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## FIG e-Newsletter May 2013

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG e-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 e-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 e-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 of the Month in May 2013 is written by **Ismail Ojetunde**, Nigeria: **Revisiting the Interaction between the Nigerian Residential Property Market and the Macroeconomy**. This paper is a Nigerian Peer Review paper, which was presented at FIG Working Week 2013, 6-10 May, in Abuja, Nigeria. This paper highlights one of the challenges Nigerian surveyors are dealing with, namely the Nigerian property market. The paper revisits the interaction between the Nigerian macroeconomy and the operation of its residential property market using econometric analysis.

[http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/May\\_2013/may\\_2013\\_ojetundel.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/May_2013/may_2013_ojetundel.html)

### FIG Working Week 2013 – Environment for sustainability – Abuja, Nigeria 6-10 May 2013



#### FIG Working Week 2013

6–10 May, Abuja, Nigeria

"Environment for Sustainability"

The FIG Working Week and the 36<sup>th</sup> General Assembly was held in Abuja, Nigeria from 6 to 10 May 2013. An extended report of the Working Week and the minutes of the FIG General assembly will be published in the June edition of the FIG e-newsletter and on the FIG web site.

The conference web site is updated continuously at [www.fig.net/fig2013](http://www.fig.net/fig2013)

You can already find the proceedings at: <http://www.fig.net/pub/fig2013/index.htm>

Program book: [http://www.fig.net/fig2013/abuja\\_program\\_book.pdf](http://www.fig.net/fig2013/abuja_program_book.pdf)

Technical program: [http://www.fig.net/fig2013/technical\\_program.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig2013/technical_program.htm)

For now, please enjoy this picture gallery to give a little impression of the Working Week:



**1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting**



**APPLY NOW** to be part of the 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting, 17-18 October 2013, Lisbon, Portugal

Young Surveyors from Europe are invited to apply for a joint FIG Foundation and FIG Young Surveyors Network fund. [http://www.fig.net/ys/news/flyer\\_portugal.pdf](http://www.fig.net/ys/news/flyer_portugal.pdf)

### **UN-Habitat Expert Group Meeting, Rotterdam, Netherlands 16-17 May 2013**



GLTN in collaboration with the FIG have embarked on a process to develop a tool that can assist policy makers and those responsible for land administration to adopt appropriate technologies, methodologies and processes that will provide land administration services more efficiently, cost effectively and with options more appropriately tailored for incorporating all tenure types.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/un\\_habitat\\_expert\\_meeting.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/un_habitat_expert_meeting.htm)

### **Markku Villikka appointed Honorary Member of FIG at FIG General Assembly May 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria**



FIG Director **Markku Villikka** receives his Certificate of Appointment to Honorary Member of FIG by FIG President **CheeHai Teo**.

The General Assembly appointed FIG Director **Markku Villikka** as an Honorary Member at its meeting in Abuja 6 May 2013. He has been the director of FIG since the establishment of the permanent office 1.1.1999. In total his active period in FIG is 25 remarkable years.

In his thanks **Markku Villikka** expressed gratitude that he had started being active in FIG at a very young age and strongly encouraged young surveyors to become active in the work of FIG. The appointment was met with a long and strong applause at the General Assembly in Abuja .

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/mv\\_hon\\_mem\\_may\\_2013.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/mv_hon_mem_may_2013.htm)

### **Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty 2013, Washington DC, United States, 8-12 April 2013**



**Klaus Deininger**,  
The World Bank

"Moving towards transparent Land Governance: Evidence-based next Steps" was the theme of Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty. The conference brings together representatives to discuss issues of concern to land practitioners and policymakers worldwide. As in previous years, FIG is privileged to collaborate with the Bank as the Profession continues to consider its contribution and relevance within society, environment and economy, moving beyond its competencies in measurement and technological sophistication and abilities. [http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/wb\\_land\\_poverty.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/wb_land_poverty.htm)

### **24th Session of UN-Habitat's Governing Council, Nairobi, Kenya 15-19 April 2013**



The Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) meets every two years to review and examine its activities and programs. The 24th Session of UN-Habitat's Governing Council was held with the theme 'Sustainable Development: The role of cities in creating improved economic opportunities for all, with special reference to youth and gender'.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/un-hab\\_governing\\_council.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/un-hab_governing_council.htm)



### **National Society of Professional Surveyors 2013 Spring Meeting, Maryland, United States 12-14 April 2013**



**Lamar Evers, Curt Sumner and Robert Dann**

The national leadership of the National Society of Professional Surveyors, NSPS met outside Washington DC, 12-14 April, 2013. President **CheeHai Teo** was invited and welcomed the opportunity to address the Board of Governors Meeting and to inform colleagues and fellow surveyors at the meeting on recent global initiatives as well as international activities that has an impact on the national and local practicing scene.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/nsps\\_meeting\\_april.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/nsps_meeting_april.htm)

### **FIG President Meets Institution of Surveyors of Kenya Council**



The council of Institute of Surveyors of Kenya and FIG President **CheeHai Teo**

Chairman of the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya, **Collins Kuwour** and his Council met President **CheeHai Teo** socially at the Stanley Hotel in downtown Nairobi. In the course of the interactions during the evening, the President noted a number of efforts by ISK to continually advance the role and contribution of the Profession within Kenya.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/isk\\_meeting.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/isk_meeting.htm)

### **34th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Authorized Land Surveyors Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 25 March**



Each year the Association of Authorized Land Surveyors Malaysia, the Member Association from Malaysia, convened its annual general meeting where its membership from around the country gathers for half a day to dispense the business of the Association. The progress in organizing the silver jubilee edition of the FIG Congress was also reported.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2013/asslsm\\_meeting.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2013/asslsm_meeting.htm)

### **Newsletters and publications**



The FIG Annual Review 2012 is now available as .pdf. Hard copies will be mailed to all members together with the minutes from the General Assembly in Abuja, Nigeria 2013. Also FIG Profile has been updated. You can download the FIG Annual Review and profile here:

FIG Annual Review 2012 - in pdf-format (20 pages and 1.2 MB):  
[http://www.fig.net/annual\\_review/anrew12/areview2012.pdf](http://www.fig.net/annual_review/anrew12/areview2012.pdf)

FIG profile leaflet in A4 format as a .pdf-file (6 pages A4):  
[http://www.fig.net/general/profile/profile\\_2013.pdf](http://www.fig.net/general/profile/profile_2013.pdf)

FIG profile leaflet in folded format as a .pdf file (2 pages, folded)  
[http://www.fig.net/general/profile/profile\\_2013.pdf](http://www.fig.net/general/profile/profile_2013.pdf)

### **Job vacancies – updated April 2013**

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China and University of New Brunswick.

<http://www.fig.net/jobs/jobindex.htm>

### **Benefits from FIG Corporate Members**

[http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate\\_benefits.htm](http://www.fig.net/corporatemembers/corporate_benefits.htm)

## **Forthcoming events**

### **17-20 June, Texas at Tyler, USA**

The 24th Biannual SaGES Colloquium & FIG Regional Conference. Co-organised by FIG Commission 2 and the Partnership Degree Program in Surveying and Mapping at Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Tyler.

Web site: <http://www.tjc.edu/SaGESconference>

### **18-20 June 2013, Manila, Philippine**

The 12th South East Asia Survey Congress "Geospatial Cooperation towards a Sustainable Future". Co-organised by FIG Commissions 5 and 6

### **21-22 June, Manila, Philippines**

Commission 5 and 6 Technical Seminar - Reference Frame in Practice. Co-organised by FIG Commissions 5 and 6, IAG (International Association of Geodesy), UN Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP), ICG (International Committee on GNSS) and PhilGEGS – Philippines Geodetic Engineering and Geomatic Society.

More information: [http://www.fig.net/commission5/news/manila\\_june\\_2013.pdf](http://www.fig.net/commission5/news/manila_june_2013.pdf)

**31 August 2013, Potsdam, Germany** (alongside the IAG Scientific Assembly)  
JBGIS Annual Meeting hosted by IAG, together with the IAG Scientific Assembly

### **9-11 September 2013, Nottingham, United Kingdom**

The second Joint FIG/IAG International Symposium on Deformation Monitoring (JISDM)

Web site: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/engineering/conference/jisdms/index.aspx>

Call for paper: <http://www.fig.net/events/2013/jisdms.pdf>

### **24-25 September, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

International FIG workshop on the Land Administration Domain Model (LADM2013).

Organised in conjunction with ISG2013.

Web site: <http://www.isoladm.org>

### **17-18 October, Lisbon, Portugal**

1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting

Web site: <http://figysn.ordemengenheiros.pt/pt/>

### **21-25 October, Yaounde, Cameroon**

2nd Surveying Week: Building Capacities in Land Reforms and Land Management jointly with the annual assembly of Commission 2 and Commission 7 and the general assembly of the FIG. Organised by l'Ordre des Géomètres du Cameroun, FIG Commission 2 and 7

### **7-8 November, Sofia, Bulgaria**

The XXIII International Symposium On Modern Technologies, Education and Professional Practice In Geodesy and Related Fields

Web site: <http://geodesy-union.org/>

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**FIG Congress 2014 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16-21 June 2014**  
Web site: [www.fig.net/fig2014](http://www.fig.net/fig2014)



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**FIG Working Week 2015 – Sofia, Bulgaria 17-21 May 22, 2015**  
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