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**FIG e-Newsletter**  
**January/February 2008**

Dear Colleagues,

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

We are now well into the new year and as always this will be a year full of exciting and challenging events.

The International Congress of Geomatic and Surveying Engineering took place from 18 – 21 February in Valencia, Spain and a report from the Congress and the Annual Meeting will be available here in the next e-Newsletter. This event was co-sponsored by FIG and included the FIG Commission 3 Annual Meeting and Workshop "Spatial Information Management toward Environmental Management of Mega Cities".

You can read more about this event at

[http://www.fig.net/events/2008/program\\_valencia\\_18\\_21\\_feb\\_07.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2008/program_valencia_18_21_feb_07.pdf)

The "big thing" for FIG this year will be the [Working Week 2008](#) in Stockholm, Sweden.

The deadline for submission of abstracts to the Technical Programme expired at the end of January and we have received more than 400 abstracts. Right now the abstracts are being evaluated by our commissions who will select papers to be accepted for the Programme in Stockholm. As much as we would like to unfortunately we cannot accommodate all abstracts in the limited programme slots but for those papers that are not accepted for oral presentation we will facilitate poster presentations.

A special issue for the Stockholm Working Week is the introduction of a Peer-Review System. 65 authors have submitted their full papers for peer-review and a team of peer reviewers are right now evaluating these papers.

All authors who are accepted for the Technical Programme will be notified by first week of March and the deadline for submission of full papers without peer-review is 31 March.

To register for this important FIG event please go to

<https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=50> and take advantage of the early bird registration fee of SEK 4,900 (approx EUR 525) before 15 March. Late registration fee (after 15 April) is SEK 6,500 (EUR 695). For some of the social events on the registration form there are limitations on the number of participants so the earlier you register the better are the chances that you can participate.

When you register please also book your accommodation directly with one of the hotels with whom we have negotiated special rates. Go to the website at [www.fig.net/fig2008](http://www.fig.net/fig2008) and find booking forms for all hotels under "accommodation".

### Articles of the Month – January and February 2008

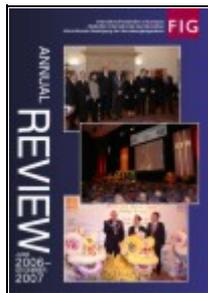
In the FIG *Article of the Month* series high-level papers focusing on interesting topics to all surveyors are published. The paper can be picked up from FIG conference or another event.

The Article of the Month in **January** was [Grenville Barnes Developing Cost-effective and Resilient Land Administration Systems in Latin America](#) It is written by Associate Prof. Grenville Barnes, USA and was presented as a paper during the 6th FIG Regional Conference 2007 in San José, Costa Rica, November 2007

The Article of the Month in **February** was [Stephen T. Mague and Robert W. Foster: Where's the Shoreline? Sources of Historical High Water Lines Developed in the Context of Massachusetts Coastal Regulations"](#) It is written by Mr. Stephen T. Mague and Mr. Robert W. Foster, USA. The paper was presented in a technical session at the 6th FIG Regional Conference in San José, Costa Rica, November 2007

### News of the last months

#### **FIG Annual Review June 2006 – December 2007**



The FIG Annual Review June 2006 - December 2007 has now been published. Hard copies of the annual review will be mailed to all members by end February. If you do not receive your copy, you can contact the FIG office, email: [FIG@fig.net](mailto:FIG@fig.net) . You can also download the FIG Annual Review from here: [The FIG Annual Review June 2006 - December 2007 in pdf-format \(2.60 MB\)](#)

#### **Working Group 1.2 Young Surveyors Newsletter Winter 2008 Issue No. 2 as a [pdf file](#) (1.29 MB)**

### Forthcoming events:

**13th FIG Symposium on Deformation Measurements and Analysis (WG 6.1) with the 4th IAG Symposium on Geodesy for Geotechnical and Structural Engineering (SC 4.2) - Measuring the Changes. Lisbon, Portugal, 12-15 May 2008**

Read more: <http://measuringchanges.lnec.pt>

**International Workshop Sharing Good Practices: e--Learning in Surveying, Geo-information Sciences and Land Administration jointly organised by FIG Commission 2, Commission 7 and the International Institute for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (ITC). Enschede, the Netherlands, 11-13 June 2008**

Read more: [http://www.itc.nl/fig\\_elearning2008](http://www.itc.nl/fig_elearning2008)

**FIG Working Week 2008, Stockholm, Sweden, 14-19 June 2008**

Read more: <http://www.fig.net/fig2008/>

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