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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE
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MINUTES

Venue	Hotel Devin - Diplomat Saloon, Riečna Str. 4, 811 02 Bratislava, Slovakia
Participants	President Klaus Rürup (GER), Henning Elmstroem (DK), Mark Wijngaarde (NL), Gerda Schennach (AUS), René Sonney (CH), Vaclav Slaboch (CZ)
Apologies	Otmar Schuster (GE)

1. Opening and adoption of Agenda and Minutes

President K. Rürup opens the session with thanks to J. Hardos for the excellent organization of the General Assembly here in Slovakia. Some honourable representatives of public life in Slovakia will attend the General Assembly and offer a reception in the city hall of Bratislava.

The Agenda for this meeting as well as the Minutes of the last Executive Board held in Antwerp/Beldium are accepted without comments and amendments. R. Sonney proposes a change in the wording in item 6 of the minutes, where we talked about qualifications by universities. He suggests in the 5th line to write instead of "schools and universities" "which institution". The sentence reads as following:

First the term "licensed" and "certified" surveyor needs to be clarified and to investigate which institutions within Europe are qualified to produce licensed surveyors.

2. Reports

K. Rürup reports about the 2nd International Scientific Congress which took place from 21-23 Sept 2004 in Beirut/Lebanon. FIG President H. Magel and FIG Director M. Villikka represented FIG. K. Rürup gave a 15 minute speech in the opening and closing ceremony on behalf of CLGE.

*Your Excellency The President of The Republic of Lebanon General Emile Lahoud,
President of FIG Mr. Holger Magel,
Honourable President of the Arab Union of Surveyors and simultaneously President of the Order of Surveyors-Lebanon Mr. Sarkis Fadous
Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, dear Colleagues,
it is a great honour for me to get the opportunity to address this convention here today. Thank you very much.*

Unfortunately I am not able to speak to you in your native language Arabic. I do apologise for that. On behalf of the Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens and its members I bring you our warmest greetings.

In the invitation to this congress it is mentioned, that surveyors have a responsibility towards societies, their economic and social development. Therefore let me mention one key issue these days touching your motto, it is professional education to reach the competence required. Broad scientific studies will enable you to obtain a “gold medal” and greatest possible achievement for society and national economy.

Highest possible education guarantees flexibility.

With flexibility one can better cope with future changes in economy and professional life. A broad scientific study prepares the professional for changes in technology. The half-life period of knowledge is becoming shorter and shorter and does not last for one generation of professional life.

Highest possible education guarantees sustainability.

With a good broad basis of education the professional can more easily discover niches and develop new fields of activities. By discovering niches and new fields of activities the professional contributes to growth in economy.

Highest possible education guarantees consumer protection.

With a highly qualified surveyor the client can receive the best possible service because of the wide range of competence of the provider. In a sophisticated world a professional faces quite often questions overlapping other professional fields.

A broad scientifically educated professional only can find the right solution to the client's benefit in saving costs and avoiding incomplete expertise.

Highest possible education guarantees public welfare.

Professional surveyors with a broad scientific education have the background and competence to take over responsibility. Therefore highly qualified surveyors are serving for United Nations agencies e.g. UN-FAO or UN-Habitat to the benefit of mankind.

By following these four issues the professional surveyor stands like a pillar in modern society and can act to the benefit of national and international economy, to the benefit of the Arab Union of Surveyors, to benefit of the Order Surveyors Lebanon and to the benefit of FIG.

With this message let us fight together for a better future for following generations of colleagues.

On behalf of the Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens I wish you greatest success for your congress, the second International scientific congress here in Beirut and good decisions for the future of our profession, which we have the honour to represent.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Klaus Rürup, President CLGE

Beirut 21st September 2004

It was really impressing that even the President of the Republic of Lebanon and additional 5 Ministers attended this meeting. The President stated the very important role of the surveyors for the society. The Arab Union of Surveyors AUS is the first umbrella organisation in which all Arab countries co-operate. At the moment the member associations are all defining their role in their own countries. Travel costs for H. Magel and K. Rürup as well for T. Cajthaml, a young colleague from the Research Institute VUGTK, Department of cadastre and GIS in Prague as substitute for V. Slaboch have been covered by AUS.

CLGE had given support for the foundation of the AUS and this contact will be held up.

K. Rürup, representative of CLGE in CEPLIS could not attend the last CEPLIS Executive Board meeting as it was moved to 22 Sept 2004. Minutes have not been delivered up to now.

M. Wijngaarde reports about his attendance in the ISPRS Conference in Istanbul earlier this year. He had contacts with Mr. Konecny of the International Geographic Association and with Mr. Mohamad Rukieh, a representative from Syria, who has invited him to participate in the 14th International Symposium of the General Organization for Remote Sensing of Syria from 27-30 September 2004 in Damaskus. Other meetings to be mentioned were with Director Li Jingwei of the national geomatics centre of China, representatives of Romania, Costa Rica, Cuba and Mongolia. The next regional FIG conference in Cuba in 26-29 September 2005 will give the opportunity to meet the President of the professional association established in Cuba.

A second focus was promoting CLGE membership to those new EU member countries, who are not yet members of CLGE. Delegates from the Baltic states will attend the General Assembly. The relevant association from Hungary did not reply to letters and emails. Cyprus did not send any response either. Slovenia sent apologies for not attending the General Assembly due to a meeting with FIG President H. Magel. G. Schennach got the information from several Slovenian colleagues that there was a decision not to join CLGE as the Slovenian associations run short of funds and decided about feasible memberships in pan-European umbrella organizations.

Another activity to spread information among Europe could be that delegates post small articles and reports about CLGE and the General Assemblies in their national magazines. M. Wijngaarde got in contact of one of the reporters to make arrangements for a publication in GIM (The Global Magazine for Geomatics) in spring 2005.

M. Wijngaarde points out the necessity for a CLGE flyer or brochure, which contains information about the organization and about the goals and objectives by CLGE and which can be handed out at meetings and to contact persons.

The Executive Board decides to pay for two nights and the participation fee for one delegate from each of the Baltic states. R. Sonney proposes to pay for the first attendance of the new EU member countries in general. It could be helpful if twinning countries take some sponsorship for new incoming countries and assist them in playing an active role in CLGE.

H. Elmstroem reports about an expertise in charge of the BDVI by Prof. Henssler about the liberal profession. Probably O. Schuster or V. Teetzmann will report about the results in the General Assembly and will be asked to deliver a short version to publish it for distribution with the minutes. The expertise should strengthen the position of the profession. In some countries as POR, AUS and GER infringement procedures are going on as professional qualification is considered by the EC to be against free movement of citizens.

3. Financial issues

Treasurer R. Sonney gives an overview about membership fees. Malta and Norway have not paid their contribution yet. UK promised to pay before the General Assembly. Copies with budget figures to be decided by the General Assembly have been circulated prior to this meeting. R. Sonney explains that the budget for the 2005 seminar of CLGE in Brussels was estimated with 5000,-- € this produces a minus of 7800,-- € He considers this item no problem, as CLGE has savings for such expenses. The ratio between

CLGE and GE for the ESF and CEPLIS contributions for 2005-2009 is to be changed as it was discussed in the General Assembly in Berlin. R. Sonney will write a letter to the GE President O. Schuster to fix the agreement.

4. General Assembly

New observers from the Baltic States announced to present papers about associations and profession in their countries in the General Assembly. This will be done under item 7 of the agenda. K. Rürup will welcome them to the CLGE society and will hand over pins to them.

5. CLGE Working Plan

There are some items which should have been done until the autumn General Assembly. A serious point is the update of the Allan report, which is still missing. K. Rürup sees one of the key activities of CLGE in the maintenance of the Allan Report, which is the only survey of the professional situation in Europe but needs to be maintained. Members need to be enhanced to bring in their inputs. The new version must show the situation by 31 Dec 2004. All figures need to be collected completely before the Executive Board meeting in summer 2005.

6. CLGE Seminar 2005

V. Slaboch gives some information about the preparations for the seminar which is intended to be held in November 2005 in Brussels. After the last Executive Board meeting in Antwerp he stopped in Brussels to negotiate first arrangements with the head of the cadastre in the Ministry of Finance. This department will take care of meeting rooms and refreshments for the breaks free of charge for CLGE. K. Rürup has sent an official letter of application to the ministry. The date was fixed on Thursday and Friday 24-25 Nov 2005. "European professional qualifications in geodetic surveying" is agreed as title for the seminar. The registration will be available via the CLGE website, Milan Talich will prepare the online-registration.

The program will start on the first day start at lunch time. After welcome addresses the presentations will start with topics dealing with research and licensing in Europe, especially with a European license in geodetic surveying. Some papers should demonstrate differences and similarities and recommend basics of geodetic surveying. Types of education (technicians, FH, baccalaureat e.a.) and education by related branches at universities will be an other item. The question whether surveying is to be considered a liberal profession or not will be discussed. Necessary qualification, professional organisations, models for structures e.a. will be touched as well. The seminar will end at Friday early afternoon.

It is decided that lecturers will be contacted in co-operation of Executive Board members. Ideas for decision makers to be invited should be delivered to V. Slaboch (MEP, people from EC e.a.). G. Schennach will contact van der Schueren and Francis Gabele, Head of the Cadastral department in the Ministry of Finance as well as Mrs. Pierette Fraisse for fixing the meeting room.

Disc: K. Rürup suggests to prepare a sheet with definitions of terms like qualification, licensing e.a. and to submit it to the participants at the beginning of the seminar to be sure that all participants discuss about the same terms.

The involvement of GE and FIG is discussed. It is agreed to keep the seminar as an European matter organised by CLGE.

O. Schuster will be asked to clarify the intention of the the GE seminar held in November 2004 together with CEC.

7. Definition of Surveyor

FIG has agreed a new definition for the term "surveyor" at the Working Week in Athens in May 2004. H. Elmstroem proposes to put it on the agenda for the next General Assembly, send the FIG paper out with the agenda and adopt it for CLGE after discussion.

8. CEPLIS / GATS 2000 / GE / ESF

As O. Schuster is not present in this Executive Board meeting the report about GE and GATS as well as the CEPLIS report will be postponed to the General Assembly.

9. Allan Report

Already done under item 5.

10. Future events

- FIG Regional Meeting in Djakarta/Indonesia in October 2004
- InterGeo Stuttgart, October 2004. On Wednesday there is a special day focusing on EU topics and co-organized by DDGI and EUROGI. It is the "1st EU GI-Day".
- 19 Oct 2004, 10th anniversary of DDGI
- 8-9 Oct 2004, EUROGI Extra Member Day in Rome/Italy
- 17 Nov 2004, Budapest/Hungary, G. Schennach is invited to present a paper about CLGE/professional qualifications. R. Sonney will attend on behalf of KOGIS.
- next Executive Board Meeting on 28-29 Jan 2005, Switzerland. Details to be organised by H. Elmstroem

11. Any other business

Session is closed by warm thanks again to the local organizer J.Hardos.

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General of CLGE

Enclosures:

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