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## FIG Newsletter June/July 2016

Dear Colleague,

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 **July 2016** is written by Leslie Downie and Jenny Whittal, South Africa: **Social Tenure Based on Intimacy – Avoiding Family Disasters: South African Marital Contracts as an Pro-Poor Land Tool Innovative.** One innovative land tool within The Social Tenure Domain Mode that can function in a pro-poor way and that has not previously been explored is the use of marital and cohabitation agreements to secure tenure. [www.fig.net/resources/monthly\\_articles/2016/downie\\_et\\_al\\_july\\_2016.asp](http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2016/downie_et_al_july_2016.asp)

The article in **June 2016** is written by Mau Duc NGO, Vietnam; David MITCHELL, Australia; Donald GRANT, Australia; and Nicholas CHRISMAN, USA: **Accessibility to Land Administration by Grassroots Stakeholders in Vietnam: Case study of Vinh Long Province.** This peer reviewed paper was presented at the FIG Working Week 2016 in Christchurch, New Zealand. The article presents the evaluation of grassroots stakeholders' accessibility to the land administration, and to the development of a modern land administration system in Vietnam. [www.fig.net/resources/monthly\\_articles/2016/mauduc\\_ngo\\_june\\_2016.asp](http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2016/mauduc_ngo_june_2016.asp)

### News

#### FIG General Assembly 2016 Minutes and Report



The minutes from FIG General Assembly 2016 that took place on 2 and 6 May in Christchurch, New Zealand as part of the FIG Working Week 2016 are now available:

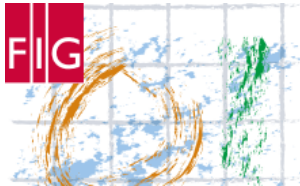
[http://fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_07\\_minutes\\_ga.asp](http://fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_07_minutes_ga.asp)

#### FIG Working Week 2017 – Helsinki, Finland – Invitation and Call for Papers

**FIG WORKING WEEK 2017**  
Surveying the world of tomorrow –  
From digitalisation to augmented reality  
May 29 - June 2 Helsinki Finland



FIG Working Week 2017 will take place in Helsinki, Finland **May 29 – June 2 2017** at Messukeskus Expo and Convention Centre, Helsinki, Finland. The theme of the Working Week *"Surveying the world of tomorrow - From digitalisation to augmented reality"* reflects the continuous development around us. Tomorrow is only a short step away or maybe here already today. It is not so much a question of making things digital any more but rather using technology as a tool to add new dimensions to what we see around us. We hope and believe that the Working Week is an excellent place to get a glimpse of the future developments but also to study the ideas and solutions of today.



The quite abstract logo of the Working Week was designed to illustrate the theme. The colours blue, green, orange, and white symbolise the Finnish nature, its lakes, forests, midnight sun, and snow. The different elements are drawn with brush strokes which together with the colours and shapes create an association with the Finnish landscape paintings dating back to early 1900's. The sun and the forest form a binary one and zero, symbols of digitalisation. This digitalisation is however so advanced that it is no more rectangular and mathematical but describes our analogue world in a way that is more subtle, adaptive, and precise and, thus, offers the people better services.



The Conference Centre on a warm June day

### Call for papers

The call for papers will be sent out shortly, and the abstract submission will open soon. It will be possible to submit abstracts for both peer review papers and normal papers.

Deadlines:

**Full paper** submission for peer review papers: 1 October 2016

Abstract submission for normal papers: 15 November 2016

Stay updated at: [www.fig.net/fig2017](http://www.fig.net/fig2017)

### FIG President Chryssy Potsiou met with Jan de Graeve, director of IIHSM and FIG Honorary Member



Combined with a meeting at the Policy Department at the EU Parliament, FIG President Potsiou met with the long term active FIG representative Jan de Graeve and saw his impressive collection of historical surveying material.

[http://fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_06\\_brussels.asp](http://fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_06_brussels.asp)

### Scaling Up Responsible Land Governance - 2016 World Bank Conference



During the World Bank Conference a new MoU was signed, and President Potsiou also paid a visit to the US member association of FIG, NSPS. VP Dumashie attended a Gender Roundtable. FIG President Chryssy Potsiou and FIG Vice President Diane Dumashie attended the annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty, held in Washington DC, 14-18 March, 2016.

[http://fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_03\\_wb.asp](http://fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_03_wb.asp)

## FIG President Chryssy Potsiou participated to the GIM International Summit



It was a very successful initiative of GIM International to bring together important speakers from inside and outside the geomatics community to address the topic of global challenges. [http://fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_02\\_gim\\_summit.asp](http://fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_02_gim_summit.asp)

## Towards a new Urban Agenda – IFHP Summit 2016



FIG was invited to the International Federation of Housing and Planning, IFHP's Council Summit 2016 on 2 June 2016. High on the agenda was the preparatory work for Habitat III. [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_06\\_ifhp.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_06_ifhp.asp)

## FIG Working Week 2016 - Recovery from Disaster – Report



*We are now - not recovering from disaster - but from a large and different Working Week success!*

FIG Working Week 2016 was organised in Christchurch, New Zealand 2-6 May 2016 and attracted more than 700 participants from 65 countries. The Working Week offered a lot of various activities, sessions, pre-workshops and meetings during the busy week.



A traditional Maori dance

Report from the Working Week:

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_05\\_ww\\_report.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_05_ww_report.asp)

General Assembly Report:

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_05\\_ga\\_report.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_05_ga_report.asp)

Working Week web site: [www.fig.net/fig2016](http://www.fig.net/fig2016)

## We thank our Working Week partners and sponsors:

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## Publications

### Proceedings from the Working Week:

Working Week technical programme:

[www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig\\_proceedings/fig2016/techprog.htm](http://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2016/techprog.htm)

3rd FIG Young Surveyors Network Conference:

[www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/2016/2016\\_05\\_ys.asp](http://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/2016/2016_05_ys.asp)

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Workshop:

[www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/2016/2016\\_05\\_sids.asp](http://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/2016/2016_05_sids.asp)

Technical Seminar on Reference Frames in Practice:

[www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/2016/2016\\_05\\_reference%20frame.asp](http://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/2016/2016_05_reference%20frame.asp)

History symposium:

[www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/2016/2016\\_05\\_history.asp](http://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/2016/2016_05_history.asp)



### **FIG Annual Review 2015:**

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_04\\_annual\\_review-2016.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_04_annual_review-2016.asp)

[www.fig.net/about/annual\\_review/anrew15/ARReview2015.pdf](http://www.fig.net/about/annual_review/anrew15/ARReview2015.pdf)

### **FIG Publications:**

Report on Property Taxation for Developing Economies – Valuation and the Management of Real Estate

[www.fig.net/resources/publications/figpub/pub67/Figpub67.pdf](http://www.fig.net/resources/publications/figpub/pub67/Figpub67.pdf)

## **News from FIG Commissions**

FIG Commission 2 Newsletter:

[www.fig.net/organisation/comm/2/activities/newsletters/Newsletter\\_June\\_2016.pdf](http://www.fig.net/organisation/comm/2/activities/newsletters/Newsletter_June_2016.pdf)

FIG Commission 5 Annual Steering Committee - minutes:

[www.fig.net/organisation/comm/5/activities/steering\\_committee/2016\\_steering\\_meeting.pdf](http://www.fig.net/organisation/comm/5/activities/steering_committee/2016_steering_meeting.pdf)

### **Vacancies and project opportunities**

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

## **Forthcoming events**

### **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>

### **2-4 August, Johannesburg, South Africa**

Geomatics Indaba 2016 - organised by the the Geo-Information Society of South Africa (GISSA), the Institute of Mine Surveyors of Southern Africa (IMSSA), the South African Geomatics Insitute (SAGI), and EE Publishers (publishers of PositionIT). Supported by PLATO and FIG.

Web site: <http://geomatics.org.za/>

### **6-8 September, Beirut, Lebanon**

3rd International Conference of the Order in Beirut, Management of the agricultural Zones. The Surveyors at the heart of the Decentralization and sustainable development

More information: [www.fig.net/events/2016/2016\\_09\\_lebanon.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2016/2016_09_lebanon.pdf)

### **18 September Sounio, Greece**

Discussion on Commission Structure

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ATHENS, GREECE  
19 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2016

**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 in cooperation with World Bank.

More information: [http://www.fig.net/events/2016/real\\_estate\\_athens.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2016/real_estate_athens.pdf)

Web site: <http://fig-tfrealstate.ntua.gr/>

**27-30 September 2016 Belek-Antalya, Turkey**

Selcuk International Scientific Conference On Applied Sciences - 2016 - organised by Selcuk University in Belek-Antalya, Turkey

More information: [http://www.fig.net/events/2016/2016\\_09\\_turkey.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2016/2016_09_turkey.pdf)

Web site: <http://iscas2016.selcuk.edu.tr/>

**5-6 October 2016 Vichy, France**

5th International conference on Machine Control & Guidance - MCG2016 Organised by Irstea, CNRS/Blaise-Pascal University and Labex IMobS3. Supported by FIG Commission 5 and 6.

Web site: <http://mcg2016.irstea.fr/>

**11-13 October 2016, Hamburg, Germany**

InterGeo Organised by DVW.

Web site: <http://www.intergeo.de/>

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

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

Web site: <http://www.gdmc.nl/3DCadastres/workshop2016/>

**3-6 November 2016, IASI – Romania**

Commission 3 Annual Meeting and Workshop "From Volume to Quality: Bridging the Gap for Spatial Data Infrastructure" - joint to EGoS GA and Geomat 2016 "Spatial Information Management for Sustainable Development" - International Symposium organized by Technical University of Iasi in collaboration with Romanian Surveyors Association.

**9-11 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.

Web site: [www.lcsymposium.nl](http://www.lcsymposium.nl)

**16-18 November 2016, Abidjan, Ivory Coast**

5th ARN FIG Workshop - Ensuring Good Land Governance Practices in the Land Profession and What you can do about it. Organised by FIG regional Network in cooperation with Federation des Geometres Francophone (FGF)

Web site:

[www.fig.net/organisation/networks/capacity\\_development/meetings/2016\\_abidjan/2016\\_abidjan\\_invitation.asp](http://www.fig.net/organisation/networks/capacity_development/meetings/2016_abidjan/2016_abidjan_invitation.asp)

**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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