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Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens

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STANDING COMMITTEE OF CLGE

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MINUTES

Venue **Hotel Apollofirst, Apollolaan 123 - 125, 1077 AP Amsterdam Centre Zuid 4**

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

1. Opening

Vice-President H. Elmstroem, chairperson of the CLGE Standing Committee, welcomes all attendants and thanks M. Wijngaarde for hosting the meeting. The meeting will probably be the last one in this line-up, as in case of adoption of the new statutes of CLGE in the next General Assembly in London new officers will have to be elected.

2. CEPLIS / GATS 2000 / GE / ESF (initially item 6)

K. Rürup reports about three main items discussed during the annual assembly of **CEPLIS** on 4 June 2003.

The new deadline for the adoption of the EU Directive on mutual recognition by the EP was fixed by Oct 2003, the EP has asked the rapporteur Mr. Zappala for a new report because the old one has been rejected for the 7 statements listed in the old version. They are not following the present mainstream of politics.

CEPLIS has a direct link to the EU convention as the economic and social council ECOSOC has a permanent seat in the EU convention. Adrian Bedossa, the former president of CEPLIS, is delegate to the convention.

Within the European institutions there are different opinions as seen from statements by Mrs Froehlinger from the DG Internal Market and M. Wachtmeister from the DG Competition. Professional rules are considered to be anti-competitive. Anything, which is against cross-border service providing, has to be removed.

K. Rürup reports about problems with the acting CEPLIS president B. Bour who did not show up to the General Assembly and to the last Executive Board meetings. The General Assembly considers CLGE as the proposing body for the candidate to be responsible for a substitute for the rest of the three years term of office which will last until June 2004. The Standing Committee members agree that the CEPLIS statutes have to be checked first to find out if CLGE is really responsible to provide a substitute. G. Schennach sees no need to sent a new president, as CLGE has only nominated the candidate, but a new president must be elected by the General Assembly.

The election procedure in June 2001 should be checked first in the minutes of the CEPLIS General Assembly. All costs for the president have been covered by the French ordre. R. Kolbe proposes to postpone this item to the next Standing Committee and to get all relevant material from the CEPLIS office. O. Schuster will talk about the situation with the president of the French Ordre des Géomètres-Experts on the 18 July 2003.

The membership in CEPLIS has been decided by the General Assembly of CLGE in Prague only until end of 2003. Further membership in CEPLIS has to be agreed by the General Assembly in London. O. Schuster suggests to discuss further membership in CEPLIS.

O. Schuster reports about **ESF**. The main issue for ESF and the EU is to prepare for the WTO Conference in Cancun/Mexiko in September 2003 with a focus on the global agrarian market. The further development will have an impact on the whole society. The major problem at the moment is how to react to NGOs like ATTAC, who often think uneconomically because they are against globalisation and they consider technology and globalisation not to be necessary. The EU tries to come to multilateral agreements to protect their economy from external investors. This proposal is not agreed by countries like India, who feel affected in their industrial development strategy. Water and services in education or health will not be part of the Cancun agenda. ESF will not participate in the discussions in Cancun.

ESF is as well discussing about feasible contribution to the European politics. Within ESF there are several interest groups - insurances, financial services and telecommunications. Compared to these groups the market of the surveyors is not too small but they are not represented according to their market volume. Therefore the profession should take efforts to play a bigger role in ESF. For this purpose O. Schuster will present the CLGE Market Report to Mr. Lamy as soon as possible.

Relevant papers can be obtained from www.esf.be.

R. Sonney asks about the contribution to ESF which has increased within the last 3 years 20% each year. In 2001 the total contribution was 1000 € in 2002 it was 1200 € and in 2003 it is 1500 € 60% of these fees are paid by CLGE and 40% by GE. He considers the costs to be too high compared to the output.

GE has held a second platform conference with representatives of governments. The platform conference has submitted a proposal to the draft EU Directive for mutual recognition of professions which was considered in a EC's recommendation for an "accord cordiale multilateral" to define BAC+5 and additional studies of national law as basic qualification for the geodetic surveyors in GE countries. This will provide clear requirements for cross-border qualification in public and private sector. Germany is facing an infringement proceedings as only Germans are permitted to become ÖBVI (publicly appointed surveyors).

Belgium has already considered the GE proposal in the new law which will regulate publicly appointed surveyors.

The relevant paper will be sent out as soon as the EC will confirm that this paper is accepted by the relevant governments.

O. Schuster reports about the Market Report and suggests to present it to the next General Assembly in London in autumn 2003 for adoption and to publish it afterwards. He has asked for an offer for 1000 copies, V. Slaboch will get a second offer.

Poland and Hungary will bring additional inputs to the market report.

Disc: R.Kolbe states that the two points for the regulation are to keep the level for the profession by BAC+5+2-3 years practice and to make movement from one country to an other country

easier. K. Rürup clarifies that a regulation that is valid only for a part of the EU member states needs to be done by an accord multilateral. It can become part of the Directive only if it is signed by all member states.

3. Directive on mutual recognition (initially item 7)

The draft Directive can be obtained from http://europa.eu.int/comm/internal_market/en.

4. RICS (initially item 8)

M. Coulson reports about the CLGE/RICS meeting in the headquarters of RICS in London on 6 May 2003. It has been a very fruitful discussion on the topics of the agenda. The result was a communique. Three points have been agreed:

- RICS' national associations will liaise more closely with national professional bodies
- RICS will widen its representation to CLGE
- both parties will cooperate over activities with the European Commission more effectively

Minutes will be circulated by J. Kavanagh to the Executive Board Members.

RICS President Peter Fall will attend the General Assembly in London and the agreement will be signed in a little ceremony.

V. Slaboch sees as an outcome of the discussion with RICS that we need to look for more applications for transport, statistics, risk management e.a. Mainly other professionals instead of surveyors are involved in these fields. He recommends a new brochure published by RICS with the title "Getting it together - the geography jigsaw".

5. Website (initially item 3)

The website is running well. M. Talich will be invited to the General Assembly in London to give a presentation. The task for website hosting and services will be prolonged by an agreement officially (draft see enclosure). The finalised draft contract will be circulated to all members of the Executive Board and two copies will be signed by CLGE President K. Rürup and V. Slaboch as well.

6. Statutes/Elections (initially item 4)

R. Kolbe mentions that he is against the regulation about unlimited re-election terms of the Secretary-General and the Treasurer, as they both have voting rights in the Executive Board. He proposes same regulations for all officers of CLGE.

7. Future activities of CLGE (initially item 5)

- K. Rürup sees future activities to start with the new incoming officers elected in the next General Assembly. A call for nominations for the three Vice-Presidents for professional education, professional practice and accession countries will be circulated with the invitation. Elections will be processed according to new statutes, if adopted.
- Secretary-General will prepare Internal Rules following the Statutes and call for comments by delegates until end of July.
- G. Schennach and R. Sonney will be proposed as candidates by the Executive Board. The proposal is that K. Rürup will stay as president, H. Elmstroem as one of the Vice-Presidents. R. Kolbe supports V. Slaboch to be Vice-President for Scientific development.
- The Property Report has to be prepared for the European scenery. M. Coulson suggests to find persons for this job not necessarily out of the delegates who often run short of time for CLGE work. National associations should provide candidates.

8. Treasurer's Report (initially item 2)

Treasurer R. Sonney reports that 5 countries have not yet paid their membership contribution. UK will pay in August 2003, Bul 340,-- €not yet paid, Norway has paid too much for 2001 and paid nothing for 2002 and 2003, Portugal and Malta have not yet paid.

Expenditures for Standing Committee meetings are very different, the lowest costs have occurred from Innsbruck.

There will be no more associate members by the new statutes and if fees will remain on the same level, the income for 2004 will be €32 327,-- (see attached contribution proposal).

9. Future events

The next Standing Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 2 October 2003, 16,00-18,00 in London. G. Schennach has already received the registration forms from RICS.

The General Assembly spring 2004 will be held in Berlin/Germany.

10. Any other business

- V. Slaboch points out that it will be necessary for CLGE to discuss property issues.
- G. Schennach proposes to re-print the Delft brochure as many persons ask for it. M. Villikka will get an offer, the Standing Committee agrees to contribute up to 2000-3000 € CLGE will contribute with 50% of the printing costs.
- E. Ouranos reports that Mr. Chronis Akritidis has been elected President of the Greek HARSE six months ago and that Mr. Ianis Alavanos is new President of the Technical Chamber.
- K. Rürup was awarded a medal by the Arab federation of surveyors during the FIG WW in Paris in April 2003. He has sent an official letter to the Lebanon association to thank for it.

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General of CLGE

*Enclosure: Draft Agreement Website CLGE/VUGTK
Contribution proposal*

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