

NEWS FROM FIG COMMISSION 4

Reviewing the Commission's activities at the FIG Working Week in Athens towards the end of May, Chairman Adam Greenland reiterated continuing commitment to the joint IHO/FIG/ICA Advisory Board on Standards of Competence for Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers. He also paid tribute to the work of the Board's outgoing Chairman, Svante Asterno, who was to be succeeded by Tiina Tuurnala of the Finnish Maritime Administration.

Meanwhile, all Commission Working Groups had maintained progress towards their declared objectives with that for Strategic Partnerships (chaired by Adam Kerr) overseeing signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding with the IHO during the Athens week.

Future plans included participation in the 3rd FIG Regional Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia from 3-7 October as well as a further official visit to the IHO in Monaco. The Commission would

additionally be present at Hydro4 this November (an event which it is also co-sponsoring) and would be an active participant in the next FIG Working Week in Cairo planned for April 2005.

As part of the Athens Working Week also, a Hydro workshop was convened, dealing with Hydrography & Charting, Marine Cadastre, and Vertical Reference Frame & Marine Construction/ Dredging. Presentations included an update on IHO activities by its President, Alexandros Maratos, along with those by speakers from Canada, Greece, Sweden, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, the US and UK. Transcripts can be accessed via the Commission's website (www.fig.net/commission4/) while a fuller account of the Working Week by Ruth Adams appears elsewhere in this issue of the *Journal*.

As foreshadowed in our last issue, a composite CD describing the Commission's total activities including

workplans, reports and publications together with a listing of officials is now freely available. Copies can be obtained from Adam Greenland, Port of London Authority, Hydrographic Section, Royal Pier Road, Gravesend DA12 2BG, UK
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