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FIG COMMISSION 7

Cadastre & Land Management

To : Delegates, Correspondents and Friends of FIG Commission 7
cc : FIG Office Copenhagen
From : Paul van der Molen, Chair
Subject : e-Newsletter December 2005

Dear all,

We send our sincere greetings and hope you are well.

1. Annual Meeting 2006 and Symposium FIG Commission 7 Ljubliana Slovenia 12-16 May 2006

Last Annual Meeting in Madison (Wisconsin USA) the Commission decided to hold only a short annual meeting in 2006, because of the big FIG Conference in Munich 8-13 October 2006. Together with the Slovenian Association of Surveyors and our Slovenian delegate Mr Roman Renner we will organise the meeting as follows:

Friday 12 May : Welcome reception

Saturday 13 May : Annual Meeting

Sunday 14 May : Annual Meeting

Monday 15 May : Technical Excursion

Tuesday 16 May : Symposium on Real Estate Management, together with the Slovenian Association.

If you require a timeslot, please indicate. Detailed information will be available a.s.a.p. Please make a reservation for the dates in your agenda.

2. International Conference on Enhancing Land Registration and Cadastre for Economic Growth in India, New Delhi, 31 January - 1 February 2006

FIG Commission 7, GisDevelopment, and the Centre for Science, Development and Media Studies organise an open international conference on the above mentioned subject during MapIndia 2006. This international conference is driven by the McKinsey report The Growth Imperative (2003) in which the Indian government was advised (amongst others) to remove obstacles in the real estate and land market in order to boost the economic growth of India. A better functioning real estate and land market could count for 1,3 % extra GDP annually. One of the measures advised concerned better land registration and cadastre. The conference brings together international and Indian experts to see how land registration and cadastre in India should evolve. More information at www.mapindia.org

3. 5th FIG Regional Conference Accra (Ghana), 8-11 March 2006

The 5th FIG Regional Conference will take place in Accra (Ghana) from 9-12 March 2006. Meanwhile over 130 abstracts are submitted, amongst them many regarding cadastre and land management. Ghana is particularly interesting, because the Ghana's government embarked on an impressive land administration project. During the conference various aspects of this project will be exposed. More information at www.fig.net/accra

4. FIG Commission 7 co-sponsor Map Middle East 2006, Dubai (UAE), 26-29 March 2006

Land administration is a major issue at the conference Map Middle East, to be held March 26-29 in Dubai (UAE). The Jordan delegate Mr. Abdel Munem Samarat, director-general of the Jordan Department of Lands and Survey, will represent the Commission. More information at w.mapmiddleeast.org

5. **Workshop on e-Governance, Knowledge Management, and e-Learning, Budapest (Hungary), 27-29 April 2006**

FIG Commissions 2 and 3 together with Commission 7 organise a workshop in Budapest on the above mentioned subject. More information at www.fig.hu

6. **Proceedings FIG Commission 7 symposium on Arab land administration in Jordan 1-3 September 2005**

The conference, organised by the Jordan Department of Land and Surveys, the Arab Federation of Surveyors and the Commission, was attended by over 100 participants. The report is available at the Commission's website www.fig.net/commission7/index.htm. Proceedings in written form are under print in Jordan currently.

7. **UN/FIG Expert Group Meeting in Bangkok, 8-9 December 2005**

Over 40 international and regional experts were invited to contribute to this expert group meeting, in order to identify innovative approaches to land management and land administration in the Asia and the Pacific, together with representatives of the Worldbank, UN/Habitat, UNESCAP, and the Commission. The meeting was successful in gathering new ideas and experiences for the benefit of pro poor land management. The papers will soon be published on the Commission's website, and written proceedings are under preparation.

8. **Proceedings Expert Group Meeting Nairobi 2004 November 11-12**

These proceedings are now available on CDROM. Please send a request to pauline.vanelstrand@kadaster.nl

9. **Proceedings various Commission 7 events still available**

From various Commission events of the last years we still have proceedings in limited amounts in stock. If anyone needs a copy, please contact pauline.vanelstrand@kadaster.nl

10. **Cadastral Template**

We keep promoting the Cadastral Template and believe this is the first successful attempt to standardise and harmonise the description of cadastral systems all over the world. Again we strongly recommend your participation in this project, as more than **35** countries already joined. It saves much time, as you redirect all questionnaires you get in the future to the cadastral template website. Please look at <http://www.cadastraltemplate.org/>

11. **News from the UN ECE Working Party on Land Administration**

The WPLA published the well-known Land Administration Guidelines in 1996, a document many times referred to. Development since then are now taken into account in an updated version, titled 'Land Administration in the UN/ECE Region, development trends and main principles'. Please contact guenaddi.vinogradov@unece.org

12. **Award Kenyan delegate**

Our delegate from Kenya, Mr Ibrahim Mwathane, Immediate former chairman, ISK, has been honoured by the head of state with a Head of State's Commendation (HSC-Civilian Division) Award because he satisfactorily served as the chair of the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) during which time he managed to introduce reforms that had a far reaching influence on the development of the profession in the country. He addressed complex professional issues and gave directions and advice on the broad meaning of the surveying profession.

We wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Paul van der Molen (chair), Christiaan Lemmen (vicechair administration), Pauline van Elstrand, (secretariat)



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Dear Madam, Sir,

EVENT

We are pleased to inform you that an International Conference on Land Registration and Land Cadastre is scheduled to take place on 31st January and 1st February 2006, Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi India. The theme of the conference is:

'ENHANCING LAND REGISTRATION AND CADASTRE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH IN INDIA'.

BACKGROUND

With two percent of the world's total geographical area and providing habitat to over 15% of the world's humans - the fact itself shows how imminent is the issue of the 'land' in India. Citizenry owning land, that too legalized, has been a challenge for centuries. Historical evidences and anecdotes, be it on Sher Shah Suri's much appreciated land administration, or Vinoba Bhave 'Bhudaan' movement, show how the problem of land has beset India throughout.

The present times of information technology (IT) advancements have shown way of achieving much needed target of having an integrated system of land records. The techniques offered by GIS, Remote Sensing, Aerial Photography, etc. enable development of spatial database down to village level. It is hoped that Indian courts may keep themselves away from adding more number of land-disputes' cases to already existing one, the figures of whom run in millions, once a systematic land registration system is put on place. The system would also enable Indian states to add a sizeable chunk to their exchequers enabling efficient property tax collections. With current scenario of liberalization and real-estate boom, an IT based system of land records is of particular importance.

MCKINSEY

This is even more pressing as the Indian Government is advised by McKinsey Global Institute to remove obstacles in the land and real estate market, amongst others through registration and cadastre, to contribute to add an extra 1,3% annually to India's GDP. Also pro poor land administration is a huge issue.

BHOOMI

The so called Bhoomi project in the State of Karnataka provides new innovations in pro-poor land administration, by new institutional and technological ideas.

SUPPORT

With this in background, GIS Development in association with International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Commission 7 is organizing this two day event, which is also supported by Survey of India and Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. The conference will have sessions deliberating on land laws, act and policies - past, present, future, status of land registration in India, the technological breakthroughs, the success stories, the public-private-partnerships in the process, etc.

ALL INFORMATION

The conference takes place as part of a bigger event MapIndia 2006. If you are interested in participation, please look at <http://www.mapindia.org/> where all information is available, including registration form.

SUMMARY:

place: Taj Palace Hotel New Delhi,
dates: 31 January and 1 February 2006
fee: 250 US\$, speakers free

With best regards,
Prof Paul van der Molen