FIG Working Week 2012.

The main annual working week of the international federation of surveyors ([FIG] - FIG Working Week, was held this year in Rome from 6-10 May with the topic “Knowing to manage the territory, protect the environment, evaluate the cultural heritage”. There were more than 1500 delegates from the whole world participating at the conference. The main organisers of the conference were the institution Consiglio Nazionale Geometri e Geometri Laureati (National Council of Surveyors and Graduate Engineers of Geodesy) and FIG, and the main partner was FAO [Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nation].

The State Geodetic Administration was represented by Dr. Sc. Danko Markovinović, the director, and by Jelena Unger, graduate engineer of geodesy, the head of the Regional Cadastral Office Koprivnica, participating in the work of the conference. Mr. Markovinović participated also in the work of Director General Forum, organised for the directors of FIG member organisations that are competent for cadastre and cartography, and Mrs. Unger participated in the session “Land Policy and Reform” presenting her work titled „Cooperation between Municipality and Cadastre on Land and Housing Policy”. The work was made together with Maja István-Krapinec, graduate engineer of architecture as co-author who is the head of the Administration Department for Municipal Economy, Regional Development and Environmental Protection in the City of Koprivnica.

The work presents the projects accomplished in collaboration between the City of Koprivnica and the State Geodetic Administration that have contributed in the improvement of cadastral data and modernisation of cadastre, and have helped the City to build an efficient system of regional development, environmental protection and sustainable development. The work describes the interaction between cadastral and regional planning system in many segments of the activities performed by the City of Koprivnica, as well as in the application of Law on Procedure with Illegally Built Buildings. During three days of the conference, the presentations of works were made in about ten parallel sessions classified according to topics from many areas, as for example: spatial information, land administration, land management, geodetic datums, photogrammetry, engineering geodesy, regional planning, protection of environment and of cultural heritage, climate changes, hydrography, cartography, tax system, GIS, deformation monitoring and many others. It was very nice to see that the cadastre itself was listed among other areas of our profession. Regardless of the country, cadastre is always treated as an essential area needed for common development of every community.
Very enthusiastic programme offered also the inspirational visit to the cadastral office that is together with the land registry an integral part of „Agenzie del Territorio“. The Agency is organised in such a way that licensed engineers of geodesy can download the data and deliver their studies electronically. Electronic signature is also introduced, and the fees are paid out of the funds deposited by every licensed engineer in cadastral office. The cadastral system consists of land cadastre within which there are 82 million parcels, and of urban building cadastre within which there are 63 million building parcels processed. For the purpose of data download and delivery of studies, the Agency has developed its own specific applications PREGEO for land (rural) cadastre and DOCFA building cadastre that are available for the licensed engineers on web pages of the Agency free of charge and are used in a unique way in the entire state.

In the second part of the annual meeting held on the last days of the conference that was chaired by CheeHai Teo, the president of FIG, two new vice presidents for the period between 2013-2016 were elected – Bruno Razza from Italy and Pengfei Cheng from China, and commission presidents for the period from 2013-2014. Some new FIG members were accepted and now the number of full members has increased to 105 members from 87 countries, the number of corporation members to 25 and the number of academic members to 90.

There were also two new destinations for further organisation of FIG conferences chosen. FIG Working Week 2015 will be held in Sofia in Bulgaria, and in 2016 in Christchurch in New Zealand. Great attention was paid to youth and women in our profession, and there was the first FIG conference of young surveyors held as well.

The grand opening was in Guiseppe Sinopoli Hall, Parco della Musica and it was enhanced by the concert of the Symphony Orchestra from Rome.

Danko Markovinović, Jelena Unger
At the assembly, it was discussed about the current situation in geodetic profession with future perspective, as well as about the activities planned for the one-year period. It was also reported about the work achievements and financial and material business activities. There was special reference given to the upcoming international symposium on engineering geodesy that will be held in Slavonski Brod on 29. and 30. May this year.

Before the assembly meeting, there was a team activity organised in which the participants visited permanent geodetic point 222/Z located in the vicinity of the highest peak of Kalnik (Vranilac, 673 m) providing beautiful view all around. Depending on their fitness, some participants won one, the other all seven «teeth»! The photographs from Kalnik illustrating the visit of our members to the geodetic point speak in favour of the fact, that further team activities of the State Geodetic Administration should be held exactly in this picturesque area of Kalnik.

After the assembly meeting and all the activities, the celebration of colleagues was continued long into the night. This gathering has shown the importance of active organising and gathering of colleagues, because it also helps in promoting the geodetic profession, in showing that there are many of us, that we stick to each other and are an important segment of the society and the state.
17. Forum of Real Estate Business

Organised by the Croatian Chamber of Economy, the 17. Forum of Real Estate Business was held in Šibenik from 4. until 5. May 2012. The purpose of the Forum was to educate the members of the Croatian Chamber of Economy dealing with real estate business, as well as to inform about the new issues in the applicable legislation. In the Trade Department of the Croatian Chamber of Economy, there is the Real Estate Business Association operating which brings together all companies performing the activities of real estate business.

This year, the members of the Associations have expressed the interest of real estate brokers to use digital orthophoto maps and to have the possibility of buying them. Referring to this issue, Mr. Sc. Ivan Landek, representing the State Geodetic Administration, held a lecture titled Production of DOF5 Needed for the Legalization of Illegally Built Objects.

There were altogether nine lectures held at the conference, and the Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning presented the lectures about the Amendments to the Law on Procedures Related to Illegally Built Buildings held by the deputy minister, Mr. Sc. Ana Pavičić Kaselj. There were about 100 participants at the conference that was excellently organised by the Croatian Chamber of Economy.

Ivan Landek

Data presentation of cadastral survey in the cadastral municipality Preslatinci set forth

After completing the field work in May this year, the public presentation of data collected in the cadastral survey of the cadastral municipality Preslatinci has been set forth.

The survey encompassed the entire territory of the cadastral municipality with the area of 1197 ha and the new 1130 cadastral parcels. The value of the works performed is 1,241,000 KN, and the funds were provided by the State Geodetic Administration (40%), Osječko-baranjska County (30%) and the Municipality Drenje (30%).

The presentation procedures was initiated mutually by the professional committees consisting of the employees from the State Geodetic Administration, the Regional Cadastral Office Osijek – Branch office Đakovo and the Municipal Court in Đakovo.

There is no doubt that the procedure will be completed successfully since the employees have got long lasting experience in presenting the data. In the last six years, the mentioned committees have successfully presented the data and established land registries in six cadastral municipalities [Slatinić Drenjski, Drenje, Mandićevac, Pridvorje, Krndija and Satnica Đakovačka – altogether 8,437 ha, i.e. there were 5,922 new cadastral parcels formed, and also as many land register folios]. The quality of the job done is also confirmed by the fact that only two complaints have been filed against the presented data, and they are now being resolved.

Apart from the cadastral municipality Preslatinci, the same committees have been presenting since October 2011 the data collected in the cadastral survey of a part of the cadastral municipality Đakovo [with the total area of 2,550 ha – 1,730 cadastral parcels] and have so far presented 772 cadastral parcels.

Since the work has been completed with high quality and for the benefit of all owners and users of new and reconstructed registers, the municipality is interested in continuing the survey in the cadastral municipality Potnjani after completing the survey in the cadastral municipality Preslatinci, providing thus new and high quality real estate register at the entire territory of the local self-government unit, the Municipality Drenje, for all cadastral municipalities.

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