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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 : Newsletter June, 17th 2004

Dear All,

We send our sincere greetings and hope you all are well.

#### **1. Mr András Osskó elected as Commission Chair 2006-2010**

As you know Winfried Hawerk, delegate from Germany, and András Osskó, delegate from Hungary, have been nominated by their Associations as chair for the Commission for the period 2006-2010.

The General Assembly, during the Working Week in Athens 22-27 May 2004, voted as follows: Winfried Hawerk 22 votes, András Osskó 24 votes. We congratulate András with his election. We thank Winfried for his nomination, and as our Greek hosts stipulated: the real Olympic spirit says that participating is more important than winning!

#### **2. FIG Working Week 2004 succesful for the Commission**

The FIG Working Week in Athens, Greece, held from 22-27 May 2004, paid a lot of attention to matters of cadastre and land management.

Commission 7 organised 11 sessions on:

- Good Practices in Land Administration and Cadastre,
- Development of Good Land Administration Organisations (2 sessions),
- Appropriate Technologies for Good Land Administration (3 sessions, two with Commission 3, including one session on 3D cadastres and one with Commissions 3 and 5),
- Spatial Planning for Sustainable Development (with Commission 8),
- Impact of New Land Law and Land Reform on Good Land Administration,
- Marine Cadastres (with Commission 4),
- Developments in Urban and Rural Land Management (with Commission 8) and
- e-Commerce and e-Governance (with Commissions 3 and 1).

In total 64 speakers presented their papers in our sessions.

We thank Daniel Stuedler, Richard Grover, Hendrik Ploeger, Arvo Kokkonen, Francis Gäbele, Marc Vanderschueren, Christiaan Lemmen, Winfried Hawwerk and András Osskó for joining me in chairing and moderating the sessions.

All papers can be found at the FIG website [www.fig.net](http://www.fig.net) and in due course at the OICRF [www.oicrf.org](http://www.oicrf.org)

### 3. Other Commission 7 events during WW Athens

The Commission met officially on Sunday 23 May from 15.00-17.00 hrs. The meeting has been attended by 19 delegates amongst them **the new Czech delegate Mr. Libor Tomandt**, who is the director of the Cadastral Office in Karlovy Vary. The Commission has been informed about recent Commission-events like the Annual Meeting in Krakow, Poland, last September, the Symposium on Land Administration in Post Conflict Areas in Geneva, Switzerland, last April, and upcoming events like the Seminar on e-Land Administration in Innsbruck, Austria, in June, the next Annual Meeting in Clermont Ferrand, France, in September, and the event in Nairobi, Kenya, in November. The nominees for chair 2006-2010 presented their ideas about and approaches in the Commission-work for that period. Finally the progress on the Cadastral Template has been discussed.

The Commission 7 dinner took place on Tuesday evening 25 May, in a nice restaurant called Verde in Athens where we had food, drinks and fun. I thank our Greek delegate Elini Tziortzioti for organising the dinner.

### 4. Invitation Annual Meeting 2004 FIG Commission 7 will be sent in due course

The invitation for the Annual Meeting of the Commission will be published soon. As you know the meeting takes place at Hotel Coubertin, **Clermont-Ferrand, France, 8-14 September 2004**. Part of the meeting will be a 2 day symposium on Modern Land Consolidation, to be organised by Frantz Derlich, France, and Mikko Uimonen, Finland.

Programme:

Wednesday September 8	Welcome reception <b>at 18.00hrs</b>
Thursday September 9	Sessions Commission 7
Friday September 10	Symposium Modern Land Consolidation at Volvic
Saturday September 11	Symposium Modern Land Consolidation at Volvic and Technical Excursion
Sunday September 12	Technical and Social Excursion
Monday September 13	Sessions Commission 7
Tuesday September 14	Session Commission 7 > <b>12.30hrs closing</b>

If you would like to present a country report, a paper or other matters, please inform [pauline.vanelisland@kadaster.nl](mailto:pauline.vanelisland@kadaster.nl).

### 5. Commission 7 Symposium on Land Administration in Post Conflict Areas

The Symposium on Land Administration in Post Conflict Areas that took place at the UN-European Headquarters, the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, on 29 and 30 April 2004, has been very successful.

All papers and powerpoint are published in .pdf at [www.fig.net](http://www.fig.net) and at [www.oicrf.org](http://www.oicrf.org) (keyword LAPCA).

The Commission appreciates the good co-operation with UN-HABITAT, FAO and the Kosovo Cadastral Agency, KCA.

### 6. Commission 7 Seminar on E-land Administration

The International Seminar on e-land Administration has been held at **Innsbruck, Austria, 2-4 June 2004**. About 100 participants were present. The latest developments on e-conveyancing and e-data supply have been highlighted. The papers are published in a nice booklet, that I can recommend to you. Costs are 15 euro's + postage. There will be an order form at [www.fig.net/commission7](http://www.fig.net/commission7)

or contact Mrs Gerda Schennach at [gerda.schennach@bev.gv.at](mailto:gerda.schennach@bev.gv.at)

The Commission thanks the Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying BEV, and the Austrian Society for Surveying and Geoinformation for their kind co-operation.

**7. Change in 'Possible symposium on secure land tenure: new legal frameworks and tools'**

Discussions with UN-HABITAT and the Institute of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) revealed that this subject is still quite unexplored, and that it would be wise not to start with a big open conference at once. It has been decided that it would be better to organise an expert group meeting instead, with limited participation, 75 people, on invitation. The Commission intends to organise such a meeting in **Nairobi, Kenya, on 10-12 November 2004**, at the offices of the UN, and with the support and help of ISK. So there will be no opportunity for a big participation from the Commission.

The Commission will mainly act as a facilitator for the local experts and representatives of donors.

**8. Jakarta FIG Regional Conference 3-7 Oct still open for abstracts**

Deadline for abstracts already passed (was 30 April 2004) but the FIG Office encourages all delegates to submit abstracts *as soon as possible*.

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

**9. Commission 7 + COST workshop on standardisation in the cadastral domain, to be held on 9-10 December 2004, Bamberg, Germany**

The goals of this workshop on Standardisation of the Cadastral Domain are to bring together several disciplines: legal specialists, surveyors, knowledge engineers, ICT-specialists etc. from different organisations. This includes Geo-ICT industry and standardisation organisations, with interest in the cadastral domain and the work on standardisation in this domain. Commission 7 participates in the Organisation Committee (Christiaan Lemmen), and the Scientific Committee (Paul van der Molen and Winfried Hawerk).

Up to date information about this workshop is available on [www.gdmc.nl/cadmod.htm](http://www.gdmc.nl/cadmod.htm)

**10. First Announcement Working Week Cairo, Egypt, April 15-21 2005**

Information can be found at [www.fig.net/cairo](http://www.fig.net/cairo) I invite you to join this event.

**11. 5th ARAB Conference on the Role of 'GIServices in the e-Government', 6-7 September 2004**

In September will take place 'ArabMap 2004', a conference in Cairo, in which delegates, correspondents and friends of the Commission are invited to participate. Information can be found at [www.ngisc.goc.eg](http://www.ngisc.goc.eg)

**12. 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 **33** countries already joined. It saves much time, as you might redirect all questionnaires you get in the future to the cadastral template website!

[www.cadastraltemplate.org](http://www.cadastraltemplate.org)

**13. Joint Working Group with Commission 8 on Urban and Rural interrelationships, defining formal and informal tenure/property rights**

During the Working Week in Athens the newly appointed chair of Commission 8, Diane Dumashie (UK), approached the Commission to establish a joint working group on the above mentioned subject. This was agreed on and meanwhile **Richard Grover**, United Kingdom, and **András Osskó**, Hungary, were happy to represent the Commission here.

**14. Proceedings Symposium on IT Renewal Strategies for Land Registry and Cadastre still available**

There are still some proceedings available of the Commission 7 Symposium on IT Renewal Strategies for Land Registry and Cadastre, held in Enschede, The Netherlands, 8-9 May 2003.

Please contact Mrs Pauline van Elsland ([pauline.vaneland@kadaster.nl](mailto:pauline.vaneland@kadaster.nl))

**15. Renewed Website OICRF has been launched**

OICRFs digital library contains in this moment about 4.850 publications, e.g. conference proceedings, magazine's articles, reports, etc. on the subjects of Cadastre and Land Registry. As OICRF inserts the available and new documents digitally at [www.oicrf.org](http://www.oicrf.org) , it has the most recent publications always digitally available for its users.

The OICRF website has been renewed, the new website has been launched on June 11, 2004. The performance of the search engine has been strongly improved. The search criteria have been extended, allowing the users to search on 'Abstract', 'Keyword', 'Title' and 'Author'. One of the new selection items is on 'Language'. Also 'events' are mentioned now, with access to the papers as complete as possible. These options have been requested at the FIG Washington Congress.

At this moment we are working hard to include the required new search attributes into the database.

Kindest regards,

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