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## **FIG Newsletter January 2016**

Dear Colleague,

Happy New Year 2016! We hope that 2016 will bring you much joy and wonderful experiences, and we hope to see you in Christchurch, New Zealand in May at the FIG Working Week.

Welcome to the FIG 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 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 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 in **January 2016** is written by **Reshma Shrestha et al: Exploring land governance in post-disaster: a case of informal settlement**. This paper was presented at the FIG – ISPRS workshop International Workshop on Role of Land Professionals and SDI in Disaster Risk Reduction: In the Context of Post 2015 Nepal Earthquake in Kathmandu, Nepal, 25-27 November, 2015.

[http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly\\_articles/2016/shrestha\\_etal\\_january\\_2016.asp](http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2016/shrestha_etal_january_2016.asp)

### **FIG Working Week 2016 – 2-6 May 2016 in Christchurch, New Zealand Register now to get the early-bird discount**



Post-earthquake Christchurch is an ideal venue for an international surveying conference with the theme "**Recovery from Disaster**". It is being held at a time when considerable rebuilding and renewal is underway throughout the city and the areas of Canterbury affected by the 2010-2011 earthquakes sequence. Many inhabitants throughout the World face various kinds of disasters, apart from earthquakes as in Christchurch, such as flooding, storm events, tsunamis, drought, the after effects of conflict etc. that are a world-wide challenge, especially taking the effects of climate change into consideration. Surveyors and spacial professionals are key actors, on the land, in the sea, in the air and in space, on prevention of disasters, the immediate aftermath after a disaster as well as the long term recovery phase.

#### **Technical programme**

During the three conference days there will be a packed programmed with interesting sessions based both on papers received through the open call for papers, peer reviewed papers



and special sessions on current topics. Each day invited international recognized experts will elaborate on topics within the overall theme of the Working Week "Recovery from Disaster". You can also attend various pre-conference events on Small Island Development, History, Young Surveyors, and Reference Frames in Practice. There will also be special forums for Academic members organized in cooperation with FAO, Member Association Forum and our special Director General Forum.

Check the programme: <http://www.fig.net/fig2016/program.htm>



**Register now and get the early bird discount**

Secure your ticket for the Working Week at the early bird fee. Deadline is **8 February 2015**.

<http://www.fig.net/fig2016/registration.htm>

**Make sure that you get a discount on your flight**

It is now time to prepare for your stay in Christchurch and New Zealand. We have made an agreement with **Star Alliance**, so when you book your trip, please check:

[www.fig.net/fig2016/flightstochristchurch.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig2016/flightstochristchurch.htm) for guidance to how you book, and remember to use the special code: **NZ01S16** to save up to 20% on your flight ticket.



More information about the FIG Working Week and how to prepare for your participation at: [www.fig.net/fig2016](http://www.fig.net/fig2016)

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**Join the Debate on How to Achieve Women's Land Rights by Any Means Necessary**



Sharing Best Practices and Lessons Learned for Supporting Women's Land Rights: A Debate on the Gender Evaluation Criteria (GEC). From 25 January to 5 February, the Land Portal Foundation will be holding a debate on the Global Land Tool Network's Gender Evaluation Criteria (GEC), which were created to assess the effectiveness of land tools in supporting women's land rights.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_01\\_gltn\\_gender.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_01_gltn_gender.asp)

## UN-HABITAT Global Land Tool Network Partners Meeting, 1 – 6 November 2015, Nairobi, Kenya



FIG was represented at the GLTN Partners Meeting by FIG Vice President **Diane Dumashie**. Several of the other attendees were also known and active FIG persons. The GLTN Partners Meeting was held in the context and at a strategic time in the life of the GLTN Network because the GLTN Phase 2 project running from 2012-2017 has reached its mid-term. At the meeting FIG was elected lead of the Professional Cluster.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2015/2015\\_11\\_gltn.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2015/2015_11_gltn.asp)

## 5th Young Surveyors Argentine Meeting, 15-17 October 2015, Santa Fe, Argentina



The young surveyors from Argentina had a great experience at the 5th young surveyors meeting where around 500 students participated from different states in Argentina (Buenos Aires, Catamarca, Córdoba, Corrientes, Formosa, San Juan, Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero, Tucumán) and also some young surveyors from Uruguay participated.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_01\\_ysn\\_argentina.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_01_ysn_argentina.asp)

## The 5th session of UN-GGIM, 3-7 August 2015, New York, United States



FIG President **Chryssy Potsiou** congratulated the UN-GGIM and the member countries for including land administration to the UN-GGIM agenda. She stated that FIG believes this is a major step towards achieving the post 2015 development goals and that although we all live in the era of a globalised economy, not all citizen of this world experience the benefits of inclusive and efficient land administration that provides transparency in the management of land and the necessary infrastructure to the people to acquire access to capital, to improve their living standards and to protect the planet.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_01\\_unggim\\_5th\\_session.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_01_unggim_5th_session.asp)

## The 16th JBGIS Annual Meeting, 3 August 2015, New York, United States



In connection with the UN-GGIM the 16th Annual Meeting of the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JBGIS) was held.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_01\\_jbgis\\_meeting.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_01_jbgis_meeting.asp)

## 2016 FIG Foundation PhD Scholarships and Academic Research Grants



The FIG Foundation

The FIG Foundation provides a scholarship to PhD Students and research grant. Applicants should submit their application before **1 March 2016**.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2015/figfoundation\\_grant\\_scholarship.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2015/figfoundation_grant_scholarship.asp)

## Vacancies and project opportunities

[www.fig.net/about/jobs/index.asp](http://www.fig.net/about/jobs/index.asp)

## Forthcoming events



Now there are only 3 weeks left before the GIM International Summit starts. Special offer: 30% discount if you sign up before 1 February. FIG is an endorsing partner of the inaugural GIM International Summit.

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2015/2015\\_05\\_gim\\_summit.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2015/2015_05_gim_summit.asp)

### 10 February, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA

2nd FIG Young Surveyors North American Meeting. Held in conjunction with and graciously hosted by the Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors (MSPS) during their 2016 Annual Conference. Programme:

[http://www.fig.net/organisation/networks/ys/images/2016\\_ysnam\\_programme.pdf](http://www.fig.net/organisation/networks/ys/images/2016_ysnam_programme.pdf)

Registration deadline: 31 January 2015

Link to registration form: <https://goo.gl/IbvayI>

### 30 March - 1 April, Vienna, Austria

3rd Joint International Symposium on Deformation Measurements, JISDM, organised by FIG, Commission 6 "Engineering Surveys" and IAG, commission 4 "Applications"

Web site: [www.jisd2016.org](http://www.jisd2016.org)

### 20 - 22 April, Novosibirsk, Russia

XIIth International exhibition and scientific forum "Interexpo GEO-Siberia- 2016", organised by Siberian State University of Geosystems and Technologies (SSUGT) and Exhibition operator LLC "Interexpo Geo- Siberia", co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: [www.expo-geo.ru](http://www.expo-geo.ru)

### 2-6 May, Christchurch, New Zealand



FIG Working Week and General Assembly.

Web site: [www.fig.net/fig2016](http://www.fig.net/fig2016)

### 5-8 July, Salzburg, Austria

GI\_Forum 2016 - organised by UNIGIS, Z\_GIS, GIScience and OAW. Call for Papers: December 1, 2015 - February 1, 2016. Co-sponsored by FIG

Web site: <http://www.gi-forum.org>

### 18-21 October 2016, Athens, Greece

FIG 5th International Workshop on 3D Cadastres organized together with the 11th 3D GeoInfo Conference

### 19-21 September 2016 Athens, Greece

Workshop on Sustainable Real Estate Markets Policy Framework & Necessary Reforms Organised by FIG Task Force on Property Markets and Technical Chamber of Greece

More info at: [okal@central.tee.gr](mailto:okal@central.tee.gr)

## November 2016, The Netherlands

Land Consolidation and Readjustment for Sustainable Development - Designing Resilient Landscapes and Empowering Communities. Co-organised by FIG and Dutch Kadaster in close co-operation with FAO. This event is organised because of the celebration of 100 years of land consolidation in the Netherlands in 2016.

## 29 May – 2 June 2017, Helsinki, Finland

### FIG WORKING WEEK 2017



with the overall theme "Surveying the world of tomorrow – from digitalisation to augmented reality".

Web site: [www.fig.net/fig2017](http://www.fig.net/fig2017)

## 6-11 May 2018, Istanbul, Turkey



FIG Congress 2018

For **additional FIG and FIG Commission events** see always up-to-date information at: [www.fig.net/events/index.asp](http://www.fig.net/events/index.asp)

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