

## **FIG Commission 3 Spatial Information Management Annual Meeting and Seminar**

### ***Foreword***

Dear Reader,

You are having a volume in your hands that contains the proceedings of the FIG Commission 3 Seminar held in Budapest, October 1999. This Commission deals with spatial information management.

Nowadays, the problem of assuring the sustainable development of national economies and of the whole world is coming into the limelight. The concept of sustainable development cannot be separated from the development of the rural areas and the thorough plan of long-term regional development.

Without up-to-date maps and cadastre, it is impossible to prepare development plans, or complete successful land reforms in the so-called 'countries in transition'. Both regional planning and the land consolidation are complex engineering tasks, within which the land surveyors do have their specific, significant roles. To make quick and well-founded decisions or to prepare decision-making in an efficient way cannot be realised without well-organised spatial information management in the era of the information society. To achieve the application of spatial information management in wide circles, all those involved need continuous training on a proper level.

Efforts like these are well reflected in the papers delivered at the seminar. I think that this volume will be a useful tool to all professional readers.

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