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Developing the Profession in a Developing World

XXI FIG Congress

The XXI International Congress of Surveyors (FIG '98) will take place in Brighton on 19–26 July. According to John Leonard, Congress Director, the attendance at this event will be important to all members of the surveying profession around the world. The congress programme will be comprehensive. Supported by a major exhibition it will cover all aspects of surveying and will reflect both technical and commercial facets of the property and construction industry.

FIG (Fédération Internationale des Géomètres) is the international non-governmental organisation which supports world-wide collaboration for the success of surveying in all fields and applications. For the period 1995–1999 FIG is being administered and led by a British team and, supported by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, is organising FIG' 98, the quadrennial Congress which attracts delegates from as many as 100 countries.

Cutting Edge

Peter Dale, President of FIG says «There are many reasons why surveyors and their clients should come to Brighton. Those working at the cutting edge of technology relevant to surveying will be there, as will those at the cutting edge of business development. The overall theme is «developing the profession in a developing world». Those who come will be able to identify where the profession is going and help to contribute in open debate and private discussion to the creation of a better future for the world and for our selves. FIG' 98 will be professionally important and a great opportunity for networking with surveyors from all corners of the world. It will be stimulating and it will also be fun. Don't miss it!»

Conference

The welcome reception will take place on the evening of the Sunday 19 July in the Brighton Centre. On Monday, 20th July, there will be a dramatic Opening at which speakers with world reputations will set the tone for the week by addressing issues of universal concern. This will be followed by a number of parallel tech-

nical conferences and visits which collectively encompass every aspect of the land, property and construction profession. From the use of information technology for the production of geographic information to the valuation of real estate and the implementation of planning policies for effective and sustainable development.

The Technical Programme will start with a single Open Forum to which all delegates are invited. Of particular interest will be the focus of many of the papers on the collection, display, management and application of geographic information. A wide range of issues will be addressed from the use of GPS for deformation monitoring to the lessons of experience from major GIS projects across the globe.

There will be a focus too on those regions whose development needs are greatest. Of these, Eastern Europe promises to be particularly well represented – by papers reporting on progress being made, by delegates, and by young professionals assisting with the staffing of the event. There will be plenty of opportunities for networking with these colleagues.

Registration

For registration details please contact Marina Ford or Pamela Baker at RICS Conferences & Training, 4 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6JP, tel: 0044 / 171 393 29 96, fax: 0044 / 872 00 45. For those delegates wishing to register through the internet please see the FIG page on the RICS Web page: www.rics.org.uk.

Swiss Contributions at FIG Congress in Brighton

Commission 1: Professional Standards and Practice	ISO 9000f – a Suitable Instrument to Improve the Surveyors Position in Switzerland? Experiences and Conclusions Marketing and Public Relation Strategy of Surveyors in Switzerland – Ideas for other national member associations and FIG?	R. Laubscher, M. Keller T. Glatthard
Commission 2: Professional Education	Two complementary education, an academic and an engineering cursus: an opportunity in an developing world – example of Switzerland	J.R. Schneider
Commission 3: Land Information Systems	LIS/GIS design methodologies within public and private organisations	F. Golay
Commission 5: Positioning and Measurement	A Multipoint Hydrostatic System for Permanent Deformation Observations Recent Developments for Refraction-Free Optical Measurements Geodetic Measurements in the Turbulent Medium Air (Poster)	E. Meier, H. Ingensand M. Hennes et al M. Hennes
Commission 6: Engineering Surveying	Open Rail Session Geodetic Methods and Mathematical Models for Underground Networks in the Swiss Project AlpTransit The Gotthard-Base-Tunnel – Surveying of a 57 km long Underground Project in the Swiss Alps	T. Engel F. Ebnetter, H. Ingensand, A. Carosio R. Haag, R. Stengele, F. Bräker,
Commission 7: Cadastre and Land Management	Modern Cadastres (Cadastre 2014) Support of the development of Byelorussia by a Land Information System Swiss Cadastral Surveying and New Public Management	J. Kaufmann, D. Steudler J. Kaufmann, O. Krupenin D. Steudler, K. Selhofer
Commission 8: Spatial Planning and Development	Spatial Planning on the Way Towards Sustainability	W. Schmid
Commission 9: Valuation Manage- ment of Real Estate	A further development of the assessment of the yield-values as a basis for land re-allocation in agricultural zones	M. Calörtscher