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Welcome to a brief presentation of:

FIG -International Federation of Surveyors

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What is FIG?

- **Established in 1878 in Paris by 7 member associations (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and UK)**
- **Federation of national associations**
- **Only international body representing all surveying disciplines**
- **UN-recognised non-governmental organisation (NGO)**



Commissions

- Com 1 – Standards and Professional Practice;
- Com 2 – Professional Education;
- Com 3 – Spatial Information Management;
- Com 4 – Hydrography;
- Com 5 – Positioning and Measurement;
- Com 6 - Engineering Surveys;
- Com 7 – Cadastre and Land Management;
- Com 8 – Spatial Planning;
- Com 9 – Valuation & Real Estate Management;
- Com 10 – Construction & Economics Management.



Commission Chairs





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- Events;
- Publications;
- Conference papers;
- Standards Network;
- Task Forces;
- Young Surveyors Network;
- Jobs etc.



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Commission 9 Work Plan

Valuation and Real Estate Management

“Managing Value for our Future”

Dr Frances Plimmer



WG 9.1 - Property Taxation

- Study Group 9.1.1 – Tax Bases
- Study Group 9.1.2 – Mass Appraisal Systems; and
- Study Group 9.1.3 – Successful and Efficient Taxation Systems for Emerging Economies.



Study Group 9.1.1 Tax Bases

- Ease of administration and assessment;
- Justifiable;
- Sustainable and sufficient revenues;
- Taxpayer acceptability;
- Annual or periodic levy;
- Same base applied to different taxes;
- Use of mass appraisal (and liaison with 9.1.2)



Study Group 9.1.1 Tax Bases

- Tool for land use policy;
- Tool for settlement policy;
- Support for land use and ecological aims;
- Trade offs?
- Market distortions?
- Different stages of institutional development and governance?



SG 9.1.2 Mass Appraisal Systems

- Degree of technical skill removes such systems from understanding of taxpayers;
- Trade off between efficiency and ‘justice’?
- Increased responsibility on valuation profession.



SG 9.1.2 Mass Appraisal Systems

- Guidelines:
 - Develop of suitable MA systems to support tax assessments;
 - Appropriateness of original data sources;
 - Indices to monitor property market.
- Workshop, Paphos, Cyprus, September 2012.



SG 9.1.3 Successful and Efficient Taxation Systems for Emerging Economies

- Investigation of property tax systems in emerging economies;
- Examples of best practice;
- Regional study, potentially:
 - South America;
 - Africa; or
 - Central and Eastern Europe.



WG 9.2 Large Scale Land Acquisition for Agriculture

- Needs of foreign corporates for productive farm land;
- Needs of indigenous land holders;
- Needs of national governments;
- Issue of exploitation;
- Process in the light of best practice.
- Workshop proposed for 2013.



WG 9.3 Management of Public Property Assets in Developing Countries

- Data structure for fixed public assets;
- Administrative needs:
 - Organisation;
 - Client interfaces;
- Operation of public properties:
 - Life cycle costings.



WG 9.3 Management of Public Property Assets in Developing Countries

- Optimisation of use/occupancy;
- Reduction of operational costs;
- Development/redevelopment;
- Increased economic revenues;
- Capacity building;
- Cost transparency; and
- Consistent documentation system.



WG 9.3 Management of Public Property Assets in Developing Countries

- Proceeding through the work of 7.4 – Land Management Reforms.



“Challenges for international professional practice: from market value to natural value”. RICS November 2012

<https://communities.rics.org/connect.ti/naturalvalue/grouphome>



Commission 9 welcomes:

- Further debate;
- Members to get involved;
- Members to contribute where and when they can; and
- Thank you.