

Newsletter no. 1

Dear Colleagues, Delegates and Friends.

This is the first attempt to produce a Newsletter which we intend to provide twice a year the following 4 years. The first Newsletter will not be as comprehensive as we hope the following will be. We will encourage all of you to contribute to this common forum in order to keep every one entertained, informed, updated and hopefully contribute to some cohesiveness in Commission 6.

The outline for this Newsletter will include:

1. General information,
2. Future Newsletters,
3. The FIG Congress in Washington,
4. INGEO 2002,
5. Coming events of interest.

1. General Information.

The FIG office has established a very nice and uniform Web page for the FIG organisation and the Commissions. If you not already have visited this site we kindly invite you to do it now. The following link will bring you to the Commission 6 Web page:

www.fig.net/figtree/commission6/index.htm

Please take your time to look at the Working plan, Events etc. for our Commission and notify interesting topics or events.

Furthermore we would like to address our best thanks to the outgoing chairman of Commission 6, Dr. Michel Mayoud for his contribution to the Commission. We hope that there still are a lot of FIG Commission 6 work in you, Michel.



Dr. Michel Mayoud

2. Future Newsletters.

As stated before we intend to provide two newsletters each year. We do our selves not have enough material for a decent quality for which reason we invite you warmly to contribute to our future Newsletters. The topics of interest could be travelling reports, minutes of meeting, interesting experiences, topics of investigation, notices of literature or reader's letters.

We intend to put the newsletter on our web page:

(<http://www.fig.net/figtree/commission6/newsletters/newsletters.htm>)

We intend that the Newsletters will go a little bit more into details about our official events stated on our Web Page.

3. The FIG Congress in Washington.

April 19 - 26, 2002 the XXII International Congress was held. For Commission 6 it was a good event both in a professional and social respect.

During the Conference up to 10 parallel sessions with presentations was running. Commission 6 contributed to 10 technical sessions and 42 papers.

During the General Assembly new chairmen for the 10 Commissions was nominated. For each Commission a new Working Plan was adopted for the 2003 - 2006 term. An essential part of the Commission 6 Working Plan is establishment/continuation of 4 Working Groups. Please take a look at the Working Plan at our Web page to learn more about the topics of interest for the 4 Working Groups : <http://www.fig.net/figtree/commission6/workplans/workplan.htm>.

During the Congress Commission 6 held 2 meetings for the national delegates and other interested persons. Future activities transversely to other FIG Commissions and external associations was discussed during the meetings.

The purpose of the Commission meetings is to a great extent to provide scientific, academic and professional networks and friendships which is a great part of this international corporation. The participants in the meetings was encouraged to sign up for doing some work in the future. This invitation also includes you as a reader of this Newsletter.

Each of the four working groups are now planning and carrying out the activities of this term. The activities includes a number of seminars and symposiums but also 4 specific projects. Those specific projects are based in the Working Groups but for the completion 4 Task Forces has been established.

Again if you are interested in joining the work in the Working Groups e.g. planning a coming symposium or workshop or want to contribute with some knowledge to the report on Best Practice please do not hesitate to contact us

The Working Groups and Task forces in Commission 6 are organised and manned as follows:

WG6.1 – Deformation Measurement and Analysis

Chair Adam Chrzanowski (Canada); Vice-chair Cecilia Whitaker (USA);

- Task force 6.1.1: Measurements and Analysis of Cyclic Deformations and Structural Vibrations. Chair Gethin Roberts, UK
- Task force 6.1.2: Use of satellite Radar interferometri in Deformation Measurements. Chair Xiaoli Ding, Hong Kong

WG6.2 – Engineering Surveys for Industry and Research

Chair Thomas Wunderlich (Germany); Vice-chair: Alojz Kopacik (Slovak).

- Task force 6.2.1: Laser scanner

WG6.3 – Engineering Survey Data Bases and Facility Management
Chair Lothar Gründig (Germany); Vice-chair Hande Demirel (Turkey)

WG6.4 – Engineering Surveys for Construction Works and Structural Engineering

Chair Gethin Wyn Roberts (UK); Vice-chair Jin Fengxiang (China);

- Task force 6.4.1: Fibre optic sensors. Chair Fritz K. Brunner (Austria)

Monday evening we had a Commission 6 diner at a quite entertaining restaurant. The confused secretary of this Commission told the owner of the restaurant that we would be 17 persons for diner but when we showed up 19 persons the world crashed for the owner. As you can see in the photos from this evening you will notice some physical activity from the owner. Later in the evening when we were going to pay he decided not to be able to write a receipt which affected some discussions. But at least for us non native English spoken this was good practice for the rest of the week in Washington.



The Commission 6 dinner Monday evening. Cheerful faces are spotted all over this entertaining restaurant..

4. INGEO 2002.

The 2nd International Conference of Engineering Surveying INGEO 2002 was held in November 11-13, 2002 in Bratislava. FIG Commission 6 was co-sponsoring this success full conference. The participants was mainly from the former eastern European countries in which Commission 6 wants to gain better foothold. Therefore we aim to expand corporation with region.

Vice-chair: Alojz Kopicik (WG 6.2) has written a short summary of the INGEO 2002 which can be found at this Web-page: http://www.fig.net/figtree/commission6/news/news_1.htm

5. Coming events 2003.

13-17 April 2003 Paris, France.

FIG Working week 2003. This event also marks the 125th Anniversary of FIG. In spite of the fact that the Dead line for abstracts unfortunately has expired we hope that you have the possibility to go to Paris and participate an celebrate this event. Please take a look at this Web page to get more information; www.regardsinternational.com/figww2003.html.

25-28 May 2003, Santorini, Greece

11th International Symposium on Deformation Measurements. Organised by FIG Commission 6 WG 6.1. Contact: Stathis C. Stiros, Geodesy Lab., Dept. of Civil Engineering, Patras University Patras, GR-26500, Greece, fax: + 30 6 1099 7877, Email: stiros@upatras.gr Web site: www.heliotopos.net/conf/11fig

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Looking forward seeing you in 2003. Happy New Year and best regards:

Svend Kold Johansen
Chairman Commission 6



Henrik Vad Jensen
Secretary Commission 6

