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## **FIG COMMISSION 7**

### **Cadastre & Land Management**

To : Delegates, Correspondents and Friends of FIG Commission 7  
cc : FIG Office Copenhagen  
From : Paul van der Molen, Chair  
Subject : e-Newsletter, August 2005

Dear all,

We send our sincere greetings and hope you are well.

#### **1. Annual Meeting 2005 FIG Commission 7, USA, Madison Wi, 19-25 June 2005**

The annual meeting was successful. About 30 delegates from 17 countries were present. Honoured with an official Certificate of Commendation of the Governor of the State of the Wisconsin Mr Jim Doyle, the Commission was informed about all aspects of land administration in the USA. Presentations from the Bureau of Land Management, US Fish & Wildlife Service, the Wisconsin Land Information Association, a private licensed surveyor, the Commissioner of Public Lands, and a Title Insurance Company provided in depth insight and discussions. Of course all delegates took the opportunity to report on developments in their own countries, since the Commission had a good update on the current state of affairs. Excursion to the land registry and cadastre gave a good view on how the system works in reality, and a study-visit to the Oneida tribe of Indians informed the Commission about native title aspects. The Commission honours our USA delegate John Hohol for an excellent organisation and being a perfect host. John wrote the attached report of the meeting. In the next weeks the presentations and picture gallery will be placed on the Commission 7 website.

#### **2. Symposium Innovative Technologies for Land Administration, USA, Madison, 24-25 June 2005**

The innovative technologies that most likely will influence the strategy and operations of Land Administration Agencies in the near future have been discussed during this symposium. A report from the symposium is attached. 18 speakers answered the invitation of the Commission to reflect on various topics regarding cadastral data acquisition, processing, dissemination and enterprise applications. The venue, the State Historical Society, provided a nice auditorium for presentations and debate.

#### **3. Annual Meeting 2006**

The Annual Meeting 2006 of Commission 7 will be held in May 2006 in Slovenia. We ask you to attend this meeting and include a reservation in your next year travelling budget.

#### **4. 4th FIG Regional Conference in Cuba**

This 4th FIG Regional Conference in Havana, Cuba, 26-29 September 2005 has been cancelled.

#### **5. 5th FIG Regional Conference Ghana dedicated to land administration**

The 5th FIG Regional Conference will take place in Accra (Ghana) from 9-12 March 2006. The FIG Council is discussing the option to develop 'the' FIG Accra Declaration on Land Administration, where your cooperation is appreciated. During the meeting in Accra attention will be paid to standardisation in the Cadastral Domain.

6. **Symposium on Land Registration in the Arab World "Challenges and Ambitions" , Jordan, Amman, 1-3 September 2005**

The conference, organised by the Jordan Department of Land and Surveys, the Arab Federation of Surveyors and the Commission will have a very interesting programme. Anyone who wants to learn more about land registration and cadastre in the Arab world, should definitely attend this symposium. Info: [pauline.vanelstrand@kadaster.nl](mailto:pauline.vanelstrand@kadaster.nl)

7. **UN/FIG Expert Group Meeting, Thailand, Bangkok, December 2005**

The organisers of this Expert Group Meeting are currently selecting possible speakers. The meeting is on invitation only.

8. **Proceedings**

The following proceedings have been published (<http://www.fig.net/commission7/reports/reports.htm>). All papers are available at [www.oicrf.org](http://www.oicrf.org). Hard copies can be requested at [pauline.vanelstrand@kadaster.nl](mailto:pauline.vanelstrand@kadaster.nl)

- Standardisation in the cadastral domain, Germany, 2004 (A printed version is under preparation.)
- Secure Land Tenure: 'New Legal Frameworks and Tools', Kenya, 2004
- Modern Land Consolidation, France, 2004
- e-land administration, Innsbruck, Austria, 2004 (not available on the web)
- Land Administration in Post Conflict Areas, Switzerland, 2004
- Strategies for Renewal of Information Systems and Information Technology for Land Registry and Cadastre, The Netherlands, 2003
- Proceedings of the Symposium Land Redistribution in Southern Africa - Pretoria, South Africa, November 6-7, 2002 (available only on CD)
- UN Guidelines on Real Property Units and their Identifiers

9. **Cadastral Template**

We keep promoting the Cadastral Template and believe this is the first successful attempt to standardise and harmonise the description of cadastral systems all over the world. Again we strongly recommend your participation in this project, as more than **35** countries already joined. It saves much time, as you redirect all questionnaires you get in the future to the cadastral template website. Please look at <http://www.cadastraltemplate.org/>

Kindest regards,

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*Pauline van Elstrand, (secretariat)*