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## **FIG COMMISSION 7**

### **Cadastre & Land Management**

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To : Delegates, Correspondents and Friends of FIG Commission 7  
cc : FIG Office Copenhagen  
From : Paul van der Molen, Chair  
Subject : Newsletter April 2004

Dear Friends,

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

#### **1. Passing away Mr Ivan Peší**

Thank you for your response to the sad message about the passing away of our Czech delegate Dipl.-Ing. Ivan Peší, during a cross country skiing tour in the Moravian mountains on February 17. On behalf of the Commission we sent a letter of condolence to Ivan's office.

#### **2. Nominations for Commission Chairs**

Mr Winfried Hawerk (Germany) and Mr András Oskó (Hungary) are nominated by their Associations as chair for the Commission 7 in the period 2006-2010. Meanwhile the Commission Review Group, appointed by the General Assembly in Paris last year, has made its evaluation of the candidates. The President of the Group, Mr Robert Foster, reports that both candidates are found to be suitably qualified for the position. The General Assembly will take a decision during the next working Week in Athens (22-27 May 2004). We wish both gentlemen good luck!

#### **3. FIG Working Week 2004**

The FIG Working Week will be held in **Athens** (Greece) from **22-27 May 2004**. Commission 7 organises interesting sessions, e.g. on Good Practices in Land Administration and Cadastre, Development of Good Land Administration Organisations, Appropriate Technologies for Good Land Administration, impact of new land laws on Land Administration, Marine Cadastres, 3D Cadastres ([www.fig2004.gr](http://www.fig2004.gr)). Registration for this main surveying conference closes 15 April (registration at normal fee).

#### **4. Proceedings Symposium on IT renewal strategies for Land registry and Cadastre**

The proceedings of the Commission 7 Symposium on IT renewal strategies for Land registry and Cadastre (Enschede NL, 8-9 May 2003) are published. The book gives in depth information about the strategy as adopted in 12 different countries. Due to circumstances, we faced some stagnation in the production. Please contact Pauline van Elsland if you would like to receive a copy.

#### **5. Annual Meeting 2004 FIG Commission 7**

The Annual Meeting of the Commission will take 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 and Mikko Uimonen.

The preliminary programme:

Wednesday September 8	Welcome reception
Thursday September 9	Sessions Commission 7
Friday September 10	Symposium at Polydome/Clermont Ferrand
Saturday September 11	Symposium at Polydome/Clermont-Ferrand
Sunday September 12	Technical Excursion
Monday September 13	Sessions Commission 7
Tuesday September 14	Sessions Commission 7

## 6. Seminar on E-land Administration

The International Seminar on e-land Administration will be held at **Innsbruck** (Austria) on **2-4 June 2004**. There will be invited papers and presentations on various e-aspects of land administration. The latest developments on e-conveyancing e-data supply will be highlighted. Please contact Mrs Gerda Schennach at [gerda.schennach@bev.gv.at](mailto:gerda.schennach@bev.gv.at) for more information.

## 7. Change of venue Symposium on Land Administration in Post Conflict Areas

The decision to change the venue of the Symposium on Land Administration in Post Conflict Areas because of the developments in Kosovo is definitive. The new venue will be the **UN-European Headquarter at the Palais des Nations, Geneva** (Switzerland). The Commission appreciates the good co-operation with UN-HABITAT and the Kosovo Cadastral Agency KCA. Attached please find the announcement, programme and registration form. You are invited to join this important symposium.

## 8. Possible Symposium on secure land tenure: new legal frameworks and tools

In co-operation with UN-HABITAT and FAO the Commission intends to organise a Symposium on secure land tenure: new legal frameworks and tools in **Nairobi** (Kenya) on **10-12 November 2004**. This will be a major event for the Commission, as we never got really deep into the problems of land registration and cadastre in countries where customary law is so important and new forms of land tenure evolve! As a Commission we cannot state again and again that land administration is a prerequisite for sustainable development, without going to the spot where the challenges are!

## 9. Jakarta FIG Regional Conference

FIG Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific, **Jakarta** (Indonesia) , **3-7 October 2004**.  
Deadline for abstracts 31 May 2004. Web site [www.fig.net/jakarta](http://www.fig.net/jakarta).  
Other FIG events: [www.fig.net/events/events](http://www.fig.net/events/events).

## 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 the project, as more than 30 countries already joined. Lithuania, Sweden and Turkey submitted their template recently.

## 11. Joint Working Group with Commission 3 on 3D Cadastres

The working group has a new (co-)chairperson on behalf of the Commission: dr. Hendrik Ploeger (University of Delft, NL). On behalf of Commission 3 dr. Y. Doytscher (Israel) is co-chair. As the working group intends to speed up the activities, we are looking for Commission 7 persons who want to join the group. 3D Cadastres have the future in our multi-functional-use-of-space world!

Kindest regards,  
*Paul van der Molen, chair*  
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