

Dear FIG Representatives in Commission 9 and Academic Members,

I'm writing to you because it is now the time to make plans for the next period 2006-2010 for the FIG Commission 9 Valuation and the Management of Real Estate. I have worked out a draft for the Munich conference. It's in the appendix of this email. The draft will be discussed in the general assembly and in the commission meetings in Munich. The final plan will be confirmed at the Hong Kong conference in May 2007 so there are still real possibilities to make changes in the plan.

In the draft plan five working groups and two task forces are presented:

WG 9.1 – Compulsory Purchase and Compensations in Land Acquisition and Takings

WG 9.2 – Improving Slum Conditions through Innovative Financing

WG 9.3 – Diagnostic Tools and Prescriptive Practices for the Valuation Profession

WG 9.4 – Organizations of Valuers and Appraisers in Emerging Eastern European Markets

WG 9.5 – Geostatistics in Real Estate Market Analyses and Valuation

TF 9.1 – Enhancing the adaptation of real estate valuation and management (real estate economics) to the university education of surveyors

TF 9.2 – Organising seminar in valuation at WW in Hong Kong May 2007

During the period one special seminar is planned on Compulsory purchase and compensations in land acquisition and takings in Helsinki, Finland in September 2007 jointly with Baltic Valuation Conference, which is organised annually by valuers' associations around the Baltic Sea Area. Other seminars will be held in the connection to FIG working weeks and other occasions. Especially for academic members an option for review papers will be arranged, beginning at the Helsinki seminar. This would give a better possibility also for the doctoral students to present and discuss their research problems and findings.

To get results and discussions it is important that all members take part in the activities. Each WG needs members. In addition doctoral members who are willing to take part in the review process are needed. You can express your interest by sending an email to me or directly to the presented chair of the WG and in addition to the coming vice-chair of administration of Com 9 Heidi Falkenbach (heidi.falkenbach@tkk.fi). The first meeting of each proposed WG and TF will be held in the Munich conference.

The first meeting of Commission 9 is on Monday 9^{th} October at 9-10:30 and there the whole draft plan will be discussed. Working group meetings will be held on

Monday at 11-12:30 (WG 9.1 and 9.3),

Tuesday at 14-15:30 (WG 9.4 and a round table),

Wednesday at 11-12:30 (WG 9.5 and TF 9.1) and

Thursday at 11-12:30 (WG 9.2 and TF 9.2).

The subject of the roundtable discussion chaired by David Smejkal is valuation reports. For that occasion participants are asked to bring examples of valuation reports in their home countries.

The commission 9 dinner will be organised on Wednesday evening, enrolments to Heidi.Falkenbach@tkk.fi by 5th October 2006 or latest in the commission meeting on Monday.

More than 40 conference papers in valuation and real estate management will be presented in Munich. So there are a plenty of interesting events in the Com 9 to take part in. The sessions of Commission 9 are

TS 7 - GIS and Valuation on Monday 14-15:30;

TS 17 - Land Value Maps and Taxation on Monday 16-17:30;

TS 27 - Upgrading Informal Settlements: Access to Human Rights and Finance on Tuesday 16-17:30;

TS 46 - Valuation and Real Estate Management on Wednesday 14-15:30;

TS 56 - Special Valuation Situations on Wednesday 16-17:30;

TS 66 - Commercial Property Valuation on Thursday 9-10.30;

TS 76 - Valuation Standards and Practices on Thursday 14-15:30; and

TS 86 - Valuation Methods on Thursday 16-17:30.

In addition there are three posters.

To register with a lowered fee to the Munich conference there is not much time left. However, the excess fee is not very high so you all have still plenty of possibilities to register, see the FIG website, www.fig.net.

I hope you will be interested to take actively part in the activities of our Commissions and I wish you a nice summer. Please, do not hesitate contact me if you have anything to ask or to suggest concerning the Commission 9 activities. Waiting to see you in the Munich,

Best regards,

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