



FIG History Workshop – Rome, Italy 2012

4-5 May 2012, Biblioteca Casanatense, Rome, Italy

Web site: <http://www.casanatense.it/>

Draft Programme

Thursday 3 May 2012

Optional visits to Museums of Florence

Friday 4 May 2012

Venue: Biblioteca Casanatense

8.45 am Introduction - John Brock, Full Day Chairman

8.50 am Jan De Graeve, Chairman International Institution for the History of Surveying &
Measurement - Official Welcome and Opening of the Workshop

SESSION ONE

9.00 am Alec McEwen (Canada) - The Ownership of Machias Seal Island

9.30 am Walt Robillard (USA) - Four Presidents of Rushmore

10.00 am Vicente Randolf (The Philippines) - History of Land Surveying in the Philippines: A
Conceptual Approach

10.30-10.50 am Morning Tea

SESSION TWO

10.50 am Michael Cooper (UK) - Gods, Geometry and Land Surveyors 3000 Years Before Euclid !

11.20 am Walt Robillard (USA) - Surveying Real Property and Common Law in the 1600's

11.50 am Bjorn Ragnvald Pettersen (Norway) - The Introduction of Geodesy and Astronomy as
Academic Disciplines in Norway 1814

12.20-1.30 pm LUNCH - Self catering by BYO or at a nearby cafe

SESSION THREE

1.30 pm Welcome to Guests at the FIG History Workshop - Teo CheeHai, FIG President

1.45 pm Jan De Greave (Belgium) - Gerhard Mercator After 500 Years

2.15 pm Brian Warner (South Africa) - Nicolas Louis de la Caille, 1713-1762

2.45 pm Jim Smith (UK) - Struve Geodetic Arc World Heritage Monument - Possible Extension

3.15-3.35 pm Afternoon tea

SESSION FOUR

3.35 pm Michael Ferrar (France) - The Roman World Survey: Before, After & Its Legacy

4.05 pm John Brock (Australia) - Four Surveyors of Caesar: Mapping The World !!!

4.30 pm Brian Blevins (USA) - Leonardo Da Vinci - The Great Geometer

5.20 pm Conclusion and Summing Up

5.30 pm CLOSE

DINNER - Optional (tba)

Saturday 5 May 2012

Visits to The Vatican Gallery of Maps and Library (tbc)

More information and registration

Registration fee: 50 EUR

Register at: <https://www.fig.net/registrations/regform.asp?eventid=89>

More information about FIG Working Week: www.fig.net/fig2012 and the history workshop: www.fig.net/fig2012/history.htm