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MINUTES

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General Assembly I, Friday 6 April 2001, 9.00-12.00

1. Opening

CLGE President P. Prendergast opens the General Assembly with a one minute memorial for Ernst Höflinger, member of the CLGE Standing Committee who died in February 2001. He had been one of the delegates with the longest term of office within CLGE and had become a friend to many CLGE delegates.

New delegates are introduced and welcomed by handing over a CLGE pin. Rudolf KOLBE from Austria, Seija VANHANEN from Finland and Giuseppe RANDO from Italy.

B. Bour welcomes all delegates and makes some organisational announcements.

2. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence

32 participants from all member associations except Norway and Poland and as guest Mr. Rivas from Malaga on behalf of the organisation committee for the autumn meeting attended the meeting. Observers were not represented (see enclosed participation list).

3. Approval of Agenda

Item 17 motion must read "to adopt the report of the auditors and the annual accounts for 2000."

Item 26 is correct as " Autumn meeting 2002 – final decision can be made in Malaga
" Spring meeting 2003 – proposal from Austria"

Decision: General Assembly adopts the agenda as circulated with adopted amendments.

4. Approval of the Minutes from General Assembly in Prague, 26-27 October 2000

J. Anneveld proposes that minutes should be sent out within 30 days after the meeting. Secretary General will try to arrange this.

Decision: General Assembly adopts the minutes as circulated to all delegates and national associations on 29 March 2001 by e-mail.

5. Report from the President

The activities since the last GA in Prague focussed on three main areas.

- Preparation for the seminar in Delft held in November 2000 and preparation of a brochure about the seminar including the results of the two research grants and visions for the profession as seen by P. Prendergast and S. Enemark. Details see item 11 WP on Education.

- Drafting the CLGE strategy document including the results of very good discussions in the Standing Committee in Innsbruck. The paper will be presented under item 16.
- Letter received from the President of the Spanish national association concerning issues involving H Mattsson's paper at the Delft seminar. Changes suggested which resolved the issue.
- Rephrased CLGE resolution adopted in Prague on CLGE notepaper sent to the responsible minister in Prague to support the intention of the Czech colleagues to establish a chamber of licensed surveyors in CZ.
- Letter sent to RICS outlining difficulties CLGE has with the activities of ESCS, specifically the SCS branches being established in European countries and the registration of "chartered surveyor" as a European trademark. Reply received from Jonathan Harris, President RICS, stating answers to our two questions, which CLGE did not want. Meeting between CLGE and ESCS arranged for on 2 May 2001 in Dublin as a fact-finding mission.
- No attendance at ESF meeting by the President possible, O. Schuster attended and will report about it later in the GA.

6. Report from the Vice President

Vice-President K. Rürup, Chairperson of the Standing Committee, reports about the discussions on the new role of strategy in the SC meeting in Innsbruck. The idea gets more clear and into a certain direction.

Reports and progress of the WPs will be given later at certain items of agenda.

CEPLIS and ESF play a monitoring role with GE on behalf of liberal professions. A short survey about the representation of CLGE in CEPLIS will be given in a special item of the agenda. He recommends all delegates to read the CEPLIS Newsletter distributed regularly by e-mail.

7. Report from the Secretary General

The secretariat has developed to an information point of CLGE for the delegates, national associations and interested individuals and organisations. A lot of information is coming in from circulation by mailing-lists. Papers of possible interest for members are forwarded to the delegates or national associations.

Main items of the web-site have been posted on the web and will be soon accessible to all users. It is planned to spread information from a news-database one part with a special codeword access for members and a public part open to all internet users.

8. Report from the Treasurer

P. Prendergast reports on behalf of treasurer J-L. Horisberger that the auditors have checked the accounting for adoption. Main point of the annual account 2000 is that the income 2000 was 32000 € compared to the expenditure of 48000 €. This overspend was expected due to the research grants although the amount was estimated lower. Future development of income including inflationary uplift of membership fees and expenditure has to be investigated. Details about Annual account 2000 see enclosure circulated in meeting.

9. New applicants and associate members

Bulgaria joined CLGE in Prague in October 2000, unfortunately no delegate could attend the Paris GA. Bulgaria has invited CLGE to fund a seminar on surveying in November 2001 in Sofia. The proposal is discussed and it is decided to prefer to hold one of the next GA of CLGE in Sofia/Bulgaria including a half-day seminar open to Bulgarian colleagues. Secretary General keeps contacts to Malta and Slovenia.

10. Nominations for Elections for Standing Committee and Auditors

V. Teetzmann wants to withdraw from being auditor.

Proposals for members of the Standing Committee:

<i>North West</i>	Martin Coulson (UK)
<i>North East</i>	Stig Enemark (DK)
<i>West</i>	Bernard Bour (F)
<i>Central</i>	Rene Sonney (CH) and Vaclav Slaboch (CZ)
<i>South</i>	Emmanuel Ouranos (GR)
<i>Auditors</i>	Raymond Dhur (LUX) Rudolf Kolbe (AUT)

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

Chairman B. Bour reports about difficulties in processing with the task and suggests another person to chair the WP. S. Enemark (DK) agreed to accept the leadership as a project management role for the moment to present an idea for the next steps at the next Standing Committee meeting. M. Coulson (UK), R. Dhur (LUX), G. Schennach (AUT) as link to FIG Com7 and I. Pešl (CZ) were nominated as members of this WP.

S. Enemark reports the status of the work in a draft outline with 7 main items:

1. introduction about property
2. identification of property
3. registration of property
4. transfer of property
5. conclusions
6. property information systems
7. recommendations

The central idea is to give some basic security for transfer of property in Europe. Up to now the data out of a questionnaire were collected and summarized in flowcharts of each country. The flowcharts have to be disseminated to collect more exact data by comparing with examples. The report is a mix of research and political report and offers a lot of information to the EC and GATS2000. A guide for politicians could be a second product.

The result of the WP can be spread within CEPLIS among notaries and lawyers. This is a chance for CLGE to appear in public.

A WP of FIG Com7 on similar items is focussing more on cadastral issues and not on professional questions. G. Schennach will keep the connection.

S. Enemark will develop a draft workplan until July 2001 how to proceed. Key issues will be to find the right level for the property information and the property transfer from each country. The replies will be gathered and examined by a small group of experts. John Manthorpe from WPLA and Paul van der Molen from FIG/WPLA will be invited to be in this group. Funding for some students to work for the report will be necessary and was agreed so long as it was not excessive.

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

Head of the WP G. Morocutti (IT) reports that all replies to the questionnaire have been received and the first step is finished now after two and a half years.

It was not easy to collect the data and to compare the figures because some figures are only estimated. Moreover it is difficult to find out the differences and to define a system. The paper should not be published because the figures are not reliable. The WP has to be rebuilt to produce a final paper for publication. New WP consists of chairperson G. Morocutti (IT), E. Ouranos (GR), O. Schuster (GE), U. Sandgren (SWE) and I. Hardos (SK).

Proposed that next attempt should a) clearly identify the criteria for answering each question, b) focus on the products and services which surveyors provide, and c) try to identify the roles surveyors play in the different markets. The WP also needs to examine the information already collected to identify what was successful and not successful. P. Prendergast proposes that the new WP talks already in Paris about further steps and develops a proposal by e-mail in next for the next Standing Committee meeting.

13. Report of the Working Party on "Education"

S. Enemark (DK) explains the result of the WP. Preliminary reports of the research were presented to Delft seminar held in November 2000 and final papers will be published in the Final report due for publication May 2001. 50 participants of the profession, politics of surveying and universities attended this very successful seminar. The final report will have an executive summary, introductory papers by S. Enemark and P. Prendergast, and the final reports of the two CLGE research grants by H. Mattson and F. Plimmer and Rob Ledger's paper on the core syllabus. This report is intended to be the basis for discussions in the professional associations in Europe to enhance professional competence. It is one of the key tasks of CLGE to provide such papers and make recommendations.

The three main recommendations in the report read: "*We recommend*

1. An understanding of the diversity of the surveying profession in Europe as provided in this report be used as the basis for revising and enhancing academic programmes for surveyors within European countries.

2. The profile of these educational programmes be composed of the areas of measurement, science and land administration supported by a strong paradigm of spatial information management. The length of the surveying courses must reflect the need for establishing professional as well academic skills within this broad area. A four-year course is recommended as a minimum.

3. The understanding for the model of mutual recognition as provided in this report be used by the decisionmakers within the national professional associations as well as the European Commission as the basis for improving the mobility of surveying professionals throughout Europe."

A short report about the Delft seminar can be obtained from the FIG website under www.fig.net/figtree/bulletin/2001Mar.

The WP suggests that the minimum education must be 4-5 years, as 3 years is seen not to be enough. This causes a contradiction to the Bologna Agreement 1999 (EU agreement to introduce in all member countries within 10 years 3-step system Bc/Msc/PhD) which sees 3 years to be enough. P. Prendergast will circulate the revised version of the table listing courses producing European geodetic surveyors to proofread the data before publication. J. Anneveld explains that NL will go to change the education next year. Bc + Msc courses will start in Delft. Other universities especially on GIS areas will follow. The universities try to enhance mutual recognition of the Bc degrees within the NL to enhance mobility of students.

P. Prendergast sees more importance to define the level of geodetic surveyors than to come up with a core curriculum. The programmes should include the three areas defined in the strategy paper measurement science, GI management and LA management and should be to a high level of 4 or 5 years. It was considered that it was a good decision for research funds in April 1999 which caused a result within one year and the Delft seminar has developed quite an amount of discussions.

Thanks to S. Enemark, P. Prendergast and the core syllabus WP for this very good work, which led to a first joint report from FIG/CLGE, which is important. The WP will be reconstituted again in the GA in autumn 2001 in Spain to continue to conduct research in this important area and to organize seminars on biannual basis.

14. Report of the Working Party on "Quality"

Chairman F. Peckels (LUX) presented the first draft of the report, indicating that two sections had yet to be completed. Copies of the first draft will be circulated at end of April 2001 to all delegates for comments. A second draft will be presented to the next Standing Committee during the summer with the hope that the final draft will be presented to the GA in autumn 2001 in Malaga.

15. Co-operation with CEPLIS (initially item 20)

B. Bour, Vice-President of CEPLIS, reports about difficulties to discuss items of liberal profession with the present Swedish European chair because Sweden does not know liberal professions. Burning issues are movement of employees, social dialogue, new civic society including charter of human rights, GATS 2000 with O. Schuster as important participant. The present President of CEPLIS will not be candidate in the incoming elections in the next assembly June 2001. CLGE as member will nominate B. Bour as President. No costs will arise for CLGE as the French Ordre des Géomètres-experts will cover all costs arising from the presidency. B. Bour has proposed a new internal organisation in CEPLIS. Three branches - technical, laws and medical group - should have each one member in the Executive Board to guarantee more efficiency. CEPLIS will join a joint venture with the organisation for small and medium enterprises UABME to strengthen both on the European level. Most new businesses generating employment are SME (small medium enterprises).

CEPLIS has a lot of problems with the interprofessional German organisation BfB, who is no longer active in CEPLIS and goes its own way. A meeting between German and French organisations in October 2001 in Straßbourg will try to get into dialogue again.

CEPLIS is a very important information office from European level and any organisational support in Brussels can be provided to all CLGE members on request.

The discussion focussed on social dialogue, which is important for the profession too. First geodetic surveyors can be self-employed or employee, second if they want to move from one country to another there are still obstacles. The laws for employees are different in all European countries. A new civil society has grown and the organisation does not consider the working part of the society. O. Schuster adds that to find a way for private geodetic surveyors to go to Europe is one of the main tasks.

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16. CLGE Strategic Plan (initially item 15)

P. Prendergast presents the ideas of the strategy plan. (Redefining CLGE's role sent out with the agenda). The idea was to develop the image of the profession and to develop the exchange of experience within all countries. Several points have occurred and are caused by the present structure of CLGE. First the WPs are not achieving the results quickly enough and second national member associations need to see value for their membership fees. The resources and structure defined by statutes to achieve this must be provided as well as a new outline to the right direction.

One membership per country is considered to be the right way to keep national difficulties outside of CLGE. Liaison groups are not existing in all countries (f.e. France OGE and AFT). There seems to be a difficulty for national liaison groups. This has to be resolved by finding another model.

The SC considered after discussions yesterday the changes in the paper to be too quickly. The discussion in the GA showed various point of views. Some delegates doubt that the paper will work in practice and find that the focus of CLGE has already been defined in the statutes in the 1990's and these targets should be developed clearly rather than find new targets. From this, activities of CLGE have to be defined and afterwards the necessary resources have to be discussed. O. Schuster on behalf of GE mentions that the aim of CLGE must be that surveyors must be European in future and that they must be identifiable all over Europe. A division between local and international markets is against further development. A culture of fair competition must be guaranteed whatever model is used. Especially between the public and private sector, as the circumstances are too different for a fair competition.

The paper is considered to bring future proceedings in CLGE further and is of high value for some of the delegates struggling in their own countries with problems of the profession. I. Hardos mentions that there are a lot of members who can get a profit of CLGE by getting support in the discussion with their authorities.

P. Prendergast reports that the SC in Innsbruck decided to examine the costs for a permanent secretariat. CLGE is expected to produce results and reports and we must look how to get the resources for this. The discussion has shown that the paper is only 50-60% finished and that it needs more work to clarify things and that it has to keep more to the statutes. CLGE has to create a vision for the surveying profession in 10 years and to take care that it is going to be able to influence.

P. Prendergast will revise the paper from the today discussion and circulate it among the delegates by end of April. Delegates should send a feedback to the paper and come back with suggestions. P. Cavero suggests to discuss the paper point by point in the GA in Malaga and to use the Saturday morning for it instead of the workshop.

17. Tentative CLGE Budget (initially item 16)

Item not discussed because of strategy paper to be revised.

18. Auditors Report and Adoption of Accounts 2000 (initially item 17)

Auditor R. Dhur gives a short report about the annual account 2000 and explains certain items (see enclosure Annual account 2000 circulated in meeting).

Decision: General Assembly adopts the report of the auditors and the annual accounts for 2000 and discharges the treasurer for the accounts 2000 unanimously.

19. Election of Members of the Standing Committee and Auditors (initially item 18)

R. Sonney (CH) withdraw his candidature to give way for V. Slaboch (CZ).

Decision: Candidates for the Standing Committee are elected as proposed for the term of office of one year by the General Assembly by an unanimous show of hands.

Standing Committee of CLGE after elections:

<i>North West</i>	Martin Coulson (UK)
<i>North East</i>	Stig Enemark (DK)
<i>West</i>	Bernard Bour (F)
<i>Central</i>	Vaclav Slaboch (CZ)
<i>South</i>	Emmanuel Ouranos (GR)

Decision: Candidate for auditor is elected as proposed for the term of office of one year by the General Assembly unanimously.

Auditors as follows
Raymond Dhur (LUX)
Rudolf Kolbe (AUT)

20. Co-operation with GE (initially item 19)

GE President O. Schuster reports about the internal discussion about a merger with CLGE. It is considered to be necessary that GE keeps its own identity within CLGE, then a closer co-operation is possible. The reason for GE still exists especially to stand up for the liberal professionals. It has to be recognised that things like CEPLIS and social dialogue are more GE business than that of CLGE. P. Prendergast agrees that GE should still have control of its own focus but both organisations should present one face to the clients and towards Europe.

21. Report on Liaison with the E.U. Commissions, on GATS 2000 and ESF

P. Prendergast reports on the ESF under three headings:

- ESF have produced two position papers on *"the Temporary Movement of Key Business Personnel"* and *"Domestic Regulation"*. Comments are requested by ESF by 21st April on the Domestic Regulation paper. Copies of the papers are available and any comments should be returned to P. Prendergast by 19th April to compile a CLGE reply.
- On 27 April 2001 an ESF Policy meeting in Brussels will discuss the business plan 2001 and the financing. ESF does not want to increase the membership fees but the number of members. ESF is composed of two groups; the Policy Group containing 75 member organisations and the Leaders Group containing the Chief Executives of 55 European companies. It is observed that there is no surveying company in this list of 55 companies. ESF have circulated an information pack requesting existing members to try to increase the membership
- The ESF Leader Group is meeting the European Commissioners on 19 June 2001. The ESF generates a lot of papers, which are distributed by P. Prendergast by e-mail as up to now.

EU liaison officer J-J. Derwael apologizes for being absent for sabbatical during 2000. He suggests that CLGE has to provide reports or papers if EU commissioners or politicians are contacted. CLGE needs the help of CEPLIS to be introduced in the EC. A brochure Europe from A to Z in several languages can be obtained from J-J. Derwael on request jj.derwael@compaqnet.be.

22. Presentations from European Surveying Organisations

No presentations by representatives of European organisations.

23. Regional and National Reports

Greece: The Greek delegation asks for help of CLGE to resolve funding problems of the cadastral project in Greece. Those problems occurred after the consideration of the EU D16 that for the moment the project of the Greek cadastre has a delay and a cost higher than expected. It would be great help if a letter from the CLGE goes to decisionmakers (to the Greek government, to the D16) asking for the project to be continued and asking for economic help for the Greek cadastral project. We are speaking about a budget of 250 Mio € for the next 3 years. We should consider that 10 000 people, 150 surveying companies (10 European among them) are already involved.

Decision: General Assembly agreed to write a letter after personal contact.

United Kingdom: M. Coulson speaking for North West Europe. We have a shortage of a number of courses for valuation engineer and surveyors due to high costs.

Netherlands: J. Anneveld reports that the number of students in NL is still decreasing. The relationship between the profession and the universities is not good, but this would be important for the whole profession.

CZ Republic: J. Fafejta thanks for the CLGE resolution. They are starting now to establish a professional association in CZ Republic. The strategy paper helps the Czech association by adopting the Czech law to the European law. The paper is published in a seminar on 26 April 2001 as well as on the website of the Czech association. It will be translated soon.

V. Slaboch reports that CERCO is no longer existing, it is now a French company named EuroGeographics.

Sweden: U. Sandgren reports that the GA of the Swedish association two weeks earlier decided to stop the newsletter which has been published for 100 years because of financial reasons. Lars Magnusson is new president of the Swedish association.

Ireland: P. Prendergast reports about one outbreak of FMD Foot and Mouth Disease. This followed that a lot of projects were stopped and surveyors were not allowed to access to farmland. Surveying companies have started to focus on urban and building surveys in the interim, until access to land is permitted again. The Irish association received a code of practice from their Department of Agriculture of precautions to be implemented by surveyors when trespassing on farmland. Irish association considering developing relationship in the long term with farmers groups on issue of access to land.

Slovakia: J. Hardos reports about visits of FIG President B. Foster and FIG Director M. Villikka to Slovakia 4 days ago and afterwards to Estonia and Lithuania. B. Foster appreciated the Slovak system of secondary schools for surveyors. The chamber is against BSc to become licensed surveyor. B. Foster supported this.

Belgium: J-J. Derwael gives a short presentation about an investigation of surveying qualifications in Belgium with respect to the Bologna Agreement. He is considering proposing a 3 year BSc to technician level, + 2 years MSc to European geodetic surveyor level, and + 3 years PhD.

24. Action List

Will be distributed with the minutes.

25. Any Other Business

no contribution

26. Dates and Venues of the Following General Assemblies

P. Cavero gives further information about the venue and organisation of the autumn GA on 19-20 October 2001 in Malaga/Spain. The GA will be on Friday. Saturday will be used for a meeting with surveyors of Spain (simultaneous interpretation) or to discuss interesting items of CLGE. Fee will be about 120 € hotels in the centre 3 stars 72-75 €/day and 4 star hotels 97-125 €/day. The venue will be in hotel or in the town hall, less than ten minutes walking distance from the hotels. If venue is in botanical gardens a bus shuttle will be provided.

On Saturday evening either a flamenco evening in Malaga or in an Andalusian village named Ronda is planned. An after congress tour on reasonable price will be organised. Circulation of full information will be end of July.

R. Sonney has a proposal for the GA in spring 2002 on occasion of 100 year anniversary of Swiss association on April 12-13, 2002 in Lausanne, Technical University. Proposal adopted.

G. Schennach proposes to hold the spring meeting 2003 together with GE on 11-12 April 2003, Wels, Austria on occasion with the Austrian National Congress for Surveying. Proposal adopted.

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