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STANDING COMMITTEE OF CLGE

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MINUTES

Venue **BEV, Bürgerstrasse 34, Conference Room 3rd floor, A-6010 Innsbruck**

Participants Chairperson Henning **Elmstroem** (DK), Klaus **Rürup** (GER), Gerda **Schennach** (AUS), René **Sonney** (CH), Martin **Coulson** (UK), Rudolf **Kolbe** (AUS), Vaclav **Slaboch** (CZ), Otmar **Schuster** (GE)

Apologies Seija **Vanhanen** (FIN), Pedro **Cavero** (SP)

Absence Bernard **Bour** (FRA)

1. Opening

Chairperson *H. Elmstroem* welcomes all participants. The agenda includes an item on the new statutes of CLGE, this topic will have to be discussed very carefully to prepare a draft of new statutes for the next GA in Wels later this year. The second major item is the website to be decided how to finalise it before going public.

The Minutes of the Standing Committee meeting in Venice have been circulated earlier, they are accepted as circulated without comments or amendments.

2. Account 2002

Treasurer R. Sonney presents a draft version of the account 2002 (see enclosed Balance Sheet) and mentions that the benefit for 2002 is quite satisfactory. Membership fees have been paid in time except NOR and BUL are overdue. The expenses for the Standing Committee and the Executive Board meetings remained on the same level as in the year before. The Working Parties are still without expenses due few activities. A discussion about rather high bank fees results to proceed as up to now.

P. Prendergast has informed that ESF will decide about the fees for 2003 in their General Assembly on 28 January 2003. CLGE will pay the contribution in March 2003. ESF will be informed that P. Prendergast stays as contact person on the list for letters after being out of the function of the CLGE president.

3. Website (former item 5)

V. Slaboch presents the final draft of the CLGE-website to go online (copies circulated in meeting). The structure offers information to the public as well as the website is archive for the members.

The website is structured into three layers, a **main part** to be updated by the CLGE webmaster (at the moment Mrs. Maria Stumpfova from the VUGTK Institute) according to instructions by the Secretary General. The **second layer** is intended to be updated by national associations themselves

on their responsibility. Access to the national part and maintenance of content will demand a codeword by the national webmaster. A simple form for the update has been developed. It contains the names of the country, the liaison group and the organisations forming it. Two delegates including names and addresses may be posted on the website. Links to national websites as well as e-mail addresses to national webmasters are included.

Secretary-General will deliver an circulation letter to all national delegates to invite them to check the draft website and their national page and second to nominate a contact person for all web-issues. The individual code-word will be delivered to this person.

The **third layer** of the website "News" is reserved to members only and accessible to the secretariat to post hot issues on. The codeword for login is clge/clge. A section in the third part is f.e. CEPLIS with some papers on it. CEPLIS will be contacted to get the permission to post the CEPLIS Newsletter on this part of the website.

A searching machine is available for the whole website and is accessible for members only.

The second and final version and payments for design, development, permanent updating in real-time and hosting at CZ server have been approved by GA in 2002 already.

It is decided that 1 March 2003 is the official launching date of the website with www.clge.org.

Disc: K. Rürup refers to the financial part and states that the first half of the royalty has been paid in 2002, 3000,-- € second is to be paid for the final launch. V. Slaboch is going to prepare an agreement between CLGE and VUGTK which should include a three months notice for both sides to change or quit the agreement and regulate that CLGE is owner of the website. After the final launch 200,-- € months for up-dating, hosting are the running costs and will be paid in December 2003 in a total amount of €2000,-- for the ten months and 600,- € for the final development which makes €2600,-- in total.

GE has got its own website, links to each other will be posted. The webmaster and the secretary of V. Slaboch will be invited to the General Assembly in London in autumn 2003.

4. Statutes and Internal Rules (initially item 3)

H. Elmstroem reports about inputs of the Breakout Sessions in the General Assembly in Venice and comments to the draft statutes sent by S. Vanhanen prior to this meeting and about discussions in the Executive Board. G. Schennach will prepare a second draft for the GA to get a final version before the autumn meeting for adoption at least in the autumn GA.

Main points are:

- * a two level structure with a General Assembly and an Executive Board
- * Membership only full (principal) members observers without fees and rights
 - Members with difficulties to pay the full fee at the beginning can get a reduction to 0% for the first 3 years, 50% for the next 5 years and 75% for the next 3 years by decision of the Executive Board
- * The Executive Board consists of the President, three Vice-Presidents, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer and the President of GE as three core members. Two additional members for special, substantial tasks without portefeuille can be taken into the Board. Regional representation should be considered if possible but as it was agreed in Venice, the main goal is to get the best persons into the functions. Terms of office for members of Executive Board is two years, President and Vice-president can be re-elected only once. Secretary-General and Treasurer can be re-elected for any time. Members for special tasks are elected every two years with re-election for the duration of carrying out the specific task. The elections for the members of the Executive Board are considered best to be carried out at the same time, not staggered for different groups of members.
- * The statutes will offer a possibility to re-elect a President for more than once if the same majority that is required to change the statutes decides it.

* Working Parties, Task Forces and Grants e.a. are decided by the Executive Board

It is agreed that in future the agendas for General Assemblies will include only as few administrative items as possible and focus more on burning issues including papers, reports, discussions, breakout sessions. It was considered best to hold General Assemblies at least once a year and Executive Board meetings at least with the General Assemblies and two additional meetings on demand.

The schedule is to get a decision on the new statutes in the General Assembly in autumn 2003 and to hold the first elections in spring 2004 or if the indication for adoption of the new statutes is shown already in Wels the first elections can be held in the autumn GA 2003 already.

Disc: M. Coulson suggests that members on special tasks should be appointed by the Executive Board rather than elected. O. Schuster proposes to co-opt additional members to the Executive Board. Chairpersons of Working Parties are not members of the Executive Board. K. Rürup proposes a permanent seat for the President of GE in the Executive Board of CLGE and vice versa in GE to keep the link up and permanent. He regards the new statutes to help to establish a permanent bridge to GE.

5. CEPLIS / GATS 2000 / GE

O. Schuster gives a report about recent developments.

Market report

The aim of the report is to describe the total economic benefit of the market (item 1 enclosure circulated in meeting). The sum of all activities which are done during the professional life of the professionals are considered. First methods and abilities are investigated, second auxiliary means, products which are delivered and specialist regulations have to be considered. The leading question is to find out the geodetic part of the market. The office model describes the experiences of professionals from the universities, high schools e.a. One table shows the number of geodetic professionals/km² and absolute numbers of graduates every year. V. Slaboch refers to the Cambridge study examining the market in GB which has been carried out for the government in order to investigate OS business.

The WP needs additional figures by members. They should at least nominated contact persons who are able to deliver figures.

Directive on mutual recognition

The regulations have defined a new level for qualification which is slightly higher than the existing but not high enough. J. Stoodley and Mrs. Heldmayer from the EC have initiated a platform for discussion for Germany together with the public sector. The intention of the EU are international crossborder regulations for professions as the only way to solve this problem of mutual recognition.

CEPLIS

K. Rürup reports about CEPLIS and its status which is not as strong as required. Big powerful members quit their membership and establish their own offices in Brussels and get into direct contacts with the EP and EC. Small members apply to CEPLIS. UEAPME and CEPLIS will cooperate in future and merge their offices. The 3 main topics for the year 2003 are the definition of the liberal profession, qualifications and art 15 of the proposed directive

GATS will start a new pre-round discussion in spring 2003. P. Prendergast is still active and will take part in the discussions.

6. Development of CLGE (initially item 4)

The new statutes will help to get delegates more actively into discussion and to bring them into an active role.

H. Elmstroem reports about the current status of the Working Parties.

The draft report of the Market report will be sent out before the General Assembly in spring. Additional inputs of the members are still necessary.

M. Coulson reports about final draft of the Quality report which will be finished until mid of February 2003 by F. Peckels. F. Peckels will meet M. Coulson in the RICS office in London for a one day meeting to finalise the paper for the General Assembly in Wels.

R. Sonney proposes to define a CLGE message for every year and to evaluate this message by the General Assembly and to promote it to external people. The message need not be a political statement but should help to alert people to get aware of CLGE and of the profession. G. Schennach reminds that any message would have to consider the different professional backgrounds, cultural and professional systems in our member countries and should not hurt any of our members. This item will be dicussed in the Standing Committee in Wels.

7. RICS

K. Rürup refers to the Standing Committee meeting in Helsinki, where we have agreed a roundtable meeting in Oct 2002 and to prepare 2 topics for the agenda with 50 words. Since then he has got no re-action from RICS and no proposal for the agenda. M. Coulson reports that the new President Peter Fall has met with James Kavanagh this week. His plan for the roundtable meeting is to start the meeting in the RICS office in London with lunch and to proceed with an informal meeting without chair. Partipants will be Sandrine Bardouil, Director of RICS Europe, Alastair Barr, chairman of international business as well as J. Kavanagh and M. Coulson as facilitator. Three possible topics (professional education, RICS international strategy, RICS closer linkages) have been delivered to RICS President P. Fall to write the 50 words on his preference.

Next steps are to agree the date and hold the meeting. Executive Board and probably O. Schuster will be participants from CLGE/GE.

8. Directive on Mutual recognition

K. Rürup has taken part in a hearing in Brussels on 1 Oct 2002. This event was attended by all important persons involved into the procedures. In the first announcement there was initially a fixed deadline for comments, at the final paper CLGE did not appear any more. CLGE got in again by support of an Italian colleague whom K. Rürup knew from the GA in Venice. K. Rürup presented two points in his presentation on behalf of CLGE in the meeting: Art 14 & 2 of the proposal. A compulsory test instead of only a course is proposed. The other point were regulations in every country to supervise of local offices. Cross-border services are out of supervision, as the home country is responsible but not interested and the foreign country does not know who is working from abroad as registration is planned to be obligatory only after 16 weeks. Maybe this can be settled by consumer protection regulations.

Other statements in the discussion came from the rapporteur from the European High Court who claimed about basic mistakes. Besides there are many complaints by the member states. Fra, Ger, Aus are not in favour of the proposal.

K. Rürup is not quite convinced that the directive will be decided in the near future. The initial time schedule by end of 2002 was not realistic as the whole approach for the directive has been changed. At the moment 5-10 different EC directives on the subject professions, free movement, cross-border services, qualification are in discussion.

K. Rürup will provide a paper for the General Assembly in Wels about his presentation in the hearing. Details will be given by P. Prendergast in the General Assembly or delivered by e-mail to the Standing Committee members. K. Rürup will ask for it.

9. GINIE / ABGI

G. Schennach reports about the contribution by CLGE to the proposal of an European Advisory Board for GI. The ABGI is an advisory board to the EC and would help to establish a permanent link to the institutions of the EU. A draft position paper has been produced by the GINIE project consortium and is in discussion. CLGE has been invited to the PEAFF meeting (Pan European Association Forum) in the NL in Dec 2002. CLGE considers itself to be an important member as it is the only representative for professional issues in this forum.

Disc. M. Coulson considers EUROGI as the best institution for this. R. Kolbe sees a field of activity for surveyors in all GI matters and that it should be held by surveyors as responsible profession. H. Elmstroem sees economical aspects for a participation to be discussed as well in the General Assembly and to take the decision if it makes sense to take part in the ABGI and if we take costs for taking part. K. Rürup sees the main point to discuss if we consider GI as part of the profession or if we consider links to be sufficient.

The Permanent Cadastral Committee is in discussion since last May. No active participation is supported. Standing Committee prefers EuroGeographics and WPLA to take the task over rather than to establish a new group.

10. Future events

8th Austrian Geodetic Congress ÖGT and CLGE/GE GA in April in Wels. Brochures and Tourist information booklets about Wels are distributed to attendants. Program is available on web www.ovg.at/oegt. Standing Committee is fixed on Thursday 10 April 2003, 16:00-18:00 SC Meeting in the Congress Centre Minoritenkloster. On Friday 11 April 2003, 9:00-12:30 GA in the City Hall (K8), 14:00-17:30 Joint Meeting CLGE/GE (K10), Saturday 12 April 2003, 9:00-12:00 CLGE GA in the City Hall (K12).

Standing Committee Meeting 11-12 July 2003, probably Karlsbad, CZ or Porto or any other venue to be fixed in Wels.

October 2-4, 2003 GA in London. M. Coulson reports that James Kavanagh is organiser. 2 Oct SC Gloster room start 14.00. Hosted dinner for Standing Committee in restaurant Shepards near Houses of Parliament on Thursday. Friday 3 Oct GA in Council Chamber with technical equipment. Flags and country badges provided by G. Schennach. Evening hosted dinner by RICS. Saturday 4 Oct national presentation, 3 topics proposed: technical by OS about GPS and the issue of the old maps, political about proposal of digital cadastre for UK by HMLR and third about education and promotion of recruitment. Accompanying persons visit to House of Commons, London eye (big wheel) and new Tate Gallery. Three hotels with RICS arrangements are organised for accommodation. Room rate will be about 110,-- € Fee not yet fixed.

2004 spring probably 22-24 April 2004 in Germany. It has to be decided in Wels.

2004 autumn GA offer for Bratislava/SK.

11. Any other business

none

End 12.30

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General of CLGE

Enclosure: Balance Sheet (circulated in meeting)

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