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Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens

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STANDING COMMITTEE OF CLGE
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MINUTES

Venue **Industrial Development Agency, Wilton Park House, Wilton Place, Dublin 2**

Participants Chairman Klaus **Rürup**, Paddy **Prendergast**, Gerda **Schennach**, Stig **Enemark**, Gianfranco **Morocutti**, Emmanuel **Ouranos**, Felix **Peckels** (from Friday afternoon), Otmar **Schuster**, Vaclav **Slaboch**

Apologies Bernard **Bour**, Martin **Coulson**, Jean-Jaques **Derwael**, Jean-Luc **Horisberger**

1. Opening

Chairman K. Rürup opens the session with thanks to P. Prendergast for organising the meeting.

2. Budget for 2002

The budget sent out with the agenda shows the proposals until 2003. G. Morocutti refers to the budget for the WP's which is 10 000 € for 2001 and decreases to 7000 € in 2002 and 2003. He proposes 8400 € which is an increase of 20% to the estimate due to the importance of the WP's. J-L. Horisberger will be informed about increase of WP expenditures by G. Schennach.

The income has to be increased. G. Schennach proposes first to reduce CLGE meetings to 1 GA and 3 StandCom meetings a year. However, the meeting was of the opinion that 2 GAs were necessary. Second G. Schennach will prepare a leaflet with regulations for organising StandCom meetings and GAs to limit the costs for flights, accommodation and participation fees. K. Rürup suggests to check the number of members of each national association and considers a penalty for late payers to be adequate. E. Ouranos refuses this idea, he prefers a discussion with the members about raising membership fees. The WP's have to show results to justify the expenditures for them.

3. Elections

In the autumn GA in Malaga there will be elections for the President and Vice-President. The Secretary General and the Treasurer have been elected for an indefinite term of office according to the statutes.

President P. Prendergast has to stop his presidency by regulation but he is interested to be involved in future activities of CLGE.

K. Rürup agrees that we need a discussion "inter pares" now about programmes and processes. He is willing to take over the job of a President and he has discussed with H. Elmstroem (DK) to stand for Vice-President of CLGE. S. Enemark sees a problem because K. Rürup will be acting as chairperson of FIG Com1 at the same time and because there will be a regional and private profession dominance

in CLGE. Therefore he insists on an open call for nomination. K. Rürup rejects this as FIG and CLGE are working on similar items and are focussing on co-operation. G. Morocutti thanks for this explanation and asks K. Rürup to decide himself if his time schedule allows to work for CLGE with full energy, and points out that South and East Europe is not represented strong enough in CLGE. German and France are very dominant in all international organisations (FIG President and Com 1, CLGE, CEPLIS e.a.). The meeting supported the idea of balanced representation on the Executive Board. O. Schuster sees the most important thing to find persons who want really to work and that there is some success in the work of CLGE. The best persons considering a regional representation should be nominated. K Rürup proposed that an ExBoard proposal should be sent with the invitations for nominations, but P Prendergast did not agree. Eventually it was proposed to send out invitations for nominations by members by the beginning of August.

4. CLGE strategy (initially item 5)

President P. Prendergast has prepared a new draft out from the discussions in Paris, the meeting with GE in Mainz and after discussions with K. Rürup, V Teetzmann and H. Elmstroem in Hamburg in June 2001 (paper dated 12 July 2001 circulated in meeting). The original drafts contained too many complaints and too much to achieve. Three headings of the new draft are to focus on the main issues of the EU, build a new structure and list the goals.

4 European principles were considered: consumer protection, freedom of service, mobility of professionals and subsidiarity. Subsidiarity has to be replaced by another expression as it describes a legal process. The four modes for freedom of service could be explained:

- cross-border supply
- consumption abroad
- commercial presence abroad
- delivery of services by natural persons abroad

S. Enemark suggests that the vision in the draft paper should be changed towards that “CLGE will be established as the leading organisation ...”. O. Schuster mentions that the vision should include promotion for the profession as basic profession for the economy and high level education must be guaranteed to meet the challenges by big organisations like Price Waterhouse Coopers and Anderson Consulting who need no national regulations and work on a global level.

The ExBoard will be enlarged by one additional Vice-President. The two Vice-Presidents will be responsible for the two main areas of activity. The structure of the StandCom has to be decided in the new statutes. E. Ouranos reminds not to forget regional aspects in the definition of the organisation. S. Enemark suggested the ExBoard should also propose a workplan and changes to the statutes at the GA in Malaga.

1. Reports of the Working Parties (initially item 4)

WP on Education

The CLGE/FIG brochure on Enhancing Professional Competence of Surveyors in Europe has been circulated in the meeting. 5 brochures will be sent out to all national associations and 2 to each national delegate. President P. Prendergast proposes to launch the brochure by a) presenting a copy to J Stoodley in Brussels, and b) writing letters to the Presidents of the national associations requesting them to arrange seminars in their own countries in the autumn between professional practice and academics to discuss the contents of the report.

WP on Property Report

S. Enemark reports about consultations with Paul von der Molen (FIG Com 7) and John Manthorpe (WPLA) in Gävle/Sweden in June to develop a guide for land registration systems. J. Manthorpe is reluctant because he is going to retire. P van der Molen is willing to be involved if a) there is no timeframe for the project and b) a research grant is provided to cover travel and accomodation costs

for meetings (S Enemark suggests 10,000€). S Enemark also suggests that this could be a joint project between CLGE and FIG Commission 7. P. Prendergast will discuss with M. Villikka if FIG could agree to the same arrangements to produce a joint booklet again. S. Enemark recommends to close the WP on "Core Syllabus". S. Enemark to prepare a proposal to the GA to decide about the research grant and to describe the paper. K. Rürup suggested to split up the task, first to collect the data and second to focus on writing a brochure. Models have to be collected first and made comparable and then it has to be investigated how they can be modified. The target persons have to be defined (lawyers, engineers, surveyors e.a.).

WP on Market Report

Chairperson G. Morocutti reports about proceedings in the WP. A discussion paper has been sent out by e-mail prior to the StandCom. The discussion paper proposes a three pronged approach a) an educational approach to estimate the number of people working in the field, b) a sectoral approach to define the areas of practice of the profession, and c) a methodology to calculate market size. The new aim of the WP is to provide a description of the market rather than a calculation of market size. The sections of the Allan Report are partly no longer valid, so the sectoral approach should investigate developing a more current definition of market sectors. The WP will meet for one day in September 2001 in Munich and write a first draft for Malaga.

WP on Quality Report

Chairperson F. Peckels gives some comments on the draft report which he will circulate among all members in the near future for more comments on standards and methodologies. The draft including the comments will be presented in Malaga. After the GA F. Peckels will collect the final comments and then the final report will be produced by March 2002 and then published.

2. RICS/ESCS Activity

P. Prendergast reports about the meeting in Dublin on 2 May 2001 (minutes circulated in meeting) and circulates an RICS paper "An internal Market for Services - Response to the EC" and draft1 of "Wake up Europe". The meeting was attended by ESCS President - Bill Nowlan, ESCS Director - Sandrine Bardouil, and the chief executive of the Irish Society of Chartered Surveyors - Tony Smith. P. Prendergast and K. Rürup represented CLGE. ESCS was not willing to give up on any point discussed. They consider that they have a title "chartered surveyor" which they want to market as a commodity and they have many resources (£20 Million per year) to support their efforts.

The president of the geomatics division (M Curtis) asked J. Stoodley at the CEPLIS meeting in Brussels a) if state authorities rather than national associations should have the right for licensing surveyors, and b) if a knowledge of local land law is acceptable as a compensation measure for mobility of surveyors. J Stoodley stated that the European Court had upheld the right of compensation measures requiring a knowledge of local law, and he was unwilling to give an opinion on point (a).

S. Enemark is member of RICS and reports that ESCS was recently renamed to RICS Europe. RICS international is a British organisation and will be reorganised by establishing separate organisations in England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. If GB splits into four parts they may all have to establish new liaison groups which will have to reapply to join CLGE. Presidents of the new RICS national organisations are expected to get seats on the council of RICS International. The name of the national branches will be changed from "the Danish Society of Chartered Surveyors" to "RICS Denmark".

A niche in the real estate valuation market is driving the RICS activity in Europe. As consequence of globalisation large companies need sometimes valuation in the US-system not in local methods. RICS covers this niche. They are accrediting courses in Europe to supply chartered surveyors for their new organisations. G. Schennach remembers that they are the only organisation to offer such a system of

standardised professional level which is claimed by the market. As long as no other international organisation or European organisation is able to establish a system for licensed surveyors they will be successful.

G. Morocutti thinks that RICS is an important association. They have a very strong association in the valuation field (TEGOVA The European Group of Valuers of Fixed Assets resp. TEGoVA The European Group of Valuers' Associations which is sponsored by RICS). In Italy and Germany the national associations of valuers fight against RICS who tries to establish such national branches in their countries.

One solution could be to have a very high level examination on European level which enables people to work in other European countries. S. Enemark states that RICS tries to monopolise the surveying profession worldwide and the market will be split into two parts, chartered surveyors and other surveyors. Another problem is that the profile of the surveyor in the UK is different to other countries in the world. In the Commonwealth the title "chartered surveyor" is very important as it is well known and very strong. Secondly, RICS is actively involved in accreditation in Europe and thirdly, RICS has a staff of 6 persons in Brussels focussing on market and opportunities and on the European Commission.

President P. Prendergast proposes to accreditate the courses for professionals by CLGE in competition to RICS to give the title "chartered geometre". There was an attempt by DVW in Germany without any results.

E. Ouranos thinks that membership of CLGE and RICS are not compatible. For exclusion of RICS from CLGE 2/3 of the votes are needed which may be difficult to get. There are two possibilities, either to co-operate with RICS or to compete with them and promote the high level education of the professionals represented in CLGE to the market and to the institutions in Brussels.

O. Schuster reports about a paper presented by J. Manthorpe in the WPLA Workshop in Gävle/Sweden about the two main systems of cadastre in the world and the statement that the common boundary system is going backwards because of demands of the Worldbank.

RICS starts to get objections from several parts. P. Prendergast suggests a meeting in early September between K. Rürup, himself and M. Coulson and J. Kavanagh to discuss these items, and then to jointly meet with RICS. P. Prendergast to circulate a) a revised paper on the RICS international strategy to the national associations for publication, and b) a paper explaining CLGE's concerns about the RICS International strategy for comments among the StandCom members in preparation for the meeting with M. Coulson & J. Kavanagh. Decision taken to be stronger with RICS.

3. CEPLIS

Congratulations in absence to B. Bour who has been elected president of CEPLIS in June 2001. He will be invited to give a presentation in Malaga about his work. The minutes of the GA of CEPLIS are enclosed. A paper by J. Stoodly about the future regime for professional recognition was circulated in meeting.

4. CLGE / GE

Some of the points have already been discussed in the strategy discussion. A report about the CLGE/GE meeting in Mainz/Germany in June 2001 will be prepared by O. Schuster and circulated soon. France and Denmark were missing. O. Schuster still thinks that CLGE and GE should remain as two separate organisations.

5. GATS 2000

GE President O. Schuster has attended a number of ESF events. The big stakeholders and big companies are influencing all the papers of ESF.

P. Prendergast reports about the ESF membership fee (60% CLGE, 40% GE) and that they have increased it by 200 € up to 1200 € year now. O. Schuster offers to pay the whole fee by GE.

It was suggested that we don't get enough from ESF. But it is important to get information and to take part in discussions about services and to take a profit from their very close relationship to the EC.

6. Future events

- Workshop Malaga: Split it into two parts to present CLGE to the locals and to give a chance to the locals to present their situation in the country. First P. Cavero has to be contacted if he will invite Spanish colleagues and then plan the proceedings. The program must not be like in Paris. P. Cavero will be asked to invite the colleague from Spain who held a very interesting speech in the WPLA workshop in Albania (O Schuster to provide the name).
- Intergeo in Cologne/Germany, 19-21 September 2001
- International Seminar Sofia, 7-10 November 2001. Invitation from Prof. Milev. P. Prendergast will present a paper about CLGE for about 20-30 min.
- Jean-Luc Horisberger wants to organise a conference for the Bosnian surveyors in Sarajevo in the week after the 10 November 2001.
- Next SC meeting in Malaga on Thursday, 18 October 2001, 18.00-20.00

7. Any other business

E. Ouranos reports about the letter sent to the Greek Prime Minister by the CLGE President. The reaction to the letter was not quite satisfying. He proposes to organise workshops with contribution of CLGE and with other organisations such as banks, insurances e.a..

Allan Report - a lot of data have been collected for the research for Mattson and can be used for the up-dating. R. Sonney to be contacted about progress on next edition (diagrams need redrawing in some cases).

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General

Enclosures: CLGE's Role dated 12.07.01
WP Market Report (sent out 7 July 2001)
Wake up Europe (circulated in meeting)
An internal market for services (circulated in meeting)
Minutes of ESCS/CLGE Meeting in Dubin (circulated in meeting)
Minutes of CEPLIS GA in Brussels
The Future Regime for Professional Recognition (circulated in meeting)

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