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Minutes

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General Assembly I, Friday 19 October 2001, 9.00-12.00

1. Opening

CLGE President Paddy Prendergast opens the GA with thanks to the hosts. Miguel Angel Muñoz, President of the Colegio Oficial de Ingenieros Técnicos en Topografía welcomes all the delegates and the guests to Malaga and is looking forward the discussions on Saturday with the Spanish colleagues. He expresses thanks especially to the local organizer Mr. Rivas for his excellent work. The welcome address closes with words about history of the surveying profession in Spain.

2. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence

35 participants from all member countries except Norway, Sweden and Bulgaria attended the GA. J-Y. Pirlot (BEL), R. Sonney (CH), R. Camilleri (MAL), B. Mjøs (NOR), V. Sedlák (SK), U. Sandgren (SWE) and J. Kavanagh (UK) have sent apologies for their absence. No observers were represented (see enclosed participation list).

P. Prendergast introduced 5 new delegates from member organisations and handed over CLGE pins as a welcome gift to them:

- Jean-Cedric Landry / France,
- Paul Burke / Ireland
- Giuseppe Rando and Piero Panunzi / Italy

3. Approval of Agenda

P. Prendergast proposes to insert another item 20a between 20 and 21 on RICS Europe. No other proposals for the agenda from the delegates.

Decision: General Assembly adopts the agenda as circulated with the ammendment of item 20a.

4. Approval of the Minutes from General Assembly in Paris, 6-7 April 2001

The minutes have been circulated to all delegates and national member associations by e-mail on 18 May 2001. Minutes are accepted without any comments or ammendments.

Decision: General Assembly adopts unanimously the minutes as circulated.

5. Report from the President

President P. Prendergast reports about the meeting with the ESCS (now RICS Europe) in Dublin end of May 2001. Details will be given later on item 20a.

In June 2001 P. Prendergast attended the GE meeting in Mainz to negotiate the GE and CLGE merger. Two other meetings on this item were arranged later in Hamburg and Cologne. From the meeting in Cologne he got the impression that the merger was close but the GE minutes of the meeting were inconsistent to this. There is still a gap between GE and CLGE which makes further dialogues necessary.

Late June 2001 P. Prendergast took part in the GA of CEPLIS in Brussels where Bernard Bour was elected President. Its a great chance and responsibility for a surveyor as President of CEPLIS. GA offers congratulations to Bernard Bour by acclamation.

In July 2001 the SC meeting in Dublin focussed on a discussion of the CLGE's Role paper. It was finalised after the meeting and circulated to all delegates in three languages.

No questions or comments from the delegates, the report is adopted.

6. Report from the Vice President

Vice-President Klaus Rürup, Chairperson of the Standing Committee, reports about the SC meeting in Dublin in July 2001.

From 11-12 Sept 2001 Klaus Rürup attended a congress of Libanese surveyors in Beirut. The professionals in Lebanon intend to establish and develop an association. It was a successful meeting except the attack of the 11 September which casted a shadow on the event.

7. Report from the Secretary-General

Secretary-General Gerda Schennach reports about transfer of the CLGE-Website to a new server. Every delegate is expected to have a look on the website and to send comments and update-data to the secretariat. It is also necessary that delegates provide the links to their associations. An e-mail on this issue has been circulated about two months before without any reply.

The display change from the URL www.clge.org to www.clge.net when entering the website will be investigated with the provider and tried to be avoided.

8. Report from the Treasurer and budget 2002

Treasurer Jean-Luc Horisberger presents his financial report with comments on it and gives his proposal for the budget 2002.

Up to now the fees from Bulgaria, Ireland and a part of the fee from Greece are still missing.

The contribution calculation for the years 2001 and 2002 have been circulated with the agenda. Members are kindly requested to check their member figures for 2001. Calculation for membership fees for 2002 will be made from these figures.

Italy reports about increase of members from 3000 to 3500. This will be considered in the fee.

President P. Prendergast reminds the delegates to calculate the member numbers correctly under the aspect that CLGE is a professional organisation.

The treasurer points out that the WP's have not worked enough and therefore did not spend there budget as calculated.

Disc: The Greek delegate Athanasios Presvelos informs that the fee has been paid Friday before the GA by sending a cheque to the treasurer.

Jos Anneveld asks about ESF expenditures in the budget. The fee for this European Forum is shared to 40% by GE and 60% by CLGE. The same sharing out is agreed for the CEPLIS fee, 40% GE and 60% CLGE.

Treasurer asks delegates and officers to fill the refunding forms only with one currency.

Decision: General Assembly adopts proposed Budget 2002 unanimously by show of hands.

9. Nominations for Elections

The national associations have made no nomination to the Secretary-General prior 60 days to the General Assembly. The delegates of the principal member countries round the table are asked to bring in proposals now. AUS, BEL, DK, FRA, FIN, GER, GRE, IRE, LUX, IT, SP, UK, NL

make no suggestions. The Executive Board has made a proposal which has been announced in the agenda: Klaus Rürup (GER) as President, Henning Elmstroem (DK) as Vice-President, G. Schennach (AUT) as Secretary-General and René Sonney (CH) as Treasurer.

Decision: Nominated persons for Executive Board are elected unanimously by acclamation.

10. CLGE Strategic Plan

President P. Prendergast has prepared a final paper on CLGE's Role and disseminates the paper as well as a French and a German version for a concluding discussion and adoption by the GA.

It is agreed that the paper is a very good basis for further activities of CLGE and within the national associations to enhance the profession and to raise interest of students for the profession. For this purpose the paper needs to be translated into more languages. P. Prendergast will try to get funds of the EC for the translation of the paper and of CLGE reports starting with the Delft seminar report.

Disc: J. Anneveld mentions that the ideas of the paper might help to resolve the problem that the amount of students in NL has decreased nearly to zero. CLGE must attract more students as part of the program. This task is agreed to be included as task in Chapter 3 section a.

P. Cavero underlines that it is necessary for the goals in the paper to support the colleagues within the national association. A translation into Spanish is fundamental for the discussion on national level. Additionally he proposes a more specific definition of a high standard of the education considering degrees as Bc, MSc or PhD.

S. Enemark sees an unbalance in the first two lines on page 2 and proposes that regulations for setting up WP's could be in the internal rules as such matters are not related to the paper.

K. Rürup suggests a third Vice-President for the associate members, who collects the items of the incoming EU-countries.

11. Break out session - CLGE Strategy

The delegates discussed the paper and future developments on special items in small groups and presented the results in the plenum afterwards.

Education Group (chaired by P. Prendergast) reports that the suggestion was to make three amendments in the paper. First on mutual recognition as a core goal of CLGE, second to promote the profession to students and third to change in the diagram on page 2 the four items for developing the professional education to four new items defined as academic qualifications, prior second and third joined to one called Professional Qualification/Licensing, a third item CPD and as fourth Professional Competence /Mutual Recognition.

The paper is considered to be only a first step. Each national association is encouraged to establish a national seminar on the topics of the Delft report, CLGE will try to get funds from the EC for translation of the brochure.

Professional practice (chaired by K. Rürup) B. Bour reports about results of the discussions. Page 3 about free market and liberal profession has to make clear that CLGE promotes privatisation without monopol. At the moment the private market on the European level is more and more dominated by huge companies sourcing out tasks to small professionals instead of private companies co-operating with other professionals. CLGE has to reaffirm the commitment to open market without monopolies and promote national responsibilities for the legal situation in case of property in the sense of the subsidiarity principle in the EU.

CLGE needs to push forward a professional standard for the market and a title which means that we must fight on a political level in each country. An idea is that CLGE should provide the information to such state authorities who are in charge of our professional matters.

Final recommendations of the group are to improve the market information for studies how to

broaden our fields, to co-operate with other professions and to inform state authorities, not only national associations and professionals.

S. Enemark proposes a best practice approach by case studies on specific issues. O. Schuster offers to publish such a paper under GE considering the private and public sector.

Decision: CLGE's Role paper was accepted by the GA by show of hands, minor amendments will be made after the meeting and a final version circulated (see enclosures).

Implementation of the ideas of the paper (chaired by G. Schennach) The result of the discussion gives a clear outline for the future steps to implement the ideas of the paper. After the adoption of the paper a Task Force for Implementation has to be established and funds have to be raised by increasing the number of members probably by opening CLGE to companies and by promoting CLGE in fairs, congresses and in technical papers. A review of the Statutes, the Internal Rules (both enclosed) and the Profile Report (to be obtained from <http://www.ps.ucl.ac.uk/clge/CLGE.html>) is necessary. All delegates are expected to check the papers and send the comments to the secretariat.

P. Prendergast sees a chance to implement the paper if we merge with GE and join our funds.

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12. CLGE Strategy - Discussion - Results

Results of the break out session discussion groups see item 11.

13. CLGE- Homepage

Delegates have been invited prior to the GA to comment the website www.clge.org and to contribute with proposals and amendments and sending their links to their own associations. No reply was sent to the secretariat.

14. Co-operation with EU, EuroGeographics, WPLA, EUROGI and other International Organizations

Mrs. Sandrine Bardouil, Director of RICS Europe gave a short survey upon the present activities of RICS and RICS Europe. RICS Europe holds an office in Brussels to keep up continuous co-operation with the institutions of the EC. A weekly report by RICS concerning the European news are distributed by e-mail, delegates who want to receive the weekly news are requested to register in the mail room www.rics.org/resources/newsletter/.

15. Report of the Working Party on "Property Report"

Chairperson S. Enemark suggests to produce a guide on land registration in Europe. The process of property transfer in each European country will be described on two pages and a political statement on the issue will be included. A draft will be finished in autumn 2002, a final report in 2003. CLGE and FIG could support this project by funding travel costs and accommodation. S. Enemark will contact Paul van der Molen of FIG Commission 7.

Proposal accepted by the GA. The Executive Board will develop TOR for this project for the GA in Lausanne in spring 2002.

O. Schuster mentions that GE is willing to subdivide this work by contribution of work and money. The target group has to be defined very clearly and to be involved. On the other hand a number of institutions and groups (for instance the German bank) are already working on this.

G. Schennach informs about a joint initiative in Austria by the CLC, the Worldbank and WPLA.

16. Report of the Working Party on "Education"

S. Enemark reports about the successful finalisation of the work of the WP. The two research grants and the seminar in Delft were the outcome of the WP. The booklet about the Delft Seminar has been delivered to Jonathan Stoodley from the EC for enhancing a discussion about the profession and to ask for EC funds for translations.

The WP proposes to consider the organisation of a seminar on professional education and licensing procedures. It is agreed to establish a new group for further procedures on the results of the WP.

17. Report of the Working Party on "Market Report"

E. Ouranos reports about a meeting in Munich attended by G. Morocutti, E. Ouranos and O. Schuster. It was agreed to collect data from the professional associations in the first half of 2002 and to draft a paper from this information in the second half and to present a final draft in spring 2003.

K. Rürup reminds of the discussion paper for the SC in Dublin, which includes one task to define the market changes.

E. Ouranos needs an extra person for the WP to replace G. Morocutti who has stopped his work in CLGE. Fiorenzo Guaralda agrees to replace G. Morocutti. O. Schuster will provide a tablet to prove which figures are requested for the report.

O. Schuster has prepared a presentation about the basic definition of the market, which is very difficult to define and consists of a large scale of different activities. It has to be investigated how to find out the fields for surveyors and how the market develops for the profession. A spreadsheet shows in a horizontal approach that 7.5% of house building budget is surveying, in the sector of road construction it is a little bit more. The number of professional starters (cartographers, technical universities, Fachhochschule, architects, planners, technicians) is almost fixed. F.e. in Germany there are 6 times more technicians than university graduates. The estimated figures of the professionals since 1972 together with the market figures give a good picture about the market and about the low number of people working in surveying.

18. Report of the Working Party on "Quality Report"

Chairperson F. Peckels has sent out a first draft of the report to all delegates prior to the GA. In the meeting copies of slides summarizing the contents of the report, standards of ethics and definition of quality are circulated and the tables and figures are explained.

F. Peckels needs suggestions from each national association and confirmation of the figures before the second half of November 2001. Proposals from the participants are that the professional profile wording should be used again, that good education is to be changed to BAC+5 and to add a summary about the whole report and an one page statement about the CLGE policy.

The work is now on the national associations and delegates.

19. GATS 2000

O. Schuster reports about the discussion in ESF about GATS (former GATT). Certain commitments were made for special services to protect professionals from colleagues from abroad and they are now reported to the General Direction Trade. Liberal profession faces big competition from big companies and therefore it is very important to be active in ESF.

20. Co-operation with CEPLIS

B. Bour has been elected President in the GA in June 2001 which offers a great chance for the surveying profession. The new Executive Board of CEPLIS for the term 2001-2004 is composed as follows: President Bernard Bour (CLGE), First Vice-president John Ferguson (UKIPG), President of the Permanent Committee Jacqueline Rousseaux (UNPLIB), Second Vice-president

Armand Gersanois (EFO). The GA and SC of CEPLIS are now open to all people who have interest with a small fee for a member association. CEPLIS has two new applicants, the psychologists and the interprofessional organisation from Italy CONSILP represented by G. Morocutti.

A joint venture with European Association of SMEs will be set up to join the offices and to concentrate common interests as liberal professionals are mostly working in SME (Small-Medium Enterprises).

Burning issues are two directives concerning the liberalisation of internal market for liberal profession and mutual recognition. On the one side it is important to get a free market but the danger is that all obstacles like professional associations will have to disappear and this prevents consumer protection. A questionnaire circulated by CEPLIS was not yet sent back by CLGE.

The second directive is very important for the discussion about our education level to be recognized in any European country. The report of Delft must be discussed with Jonathan Stoodley from the EC to get to a sectoral regulation. CEPLIS has invited Mr. Berlinguer for free market items and J. Stoodley for liberal market items to the GA held on 23 Nov 2001.

20a. RICS

Sandrine Bradouil, Director of RICS Europe attended the GA on Friday. Martin Coulson explains the international strategy of RICS (paper circulated in meeting).

There are major differences between both organisations. RICS is a professional organisation, not a trade body, not a licensing body, CLGE is a NGO.

Main RICS issues are qualification (competence standard) for technical and professional surveyors and to provide a regulatory, ethics, insurance and to meet CPD requirements. The members are supported with journals, meetings and website and by lobbying governments and EC.

RICS Geomatics part has 1369 professional members within a total of 85 000 Chartered Surveyors and 40 % of these geomatics members live outside the UK. RICS followed the market demands for new services and skills and started to establish the branches in Europe in 1960. There is no intention to challenge the established geodetic profession.

Disc: President P. Prendergast gives an example about the differences between RICS and CLGE. He sees no problem if professionals are working abroad and belong to a professional associations but it seems that RICS is bypassing national professional associations and trying to challenge them. The feeling is that RICS international is competing with FIG and RICS Europe with CLGE and the branches on national level with the national associations.

Discussion continued on Saturday morning with RICS representative M. Coulson who mentions that the GA was estimated a good platform to discuss the different points of view. CLGE delegates want to encourage RICS to realize the conflict and to recognize that they are working against the profession. In several countries there are permanent conflicts between the professionals and RICS branches as RICS promotes among students to join them and on the other hand RICS tries to define surveyors in their own sectional definition.

The market is demanding „chartered surveyors“ and CLGE will have to find a different term to guarantee a certain level of education all over Europe.

Actions to do for future:

- CLGE to find a new title for European surveyors under economic aspects which is not too narrow
- marketing the title for economic advantage of the members
- talk to RICS and clarify strategy regarding other related markets that are covered by other organisations like TEGOVA
- go back to the national professional associations to discuss if they contribute to a procedure

in CLGE to establish a new European CLGE term for a highly qualified surveyor on a certified level and if it will be accepted by them.

J. Anneveld proposes to proceed to evaluate the CLGE paper on European surveyor which has been adopted earlier.

21. Presentations from International Surveying Organizations

No presentation from any delegate.

22. Adoption of budget 2002

Draft presented under item 8.

Decision: Treasurer`s budget 2002 adopted by General Assembly unanimously by show of hands.

23. Election of President and Vice President and Treasurer

Elections carried under item 9.

24. Membership affairs

No proposals by the delegates or Executive Board to discuss. P. Prendergast reminds again that the figures sent out with the agenda have to be checked, Treasurer will use them for calculation of membership fees unless he gets some comments.

25. New applicants and associate members

None

26. Regional and National Reports

M. Coulson invites CLGE to participate in a meeting of about 65 teachers for surveying in GB. Details will be delivered on request.

27. Any Other Business

G. Schennach announces a meeting of Secretary-Generals of related European associations in Nov 2001 in Innsbruck/Austria. Up to now 10 colleagues (WPLA, EUROGI, EuroGeographics, UDMS, EARSEL, e.a.) have confirmed their attendance. The meeting will help to exchange information about activities, to find common issues to discuss and to co-ordinate activities outside the associations.

28. Action List

Discussed and agreed actions are listed under the relevant item of the minutes.

29. Dates and Venues of the Following General Assemblies

Spring meeting 2002

12-13 April 2002, Lausanne, Switzerland
Friday venue in the association, Saturday in the TU Lausanne with a presentation about education and discussion

Autumn meeting 2002

2nd half of October in Rome, date will be negotiated with Italian hosts (date fixed 25-26 Oct 2002)

Spring meeting 2003

11-12 April 2003, Wels, Austria

Autumn meeting 2003

proposed Cambridge/UK before Sept 15, date to be discussed as too early

30. Thanks, Presentations and Closing

President P. Prendergast closes the GA with thanks again for the excellent organisation by the

Workshop

President P. Prendergast welcomes 16 Spanish colleagues to this Workshop and appreciates the interest to discuss common and national items. It is one of the current aims of CLGE to get the discussions on professional items into national associations by organising joint workshops.

Who is CLGE?

CLGE President P. Prendergast (IRE) presented a paper about the development of CLGE since the foundation in 1972. Initially it has been mainly a platform for surveyors in private practice and had been opened to all private and public surveyors in the 1990s. The still existing definition „Geodetic surveyor“ has to be considered to be changed, as it describes the profession well but it does not quite fit as an European term. The membership in CLGE is restricted to the continent of Europe, information about member figures, membership affairs, current statutes and aims and targets of CLGE were given. A report about some objectives as mutual recognition, improvement of standards, research grants, contacts with EC and governments in member states reflected the present activities of CLGE.

Disc: The reason that member figures seem to be too low is because CLGE accepts only high level surveyors. Thus the annual budget is restricted and all officers work voluntarily, CLGE needs staff but this can be funded only by three times more members.

CLGE contributed to the discussions on education in Europe, the booklet of the seminar in Delft was a first attempt and funds for translation of the booklet will be searched for.

The problems with the different systems of cadastre in Europe can be reconciled if politicians agree that we need a high level system for the profession in order of consumer protection. CLGE needs to spread information within the organisation and outside.

A proposal was to encourage the exchange of jobs in the European market. This could be realized by posting links to the national associations with job services on the website. GE organised jobs in other countries for 10 students. Similar actions including professionals could start in CLGE, as there are a lot of contacts. Job exchange on cadastral sector demands longer terms to stay as it needs some time to get to know a different legal system.

The University education of surveyors in Spain: present and future

Prof. P. Cavero (SP) reported about universities in Spain. From a total of 57 public universities there are 3 Technical Universities Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia. The education developed from 1835 School of Geographer Engineers, 1865 School of Parceladores, 1870 Land Surveyors, 1954 first School of Surveying in Madrid.

Since 1983 a new law of university reform was to regulate faculties, schools of engineering and departments. An entrance exam is needed to get into university, the graduation are Bachelor (Diplomado 3 years) and Master (Licenciado, architect, engineer, 5-6 years).

The structure of the curriculum is fixed with the core subject and within this frame students can arrange their lessons and seminars with obligatory subjects and optional subjects. The courses are organised under a concept of credit: 1 Credit = 10 hours of lecturing and 30 hours of lecturing/week by law.

The procedures are baccalaureat - entrance exam into university - first course/second/third course - final project work for 9-12 months, graduation as Ingeniero Tecnico en Topografia and then go to professional life or to fourth course for university career.

BSc 2700 hours + Diploma thesis (9 months)

MSc 1500 hours + Diploma thesis (6 months)

PhD 3-5 years

The number of students at the TU Madrid has been decreasing from 230 in 1990-1991 to 58 in the year 2001/2002, total number of students of geodesy in Spain from 1069 to 693, graduates from 130 to 115 in 2001/2002. Reasons for the drop are decreasing birth rates, preponderance of telecommunication and computing engineering.

The professional education needs more courses in law, economy and property issues and to be promoted by universities and associations. There is no law for cadastre in Spain and nearly no lessons in the curriculum. Both will have to be adapted to European level. The name of the profession will have to be discussed and changed too, as it is no longer up-to-date. The Danish investigation about development of the market and education demands could be transferred to the Spanish situation and help to create new curricula. CPD has to be introduced.

The situation of the Spanish surveying profession

Mr. Miguel Angel Muñoz, President of the Colegio Oficial de Ingenieros Técnicos en Topografía outlined the present situation of the profession in Spain and the problems at stage to be resolved. There is a terrible disorganisation in Spain on the field of cartography and surveying. The profession is totally unknown in public, up to now cartography had been in the hands of engineering from other fields. Surveyors have nothing to do with land or cadastre or planning and we try to get into local administration who will be responsible for the cadastre. Our strength lies in property trading. The association is fighting for being recognized. Things are moving forward, we have now the graduation and high level professionals are starting into the profession and might change things. Last year a regulation for compulsory cartographic basis for the land register was passed, this opens opportunities to get into the market.

The private sector in Spain is working entirely without control except regulations for hiring employees. The professional associations are not run by surveyors. Thus they are not really the right institutions to address issues of the profession.

Disc: In Spain cadastre is more a matter of lawyers. To provide the better service than lawyers is the solution. If the politicians can be convinced by a document that guarantees the ownership of land, the task will be transferred to the surveyors.

Voluntary professional training has been offered for several years. If surveyors want to provide the best service they need the skill to do this by long-life learning.

The GA and the Workshop were closed with thanks by President Muñoz to all colleagues and guests. A souvenir of Malaga was presented to P. Prendergast.

Gerda Schennach
Secretary-General

Enclosures: CLGE's Role, final version
CLGE Statutes
CLGE Internal Rules
Quality assurance report summary (circulated in meeting)
RICS International strategy comparison (circulated in meeting)
Participation list
Updated List of Delegates

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