



**Welcome greeting from Nelma Benia, President of AAU (Asociación de Agrimensores del Uruguay)**

We are glad to announce the 8th FIG Regional Conference to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay from 26 to 29 November at the Radisson Hotel.

This event is organized by the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the Asociación de Agrimensores del Uruguay (AAU). The conference is co-sponsored by some agencies of the United Nations and the World Bank. Other international and regional partners will participate the conference as well as FIG sister organizations from the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JB-GIS).

The Regional Conference will take place from Monday 26 to Wednesday 28 in Montevideo city and the last day of the conference is reserved for a joint technical tour for all participants to Colonia del Sacramento renowned for its historic quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The conference is open to participants from all over the world and the languages will be English and Spanish.

We invite you to participate in this event with the concept "Surveying towards Sustainable Development". Applying science and technology our profession works in the construction of development which promotes the improvement of our society and the respect of the environment. In the globalized world we are in, to share knowledge, information and data through compatible coordinates systems is a necessity we are slowly solving and our regions ought to find an official way. We think our education may promote in young colleagues to work in this way.

It's a great challenge for our country to host this important event that will bring together professionals from all continents. Hoping this Conference, as it always has, allow professionals to discuss different topics, share updated information and learn scientific and technological advances.

We warmly welcome you to participate in this enriching Conference and look forward to receiving you in Uruguay.



**Welcome greeting from FIG (International Federation of Surveyors) President CheeHai Teo**

We are pleased to announce that the eighth edition of our Regional Conferences will be convened on 26th to 29th November 2012 in Montevideo, Uruguay in collaboration with Asociación de Agrimensores del Uruguay (AAU), our Member Association in Uruguay.

The theme of the 8th FIG Regional Conference is "Surveying towards Sustainable Development", emphasizing the importance of sustainability in the region and the key role surveying plays in ensuring sustainable futures. This Regional Conference will be structured to include a three-day technical programme and one day technical programme that will include a visit to Colonia's historic quarter, a World Heritage Site.

The overall technical programme should stimulate discussions amongst participants on the role and contribution of the surveying profession in addressing the challenges of the times, in particular, towards sustainability in the region.

The 8th FIG Regional Conference continues the tradition where FIG continues to provide a global forum within a region for sharing and exchanging practices and experiences so that the Surveyor, armed with knowledge and best practices, can extend usefulness of surveying for the benefit of society, environment and economy and thereby increasingly positioned in significance and relevance within its community.

FIG looks towards your support and contribution in making the 8th FIG Regional Conference to be held in Latin America later this year a resounding success.