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## FIG Newsletter - October 2016

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG Newsletter, which brings you latest information about FIG and its activities. The information referred here is in full length available on the FIG web site. Thus the Newsletter is produced to inform you what has happened recently and what interesting things are going to take place in the near future. The FIG Newsletter is circulated monthly or bi-monthly by e-mail. The referred articles are in English and written in a way that you are able to extract them to your national newsletters or circulate to your members and networks.

### Article of the Month

Each month on the FIG web site we publish a paper called the Article of the Month. This is a high-level paper focusing on interesting topics to all surveyors. It can be picked up from a FIG conference or another event. The article in **October 2016** is written by **Hartmut Müller, Germany: Bridging the Gap between Surveyors and the Geo-Spatial Society**. The paper was presented in a joint FIG/ISPRS session at the ISPRS Congress July 2016 in Prague. The author discusses the role of surveyors today in a complex and technologic advanced world and the requirements of the surveyor of tomorrow.

[http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly\\_articles/2016/mueller\\_october\\_2016.asp](http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2016/mueller_october_2016.asp)

### Help us - Participate in Survey: "Exploring the VGGT in Practice"



This Academic Member working group was at the Working Week 2016 to identify and strengthen the role of the surveying professional in the implementation of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines (VGGT). The results will be presented at the Working Week 2017.

Read more: [www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/explore\\_VGGT.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/explore_VGGT.asp)

Go to online survey: <https://de.surveymonkey.com/r/8X9PVDG>

Off-line survey:

[www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/explore\\_vggt/VGGT\\_Impact\\_Survey.pdf](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/explore_vggt/VGGT_Impact_Survey.pdf)

### News

#### FIG Working Week 2017 – Helsinki, Finland – Submit your abstract

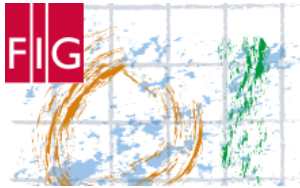


FIG Working Week 2017 will take place in Helsinki, Finland **29 May – 2 June 2017** at Messukeskus Expo and Convention Centre



### Theme and logo

The theme of the Working Week “*Surveying the world of tomorrow - From digitalisation to augmented reality*” reflects the continuous development around us. Tomorrow is only a short step away or maybe here already today. It is not so much a question of making things digital any more but rather using technology as a tool to add new dimensions to what we see around us. We hope and believe that the Working Week is an excellent place to get a glimpse of the future developments but also to study the ideas and solutions of today.



The quite abstract logo of the Working Week was designed to illustrate the theme. The colours blue, green, orange, and white symbolise the Finnish nature, its lakes, forests, midnight sun, and snow. The different elements are drawn with brush strokes which together with the colours and shapes create an association with the Finnish landscape paintings dating back to early 1900’s. The sun and the forest form a binary one and zero, symbols of digitalisation. This digitalisation is however so advanced that it is no more rectangular and mathematical but describes our analogue world in a way that is more subtle, adaptive, and precise and, thus, offers the people better services.



### Plenary sessions and technical programme

On each conference days a plenary session is planned, each with three inspiring, high level presentations that will highlight current challenges and focus areas within the overall theme of digitalisation. The three sessions will be:

1. Living of Tomorrow – In a Digitalized World
2. Professional behaviour – In a Digitalised World
3. The Contribution of our Profession – In a Digitalised World

### Submit your abstract now

You can also be part of the technical programme. Submit your abstract – deadline is **15 November 2016**. Call for papers:

[www.fig.net/fig2017/presenter\\_invitation.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig2017/presenter_invitation.htm)



The conference web site is updated regularly.

Registration will open soon.

Check also your sponsorship and exhibition possibilities.

Read more at: [www.fig.net/fig2017](http://www.fig.net/fig2017)

### InterGeo – 10-13 October 2016, Hamburg, Germany



Again in 2016 FIG participated with a stand at Intergeo in order to interact with both visitors and exhibitors. The President and two Vice Presidents attended together with FIG Office, and Intergeo was used to promote FIG, Working Week 2017 in Helsinki, and Congress 2018 in Istanbul. During Intergeo a meeting on Commission structure was held.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_10\\_intergeo.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_10_intergeo.asp)

## FIG / UN-GGIM-AP / JUPEM Geospatial and GNSS CORS Infrastructure and Systems Forum, 16 - 17 October 2016, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



The impetus for this forum originated from discussions with several Asian countries, Leica Geosystems representatives (Mr Neil Ashcroft), UN-GGIM-AP Chair Dr. John Dawson and Rob Sarib at the FIG Working Week in Christchurch. The forum comprised of 6 sessions, and 22 presentations. Although this style of workshop was not the first of its type in the Asia Pacific region, it was the first main gathering for the recently formed FIG Asia Pacific Capacity Development Network.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_10\\_AP\\_CDN.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_10_AP_CDN.asp)

## FIG Working Week 2021 - Call for Bids



Do you want the 2021 Working Week to take place in your country with your association as the local host? FIG invites all Member Associations to consider making a bid to host the prestigious FIG Working Week 2021 together with the Federation. The Council has prepared bidding guidelines for the Working Week.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2016/2016\\_09\\_bid-2021.asp](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2016/2016_09_bid-2021.asp)

## Upcoming Special FIG Events

### 3-7 November 2016, Iasi, Romania



#### FIG Commission 3 Annual Meeting

Commission 3 Annual Meeting and Workshop "From Volume to Quality: Bridging the Gap for Spatial Data Infrastructure" – will be held joint to EGoS GA and Geomat 2016 "Spatial Information Management for Sustainable Development" - International Symposium. The annual meeting and workshop is held in collaboration with Romanian Surveyors Association.

<http://com3fig.wixsite.com/fig-commission3-2016>

### 9-11 November 2016, Apeldoorn, the Netherlands



#### Symposium on Land Consolidation

The symposium is organised in close cooperation with FIG Commissions 7 and 8, the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation FAO; Landnet and the Netherlands' Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency - Kadaster. The event is supported by the World Bank and the Global Land Tool Network.

This symposium will address the role of land consolidation and land readjustment in relation to these challenges. It will give participants the opportunity to discuss strategies for sustainable development and to design resilient landscapes that meet the needs of society. The symposium will focus on four themes:

- I. land administration, land consolidation & readjustment,
- II. good governance,
- III. sustainable development and
- IV. financial arrangements.

[www.lcsymposium.nl/](http://www.lcsymposium.nl/)

### **16-18 November 2016, Abidjan, Ivory Coast**



### **5th FIG Africa Regional Network Workshop**

The workshop is organised in conjunction with Federation des Geometres Francophone (FGF) General Assembly. The workshop will be supported by UN Food and Agricultural Organisation FAO and FIG Young Surveyors Network.

ARN will continue to build upon our previous successful workshops where you

- Participate in International and African continental wide initiatives that affect you and your everyday working lives,
- Deliberate on key skills for leadership learning
- Introduced to the latest in technical instruments.
- Continue and build new friendships, networks and ideas.

[www.fig.net/organisation/networks/capacity\\_development/events/2016\\_abidjan/index.asp](http://www.fig.net/organisation/networks/capacity_development/events/2016_abidjan/index.asp)

### **23-25 November 2016, Suva, Fiji Islands**

PGSC Meeting and FIG Pacific Network meeting.

### **Meetings in connection with FIG Task Force on Commission Structure:**

- Hamburg, Germany - 12 October 2016 in connection with InterGeo at 16:00-17:30 in meeting room Shanghai. The meeting room is in the congress area so please contact Louise Friis-Hansen [lfh@fig.net](mailto:lfh@fig.net) if you want to attend.
- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - 16-17 October in connection with Asia/Pacific Regional Network meeting
- Ivory Coast - 16-18 November 2016 in connection with Africa Regional Network meeting.
- PGSC Meeting, Fiji, 23-25 November 2016

For other events see always up-to-date information at: [www.fig.net/events/index.asp](http://www.fig.net/events/index.asp)

### **Vacancies and project opportunities**

[www.fig.net/about/jobs/index.asp](http://www.fig.net/about/jobs/index.asp)

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## FIG WORKING WEEK 2017



29 May - 2 June  
Helsinki Finland

Web site: [www.fig.net/fig2017](http://www.fig.net/fig2017)



**FIG Congress 2018, 6-11 May 2018, Istanbul, Turkey**

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