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Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens

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STANDING COMMITTEE OF CLGE

London/UK, 2 October 2003, 16.00-18.15

MINUTES

Venue **RICS HEADQUARTERS, 12 Great GEORGE Street/Parliament Square, London**

Participants Chairperson Henning **Elmstroem** (DK), Klaus **Rürup** (GER), Gerda **Schennach** (AUS), René **Sonney** (CH), Martin **Coulson** (UK), Rudolf **Kolbe** (AUS), Emmanuel **Ouranos** (GR), Vaclav **Slaboch** (CZ), Seija **Vanhanen** (FIN), Mark **Wijngaarde** (NL), Felix **Peckels** (LUX)

Apologies Otmar **Schuster** (GE)

1. Opening

Vice-President H. Elmstroem, chairperson of the Standing Committee opens the last meeting of the Standing Committee in this form with thanks to the hosts. He delivers congratulations to R. Sonney, who has recently been appointed as the new Swiss GI coordinator.

M. Coulson welcomes all participants on behalf of the hosting organisation RICS.

The minutes of the Standing Committee in Amsterdam in July 2003 are adopted unanimously with no amendments.

2. Budget

Treasurer R. Sonney reports that Bulgaria, Norway, Portugal and Malta have not paid their fees. Reminders were not effective, H. Elmstroem has contacted Norway personally, they promised to pay. It is agreed to keep contacts to the delegates and to remind them of their duties rather than to send warning letters and expell one of the members.

R. Sonney proposes new membership fees as the new statutes, which should be adopted tomorrow, define only full membership, which means one rate for the moment. He suggests as a fair solution for all new full members to start with a proportional fee of 0.65 € in 2004-2006, increase it to 0.80 € in 2007, 0.95 € in 2008 until it reaches the full fee of 1.1 € in 2009 for all former associate members except NOR and CH. They should pay full contribution from the beginning.

The ESF contribution is increasing every year and it has to be discussed with GE President O. Schuster tomorrow if GE is still willing to cover the whole fee as offered in the Standing Committee meeting in Dublin in July 2001. If GE refuses to pay for ESF, the decision will consequently be to leave ESF.

The total amount for printing and editing the Market Report was more than in the initial budget. The costs for maintenance of the CLGE website were not considered, they are 3000,-- € for 2003. The printing costs should be reduced. For the reprint of the Delft report 2000,-- € are calculated for 2004. 5000,-- € in total are planned in the budget for printing the reports, a leaflet and for public relations.

3. Statutes and Internal Rules

H. Elmstroem gives an overview about the procedure for the new Statutes. The proposal by the Executive Board for tomorrow is to adopt the Statutes in the version circulated on 14 August 2003 to all national delegates and member associations. M. Coulson prefers under item 3.3.2 "continuing" instead of "continuous" professional education. It is agreed not to change it any more if there are no other requirements by the delegates to avoid an additional version.

K. Rürup expects for tomorrow that we may face a discussion about the future of CLGE. M. Coulson points out that most of these topics are included in the Strategy Role Paper. G. Schennach suggests to use the next Executive Board meeting to develop a roadmap for CLGE with more focussed activities.

The draft for Internal Rules will be discussed after the adoption of the statutes tomorrow and presented for decision in the next GA. S. Vanhanen asks to bring the Internal Rules text into the same thematic order as the Statutes, so that it has a similar structure. G. Schennach agrees that this will be done after the discussion, delegates had wished a comparative version, therefore the items are in the same order as the old Internal Rules and do not coincide with the new Statutes.

4. Reports of the Working Parties

Market Report: The report is printed, costs were a little bit more than expected. Report circulated in meeting. K. Rürup has attended a press conference to present the report officially on 2 September 2003 in the EU embassy of North-Rhine-Westfalia in Brussels. He reads the one page invitation letter (copy circulated in meeting). The presentation was attended by 3 reporters, 18 letters came in to ask for the report.

Disc: R. Kolbe asks about reports after the press conference in newspapers. It is not known if or which reports have been published in newspapers.

E. Ouranos asks about further use of the report and proposes a one page report on the CLGE website to enhance publicity. The full report should be posted on the website and maintained there.

Quality Report: The report is as far finished, a chapter about standards is still missing. It will be added. F. Peckels was alone to finish the report, there were no more members of the Working Party left. The Executive Board thanks F. Peckels for his great efforts and to continue as single fighter.

M. Coulson proposes to send the report out electronically to all delegates and to ask for reflections, which should lead to an improved second edition considering the input of the delegates. K. Rürup proposes to declare this version as final version for internal use and to close down the Working Party. The new Executive Board can decide how to proceed. F. Peckels sees a possibility to continue with a Working Party with new volunteers from different countries and background.

5. Website

V. Slaboch reports that the Market Report is posted on the website. The Allan Report should be maintained by the members themselves. G. Schennach asks about maintenance activities of the members' part of the website. There are not too many.

The draft for the contract for the web-hosting is discussed. K. Rürup asks to add some words to ensure that the Secretary-General decides about major changes together with the other members of the Executive Board.

6. CEPLIS / GATS 2000 / GE / ESF

K. Rürup quotes from a letter written by B. Bour to CEPLIS in June 2003 saying that he is willing to continue as CEPLIS President until June 2004. A new letter from September 2003 written in French was sent to CEPLIS, in this letter B. Bour writes that he is no longer in private practice and therefore

has no more time to do this job on the European level and that he sends best wishes to his successor. This has caused problems as the present Vice-President A. Bedossa (original French, lives in Brussels, member of ECOSOC), who is to take over the job according to the CEPLIS statutes, is a representative of the interprofessional group which is not the group to send a president in this term. He took over the presidency until June 2004. K. Rürup has agreed to get into the Executive Board instead of B. Bour. The autumn General Assembly will be held in Nov 2003, elections will be in the next General Assembly in May/June 2004.

Membership in CEPLIS is a second issue to discuss. It has been a difficult time when CEPLIS lost two or three important members like BfB Bund freier Berufe, who tried to do their own negotiations in Brussels. K. Rürup considers membership to be important to get involved into the social dialogue on European level and to contribute with inputs to new directives. He proposes to stay in CEPLIS for two more years.

M. Coulson complains about the output of CEPLIS. The online newsletter is the only one. E. Ouranos considers the newsletter good, but the Greek chamber provides a Greek version. He doubts that it is worth staying, as all European issues are discussed by other institutions than CEPLIS. R. Kolbe sees no visible benefit from CEPLIS. K. Rürup reports about the General Assemblies, which are attended by decisionmakers from the EC like Mrs. Froehlinger, Mr. Stoodley e.a. R. Kolbe met with Mrs. Froehlinger some months before and talked about CLGE, ESF and CEPLIS to her. She did not even know CEPLIS. The discussions in the EP went besides CEPLIS. G. Schennach reports about a second European association for liberal professions which seems to have more influence.

H. Elmstroem notices objections against staying in CEPLIS for a long term. He sees a solution in minimizing the period to stay. The proposal for the General Assembly will be to stay in CEPLIS for one more year and then close the door.

7. RICS

The result out of the meeting between RICS and CLGE representatives in London in April 2003 was a Communique with RICS. This will be signed tomorrow.

8. Future events

G. Schennach reports about the incoming PEAFF Pan European Association Forum Meeting next week in Munich. It is an annual meeting of about 10 Secretaries-General of related associations to keep up exchange of information and common efforts for the profession.

9. Any other business

K. Rürup asks hosts to chair the elections for tomorrow.

End 18.15

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General of CLGE

*Enclosures: Market Report, circulated in meeting
Invitation letter to press conference for Market Report, circulated in meeting*

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