

WORLD CADASTRE SUMMIT, CONGRESS & EXHIBITION

Let's Cadastre Our World...



▲ At the front: Young participants.

The first World Cadastre Summit, Congress & Exhibition (WCS-CE) took place in Istanbul, Turkey, from 20-24 April 2015. İdris Güllüce, Turkish Minister of Environment and Urbanisation, was the initiator of this largest-ever cadastre event and participated actively. The interest was so overwhelming that after 3,200 sign-ups from 90 countries – developed as well as developing – registration had to be closed two weeks before the start of the event due to capacity limitations.

Over 150 prominent speakers showed the inevitable value of cadastre and land administration for sustainable development. But the path to realisation requires new technology, new thinking and new leadership. The wide variety of demands and innovations required were presented in plenary sessions chaired by Tahsin Yomrakioglu, Ian Willamson and Orhan Ercan. Switzerland elucidated its successes but also its struggles. Speakers from Turkey outlined the many challenges confronting the national cadastre, and Malaysia revealed its high ambitions in diverse presentations. Trends recurrently identified include: fit-for-purpose approach; importance of standardisation (especially ISO 19152, Land Administration Domain Model); relating cadastre and valuation; including the marine environment; improved data acquisition (surveying, GNSS, photogrammetry, remote sensing); and 3D cadastre – with no less than 20 presentations held on the latter

topic. Increasing demands and advancing technologies mean that even well-functioning cadastral professionals cannot afford to rest on their laurels since effective, fast and affordable solutions require continuous innovation. The bustling exhibition floor comprised 60 stands displaying a variety of geomatics technologies including surveying, GIS, GNSS and remote sensing. The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) promoted its 2018 congress, which will likewise be held in Istanbul. It was encouraging to see such a high number of student participants representing the new and up-and-coming generation of cadastral professionals. Another great measure of success was the presence of no less than 16 ministers who presented their statements on cadastre and land administration. Congratulations to Prof Dr Tahsin Yomralioglu, chairman of WCS-CE, and his team on the success of this timely event. The proceedings and presentations are available online at: <http://wcadastre.org/page/52-en-proceedings>. ◀



▲ Keynote speakers, from left to right: Kees de Zeeuw, The Netherlands; Brent Jones, USA; Gerda Schennach, Austria; Vanessa Laurence, UK; Stig Enemark, Denmark.



▲ Keynote speaker Peter van Oosterom, The Netherlands.



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