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Key Messages During the FIG Working Week in Rome

In his invitation to join the FIG Working Week in May 2012, Fausto Savoldi, President of the National Council of Italian Surveyors (Consiglio Nazionale Geometri e Geometri Laureati), states that "Italy and the Italian Surveyors want to address the universally spread values that constitute the basis of our being together: human rights protection, environmental preservation, respect for the identity and the culture of everyone, and, last but not least, solidarity among the nations and the different generations. It is according to these values that we chose the subject of our Italian Working Week: 'Knowing to manage the territory, protect the environment, evaluate the cultural heritage'."

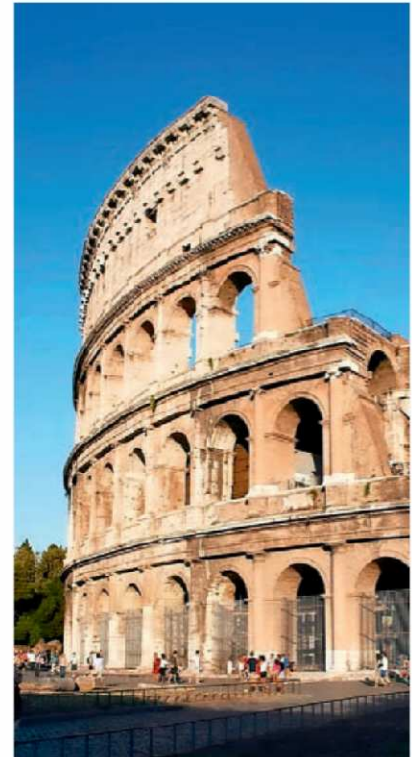
The theme addresses the challenges of today and especially the cultural heritage that Italy and Rome in particular are so famous for. The technical programme should stimulate presentations and discussions amongst participants on the role and contribution of the surveying profession in addressing these challenges.

The technical programme of the Working Week includes three plenary sessions. The first will generally address the challenge of managing and protecting our dynamic and fragile environment through principles, voluntary guidelines and responsible actions. The main speakers in this session will be Mr Alexander Mueller, Assistant Director General of UN FAO and the Italian Minister for Environment, Territory and Sea. The first session is on 7th May 2012. The second plenary session, on 8th May 2012, will generally address the environmental issues and equitable access to basic services for all, and tools and actions in this regard.

The third session, on 9th May 2012, will generally address the challenge to preserve our culture and heritage, particularly within the built environment, and the deployment of modelling techniques and technologies to address these challenges. Most interesting for surveyors in the city of Rome: the heritage is there and the model of the heritage will be presented here with modern technologies. In each of these plenary sessions the speakers, who are all stakeholders and who are from diverse background, will address the respective issues and challenges, suggest responses and actions, challenge and inspire contributions that will extend the usefulness of surveying for the betterment of humanity and in so doing further enhance the relevance and standing of the surveying profession. As a measure to implement the goal of the current work plan to enhance the membership, the Working Week in Rome will allow more space during the plenary sessions for representatives of member associations to demonstrate surveyors' contributions in response to these challenges.

THE FUTURE OF CADASTRES

The Working Week in Rome will include a discussion forum on the future of cadastres organised by FIG Commission 7 on Cadastre and Land Management. The institutional aspects are key to development of land administration in support of good governance,



Rome's Colosseum.

resource management, tenure security, spatial planning and access to land in many countries. Urbanisation is necessitating more and more 3D representations of land rights. Open data and open software are demanding new and flexible business models and new approaches to information management. These issues (and more) will be handled during a panel discussion, with each panel member giving a short 'visionary' statement. The discussion will be organised in cooperation with *GIM International*. ◀

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