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1. Report of activities 2004

This annual report gives an overview of the activities of the International Office of Cadastre and Land Records, one of the Permanent Institutions of the FIG. The report outlines OICRFs tasks, its collection and information duty; and an overview of published studies.

2. Tasks

OICRF performed its activities in all areas of its tasks, namely:

- To collect and systematically file and index all documentary material relating to existing cadastral and land registration systems in all countries
- To make comparative studies of that material followed by publication of the results
- To give information and advice on all cadastral and land registration systems to all interested institutions or persons, whether for the purpose of study or to help countries wishing either to introduce a cadastre or a land registration system or to improve their existing system
- To maintain the documentary material on a day to day basis

OICRF makes since long time every effort to offer best and quick services to anyone who requests for information, with a focus to members of FIG and professionals in Cadastre, Land Administration, Land Consolidation, Cadastral Surveying and Mapping and direct related fields of expertise as Geo-Information and Communication Technology for Cadastral purposes.

In this moment one of OICRFs formal tasks is:

- To endeavour to have a correspondent in each country, whether or not that country is a member of the Federation

Today this task is not in real practice anymore, today's networked society provides sophisticated worldwide communication tools, eliminating the need for such task. We thank the correspondents for their contribution.

3. The (on-line) Collection: www.oicrf.org

The (on-line) collection is extended on a daily basis by OICRFs librarian Mrs Anne Burghout. Conference proceedings, magazines articles, reports, dissertations etc. on legal, administrative, organisational and institutional matters concerning Cadastre and Land administration and related area's are input for the collection. OICRF reports that 5376 publications are available on line in its digital library. The performance of the search engine has been strongly improved in 2004. The search criteria have been extended, allowing the users to search on words in 'Abstract', 'Keyword', 'Title' and 'Author'. One of the new search items is on 'Language'. This option has been requested at the FIG Washington Congress 2002 and fits to the multi-linguistic policy of FIG. Another new facility is an 'event' based accessibility to documents, e.g. to papers from a specific conference or seminar.

The screenshot shows the OICRF website's search page. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with the OICRF and FIG logos, and a list of navigation links: Home, Events, What's new, FIG organisation, OICRF organisation, Contact us, Disclaimer, and Links to affiliated sites. The main content area is white and titled 'Welcome to OICRF'. It contains a red horizontal bar, a welcome message, a description of OICRF as a study and documentation centre, and a search section. The search section includes text explaining the database search capabilities and a search form with input fields for Abstract, Keyword, Title, and Author, each with a help icon. There is also a Language dropdown menu with a help icon. A 'Search' button and a link to 'Extended help' are at the bottom of the search section. At the very bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: '© FIG-OICRF 2004 powered by het Kadaster' and a note: 'Best viewed with Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher'.

4. Comparative studies

Last year OICRF published several comparative studies:

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- Osch, B.M. and Lemmen, C.H.J. (2004) Towards the introduction of workflow management at the Netherlands Cadastre. In: The Olympic spirit in surveying: FIG Working Week 2004, May, 23-27, Athens, Greece, 2004, 18 p.
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5. Final Remark

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