



*16 February 2004*

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE**

Innsbruck/Austria, 6 - 7 February 2004, 14.00-18.30/9.00-12.00

### **MINUTES**

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**Venue** **BEV Bundesamt für Eich- und Vermessungswesen**  
Bürgerstrasse 34, A-6010 INNSBRUCK

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**Participants** President Klaus **Rürup** (GER), Henning **Elmstroem** (DK), Vaclav **Slaboch** (CZ), Mark **Wijngaarde** (NL), Gerda **Schennach** (AUS), René **Sonney** (CH), Otmar **Schuster** (GE)

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#### **1. Opening**

President K. Rürup welcomes all members of the Executive Board.

The Agenda for this meeting is adopted as circulated. It is agreed to include the reports of the Vice-Presidents announced under items 3 to 5 in the discussions of item 8. For the future there will be only one item about "reports" in the agenda.

The Minutes of Bottrop have been circulated to all members of the Executive Board. M. Wijngaarde proposes to change the text on page 2, 2nd paragraph, about the internal work to the text reading "All national delegates are obliged to bring in drafts for publications in national magazines as well as an English summary to the Executive Board. After consultation in the Executive Board it can be published".

It is decided to adopt the Minutes as circulated with amendment as noted above.

The Minutes of the Standing Committee held on 2 Oct 2003 in London have not yet been adopted due to the new structure of CLGE. It is agreed to adopt it by the new Executive Board as circulated.

K. Rürup asks for statements about publication of minutes on the CLGE website. He suggests to give reports supported by a ppt-presentation about the Executive Board meetings to the General Assembly instead of publishing the full version of the minutes on the website. H. Elmstroem suggests to post the minutes only of the General Assemblies on the members' part of the website and to publish a short summary of the Executive Board meetings prepared by web-circulation among the Executive Board members.

#### **2. Report of President**

K. Rürup has written a letter on behalf of CLGE to members of the European Parliament gaining support for the amendment no. 196 to the Directive of Mutual Recognition by Malcolm Harbour, which requires BAC+5 as minimum qualification for surveyors (see enclosure).

K. Rürup has contacted the Arab federation of Surveyors, which has been founded after consultations with K. Rürup in September 2001 in Lebanon, in a letter to President Sarkis Fadous to enhance further co-operation with CLGE (see enclosure).

There have been several negotiations with BDVI President V. Teetzmann about the organisation of the General Assembly in Berlin. K. Rürup tried to invite a member of the European Parliament to take part in the General Assembly in Berlin, but unfortunately they have at the same time the plenary session in Strasburg.

K. Rürup reports that FIG tries to get back CLGE into FIG, but he sees quite different missions between the two organisations. FIG is exchanging information and experience more from a scientific point of view and is the overall scientific umbrella for the profession. CLGE is more focussed on European professional items. It is agreed to keep up good co-operation with FIG without getting part of it, an official statement or memorandum is not necessary.

*Disc:* M. Wijngaarde asks about a co-operation between CLGE and countries around the Mediterranean Sea. K. Rürup replies that Italy is the driving force behind these activities as they consider themselves as competent because of their high qualification. There are links between Italy and Malta, especially to build up a new university with courses for surveyors in this region including North African countries.

H. Elmstroem sees opportunities to get into contact with similar organisations in South America or Asia, which focus on specific regional topics. For example P. Cavero has a lot of good relations to South America. M. Wijngaarde, due to new market strategies of Hansa Luftbild in Asia in the coming years, will look for opportunities in this part of the world.

### **3. Report of Vice-President for Professional Practice**

included in item 8

### **4. Report of Vice-President for Professional Education**

included in item 8

### **5. Report of Vice-President for EU Relations**

included in item 8

### **6. CEPLIS / GATS 2000 / GE / ESF**

O. Schuster gives an overview about the status of the EU Directive on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications. At the moment the discussion on our profession is getting more densely, as a number of persons in the EU are thinking about our services. The Directive of the Commission, on which the Multilateral Accord was in the beginning based upon, has been reversed by ministers and governments who did not want to accept the regulation as intended. The key countries GER and FRA did not accept BAC+5 and the idea of a platform. The governments are trying to get to level BAC+3 (Niveau 4) on the basis of the Bachelor (Minimum) and Master degrees. Mr. Zappala, who was rapporteur for the Parliament, had to review his paper several times and created a lot of opposition.

The final text, which shall be voted on 11 Feb 2004 finally includes level 4 with BAC + 4; but there is also another amendment, which tries to propose the level 4 with BAC + 5. The platform – paragraph does not give private associations rights to interfere as it was in the first draft. The vote for the Directive had been postponed to the end of January 2004 and is postponed again to the 11 Feb 2004 as a result of big differences in views. CLGE/GE need to bring in as many statements as possible for BAC+5 to the MEPs. France and Germany are very active in the procedure. In France the low entrance qualification of the 48/89 Directive is hidden in the professional law and the Ordre tries to whet out this basic mistake. German ÖBVI are namely excluded from the Directive as they have public tasks (in Austria and France licensed surveyors carry out only authorised tasks transferred to them, they have no

public authority).

The basic idea of the 1998 initiative of European governments is to develop cross-border services. This creates harm to several countries. CEPLIS has not yet any standpoint. Germany considers our profession as part of “services of General Interest” and therefore Cross Border Service from outside is in questions of cadastre and national net not ongoing.

The agreement of the MULTILATERAL ACCORD, result of the two platform conferences has made some remarkable steps. LUX Government seems to be able to sign the agreement. Germany still has to sort out two different views about the qualification level. Political leaders want low level, the professionals inside and outside the government say: high level is necessary! In France it seems to be the same. As a result we cannot expect, that the governments will sign, but the reaction as a whole is very positive. Especially public institutions in Germany fear privatisation which might be made feasible by signing the accord. The German ADV (Working Group of cadastral agencies of the Länder) intends to develop a new paper together with the BDVI.

The Irish presidency has invited all EU member states to bring statements to three questions on liberal professions into the meeting on 27 January 2004. Position of France can be seen from the Interinstitutional Dossier (see enclosure).

*Disc:* H. Elmstroem sees a problem for getting our interests into the Directive, as our members know nothing about the Directive. CLGE should provide some information to our members. He is in favour of a common CLGE statement for BAC+5. G. Schennach explains about procedures and possibilities to contribute to the Directive. Most of the statements are required in very short terms by the European Commission and, if the deadlines are missed, the right is lost. Sometimes amendments have to be brought in within 24 hours. There is a strong need to keep contacts to the appointed national contact persons to get comments into the drafts at the EU. They are collecting the statements in the procedure.

O. Schuster proposes to organise a CLGE&GE strategic seminar on cross-border services and regulation of such services in Brussels at the end of the year 2004. Probably CEPLIS could also be involved.

A second seminar on education and qualification seen under the Bologna Agreement could be interesting for CLGE members and interested persons (universities, administration, private companies e.a.).

CEPLIS wants to sum up all contacts to all European countries and institutions. CEPLIS President Bedossa is co-operating very well, but it is not easy to get enough members to survive. BfB will not apply for membership again. O. Schuster initiated a meeting of UNAPL and BfB in Berlin, where further cooperation was discussed. The CEPLIS managers visited Muelheim to discuss the public financing of an investigation about the codes of conduct of all liberal professions in Europe.

ESF is very depressed about the outcome of Cancun. O. Schuster visited ESF several times. The importance of cadastre was a topic between EU and Russia and O. Schuster could contribute among other things with his publication about the outline conditions for covered bonds.

GATS starts to find a new point on the basis of the results of DOHA, which was very successful. The whole WTO business is in a crisis, all the obstacles against the undeveloped countries are not really a disadvantage for them as it is seen always. Cadastre and ownership regulations play a role in this topic but agrarian questions and reproaches against western governments are louder.

Treasurer R. Sonney asks about fees for 2004. O. Schuster is not quite sure, but the ESF fee has not increased. K. Rürup reminds of the requirements of our members in the General Assembly in London to show the benefits from ESF as precondition for further membership.

## **7. Financial issues**

Treasurer R. Sonney presents the result of the accounts 2003 (see enclosure). Malta has not paid for 2003. Italy has paid 3520 € instead of 3530 €. The interest for the money in the fund is now 2%. The GE contribution shown in the tablets includes the CEPLIS and ESF fee, which is covered by 60% by CLGE and 40% by GE. H. Elmstroem points out that these fees have come up to 15% of the total budget.

The Executive Board decides that R. Sonney should write a letter to O. Schuster asking kindly, if GE will take over a bigger part of the fees for CEPLIS and ESF from 2004. R. Sonney proposes to change the share for CEPLIS to 40:60 for CLGE:GE and to limit the contribution for ESF to 800,-- €/year.

Discussion about publication of budget on the website. It is agreed not to publish the budget on the website but to circulate the papers with the agenda for the General Assembly.

## **8. Business plan**

As it was agreed by the General Assembly in London the Executive Board must circulate a business plan for the incoming year in written form together with the invitation. Several items will be listed.

- Send out mail to all delegates about CLGE ppt-slides available from the secretariat. G. Schennach will send out a general presentation about CLGE.
- Report of Executive Board members to be written and circulated with the agenda. Deadline for reports of Executive Board members is 5 March 2004 to be submitted to K. Rürup directly, he puts it together to a summary to attach it to the agenda. K. Rürup will send the summary to G. Schennach not later than 12 March 2004.
- CLGE/GE Workshop to be held in the second half of the year 2005, this is the duty of Vice-President for education V. Slaboch. Draft for this workshop to be prepared by V. Slaboch for the General Assembly. A report about the Bologna agreement to be prepared in advance.
- The GE/CLGE seminar in Brussels on qualification issues is more strategic. To be held in late spring 2004.
- In Berlin General Assembly will have to decide about further staying in CEPLIS, R. Sonney mentions that we need to send a notice about membership to CEPLIS before 1 July 2004, otherwise we will have to pay for one more year.
- Agenda has to include discussions about burning issues, national issues. For Berlin this is to talk to new EU member states who are not yet members of CLGE. Invite Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Cyprus and Slovenia. K. Rürup will deliver addresses of FIG delegates, H. Elmstroem will deliver addresses of Baltic states. It is decided to fund the participation of one representative of each of these 6 countries by taking over the participation fees which is totally 6 x € 100,-- by CLGE.

It is agreed that H. Elmstroem will prepare a draft for the business plan, including each Vice-President's part and submit it to G. Schennach for circulation to the delegates not later than 12 March 2004. After internal consultation the Executive Board will present the business plan to the next General Assembly by a ppt-presentation. R. Sonney will calculate costs coming out of activities in business plan to present it to delegates on demand.

## **9. General Assembly Berlin**

The agenda will be fixed by G. Schennach in the coming days and be circulated to Executive Board members for comments within a couple of days.

## **10. Future events**

- 17 Feb 2004, GE Board Meeting Paris, H. Elmstroem will attend the meeting
- 9 March 2004 Paris, Workshop on surveying services standardisation organised by CEN. CLGE was invited to the the discussion.
- 22-24 April 2004, CLGE GA and Executive Board Berlin
- 21-28 May 2004, FIG WW Athens, K. Rürup and H. Elmstroem will attend.
- 2-4 June 2004, International FIG Workshop on e-land administration in Innsbruck
- 18-19 March 2004, EUROGI General Assembly in Brussels, G. Schennach and R. Sonney will attend on behalf of their national GIS associations
- 12-23 July 2004, ISPRS Istanbul, M. Wijngaarde will attend this Congress
- 8-9 July 2004, Nordic Congress in Finland, H. Elmstroem will present a paper about implementation of automated processes for cadastre

## **11. European Network for GI**

The Pan-European Association Forum PEAf has met in October 2003 and in January 2004 to fix the outline for a European GIS Network as advisory body to the European Commission. CLGE is still on board but needs to contribute to activities. At the moment, Secretary-General G. Schennach keeps the position for the profession.

## **12. Internal Rules**

A draft has been circulated before the meeting. It is agreed to skip as many paragraphs as possible to avoid duplication with the Statutes. Items of the Internal Rules will be brought in line with the Statutes, comparative version will not be delivered any longer, as there are too many changes. Executive Board members will send comments in due time after circulation of new version.

## **13. Website**

K. Rürup sees a necessity to update the Allan Report. He proposes to appoint one person by the national associations to be responsible for the updating. R. Sonney sees a problem as there is no standardised text or form and we have to find another draft as .xls or .doc. The structure and content will be reviewed, text will be modified to modern terms. V. Slaboch will look for some person to create a online fitting .xls form and an online-solution for updating by members themselves. He will present a modification with the IT background to find 2-3 delegates for a working group in the General Assembly in Berlin to review the old forms. The item will be announced it in the agenda.

## **14. Any other business**

- It has been agreed in the General Assembly in London to finalise the CLGE flyer. R. Dhur will be contacted by G. Schennach to prepare the new draft for Berlin.
- G. Schennach has prepared a letter to Slovak high level officials to support the Slovak member association in their efforts to avoid the abolishment of chambers by a law which is under decision. President K. Rürup and Vice-President M. Wijngaarde will sign this letter. J. Hardos will be informed.
- 25-26 June 2004, next CLGE Executive Board meeting in Antwerp/Belgium. Start Friday

15.00 – 19.00/ Saturday 9.30-15.00. Venue to be organised by R. Sonney with contact to Jean-Jacques.

*end of meeting 12.00*

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General of CLGE

*Enclosures: Letter by Pres. Rürup to MEP  
Letter by Pres. Rürup to Arab Federation of Surveyors  
Dossier Interinstitutional 2002/0061  
Accounts 2003 (circulated before meeting)  
Balance sheet 2003 (circulated before meeting)  
Fin estate 2003 (circulated before meeting)*

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