle, United Kingdom

24th International Geodetic Students Meeting. Organised by IGSO and co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: <http://www.igsm2011.org.uk/>

27-29 April, Novosibirsk, Russia

Geosiberia - Seventh International Specialised Exhibition and Scientific Congress.

Organised by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and ITE Siberian Fair. Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/geosiberia_2011.pdf

Web site: <http://www.geo-siberia.com/>

27-29 April, Lviv, Ukraine

GEOFORUM 2011- 16th International Scientific and Technical Conference. Organised by Institute of Geodesy, National University. Co-sponsored by FIG.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/ukraine_2011.pdf

3-8 May Antalya, Turkey

GI4DM - GeoInformation for Disaster Management. Co-sponsored by FIG

Abstract submission: 15 December 2010

Web site: <http://www.gi4dm2011.org/>

18-22 May, Marrakech, Morocco



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- Registration for the Working Week 2011:
<https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=74>

13-16 June, Cracow, Poland

7th International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology Symposium - MMT11. Co-

sponsored by FIG

Web site: <http://www.mmtcracow2011.pl/>

22-23 June, Umeå, Sweden

The Geodetic Infrastructure in Europe - today and tomorrow. Organised by CLGE and ASPECT. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5

Web site: <http://www.aspect.se/ASPECT-seminarier-clge-juni-2011.html>

22-24 June, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

11th South East Asian Survey Congress. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: www.seasc2011.org/

7-12 July, San Diego, California, USA

The Survey Summit arranged by ESRI and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM). Co-sponsored by FIG

Web site: <http://www.thesurveysummit.com/>

22-24 September 2011, Brijuni, Croatia

INGEO 2011. Organised by the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Faculty of Geodesy, University of Zagreb and FIG Commission 6.

More information: http://www.fig.net/events/2011/ingeo_2011.pdf

Web Site: <http://web.svf.stuba.sk/kat/GDE/Ingeo2011/Ingeo.html>

16-18 November 2011, Delft, the Netherlands

Second International FIG Workshop on 3D-Cadastres. Organised by FIG Commission 7 Working Group and supported by EuroSDR.

Web site: <http://3dcadastres2011.nl/>

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

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