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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE

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MINUTES

Venue BEV, Bürgerstrasse 34, A-6010 Innsbruck, AUSTRIA

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

Guest Jean-Yves **Pirlot** (BEL)

Apologies Otmar **Schuster** (GE)

1. Opening

President K. Rürup opens the session with thanks to Secretary-General G. Schennach for organizing the meeting in Innsbruck as substitute venue for Switzerland within a short term.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda for this meeting are adopted as circulated unanimously.

M. Wijngaarde has some question on item 6 of the Minutes of the Executive Board meeting in Bratislava/SK, it is decided to discuss issues about the seminar later on in this meeting. Minutes are adopted as circulated unanimously.

3. Reports

Vice-President M. Wijngaarde reports about meetings on international level since the last Executive Board. He met with Mr. Adigun Ade ABIODUÄN, chairman of the UN committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Outer Space.

He considers a flyer to be necessary for the work outside CLGE. G. Schennach will contact R. Dhur again to get a draft for further handling in the Executive Board. This should have been submitted in summer 2004 already.

M. Wijngaarde, K. Rürup and R. Sonney need new businesscards with some changes in the content. G. Schennach will contact the printer's.

M. Wijngaarde shows a neck tie with the CLGE logo on it, which he has organised from Thailand. The price for one tie will be €5,- incl. shipping. Generally the product is agreed, it is suggested to use for the logo a little more dark yellow yarn to come nearer to gold. The background of the embroidery should be a little bit darker and more matching to the same blue as the silk fabrics of the tie. It is decided to order 150 ties.

Vice-President H. Elmstroem reports about an outstanding event in Brussels arranged by O. Schuster on 23 November 2004. The event has been attended by around 60 representatives from CH, GER, FRA, UK, DK, IT, AUS, EST and the CEC and EP. Mrs Froehlinger did not attend the

meeting, Mrs. Silvia Scatizzi from the DG Internal Market was there as a substitute. The most important issue of the event was the signing of the Accord Multilateral by surveyors representing GE countries. As a follow-up to the signing O. Schuster is trying to get all GE members to present the Accord to their national governments for signing the Accord as well. Due to the ongoing debate in the EU about the liberal professions some of the concerned countries have got a letter by the German government expressing concerns about the paper. The general idea on the recommended high qualification was agreed.

Disc: V. Slaboch proposes a presentation about the Accord by a speaker from GE in the CLGE seminar 2005. G. Schennach claims about some aspects in the Accord and that they are not reflecting the reality. For instance maintenance of cadastre is not an object to the private sector in Austria as this is to be understood from the wording in the Accord. Especially if the Accord is presented to external partners who are not involved into the development of the paper, they might get a wrong impression of the present situation of the profession. Another issue was important, that CLGE has fortunately not signed this paper, as some of the members from the public sector have concerns about it and will not agree to a CLGE policy following the entire contents of the Accord. CLGE is a representative of the public and private surveyors as well.

H. Elmstroem sees some difficulties in the wording as well, the Accord has to be considered as a first step and the agreement on high qualification for the profession is to be seen as the main result. K. Rürup reports about French objectives against the paper, as their juridical education is in a different stage as in Germany. Therefore the proposal is not valid for the two countries as well. The effort was anyway impressing to the European Commission as GE presented itself as an association, which can get agreement by some countries.

A main point in the Directive on Services in the Internal Market discussion is the Art 45 of the EU contracts. This Art is defining the "beliehenen" professions, who are mentioned in laws and working on special topics substitutionally as public services. Prof. Henssler from the University of Cologne has written an expertise in charge of the BDVI about the profession and the position of the licensed surveyors in Germany. He considers licensed surveyors to be covered by Art. 45. That means consequently to the draft ideas of the Directive that there is no free movement for this profession. One of the outcome of the CLGE seminar could be general statements for the profession. For example S. Enemark teaches legal issues on his university in DK in English language, he should be obliged to teach in Danish language. K. Rürup reports that Mrs Froehlinger does not accept the Henssler expertise and he proposes therefore to go parallel with the Accord as a message for qualification.

G. Schennach reports about present status of the draft EU Directive INSPIRE. It is expected that the Directive will be accepted in the co-decision process until summer 2005. The Luxembourg presidency is pushing the Directive very strongly.

H. Elmstroem refers to the CEPLIS membership discussion in the Berlin General Assembly. H. Elmstroem has contacted the French ordre to discuss further co-operation between CEPLIS and CLGE. H. Elmstroem will discuss this topic in February with the President of the Ordre A. Gaudet, who is in charge of the private sector and also of the international sector of the Ordre.

Disc: R. Sonney sees a problem as France is identified with the Ordre geometres experts and they need to be represented. Jean-Cedric Landry could be a representative in the Executive Board of CLGE.

H. Elmstroem reports about a decision by the Danish government to find a way for more competition in the market following EU intentions. This caused the situation that surveyors companies would have to be opened to all other professionals. Therefore the Danish association is now going to make Continuing Professional Development CPD courses mandatory. Around 10 of the companies will die due of lack of qualifications.

K. Rürup reports about CEPLIS. O. Schuster and he took part in an reception of the European Chamber of Engineering Chambers ECEC in Brussels. It was the first anniversary and opening of an office in Brussels accompanying the General Assembly of ECEC. The approach of ECEC is to make lobbying at the European politicians rather than at administrative level. ECEC President R. Kolbe organised a big reception with Dr. Berger MEP from Austria and some other representatives in a rather expensive hotel.

ECEC is member of CEPLIS and A. Bedossa was very pleased to present the new member and the representative R. Kolbe. The last meeting of the Executive Board of CEPLIS resulted in a position paper on professional qualifications as the Directive on mutual recognition of professional qualification is still in co-decision process. It has passed the second reading in the EP but without any decision so far.

The Directive on free movement of services is not yet decided either because of major discussion about the principle of the country of origin. The CEC and Mrs Froehlinger prefer this option, the professional groups and others prefer the host country principle.

The third burning issue in CEPLIS is the infringement process against Germany about access of less qualified people to cadastral activities in North-Rhine-Westphalia and Rheinland-Pfalz. Mrs Froehlinger will meet a delegation of these two state governments at the end of January.

CEPLIS fees will be increased by 3% this year. The budget shows €139 000 income from fees, €120 000 expenditure for salaries for the office staff.

K. Rürup has received an invitation by the Surveyor General of Poland Jerzy Albin to attend an anniversary which takes place at the same date as the General Assembly in Kiruna. G. Schennach will check the registration list of Kiruna and we shall see if one of the delegates who is not going to Kiruna could attend the reception in Poland to represent CLGE.

G. Schennach reports about a presentation on behalf of CLGE about European situation and impacts to the profession at the HUNAGI international seminar in Budapest on 17 November 2004. An other presentation was given on 30 January 2005 in Wels/Austria in a professional interest group meeting promoting the high qualification for surveyors and addressing permanent problems with mutual recognition and qualification. R. Sonney congratulates G. Schennach for the excellent presentation in Budapest.

R. Sonney reports that he is now member of the board of EUROGI. The 2nd EU day will be held on 31 May 2005 in Estoril/Portugal and will focus on the market in GI. R. Sonney will present the CLGE / GE market report of Europe. The EU day is organised in the frame of the AGILE and GISplanet conferences and attracts therefore 100 attendants. R. Sonney will propose G. Schennach to B. Marchesini to present a paper. EUROGI faces for the first time exits of members due to funding problems for the rather high fees for several national GI associations and only few visible benefits. NOR and DK and probably CAGI will leave this year. It is the first gap in the membership of EUROGI.

V. Slaboch reports about a seminar for FR, SLO, CRO, CZ, LIT and some other countries on PPP securing private property in cadastre. There were also attendants from the CELK in Budapest (an institution financed by the WorldBank) and from WPLA. Geometres experts collect experience on occasion of a new law in France that the private sector can provide secure ownership in cadastre. France is funding participation of Eastern countries in seminars.

4. Financial issues

R. Sonney reports about income in 2004. Membership fees except for NOR have been paid. H. Elmstroem will take care of this. The benefit for 2004 makes €12952,--. It needs to be considered that printing costs for the flyer have been budgeted but have not been consumed. It is agreed to post them to PR rather than to the secretariat. The reserve is invested in a CS Money Market Fund which

results €529,--. This benefit is not reinvested to the fund but transferred to the bank accounts. The total savings are €63 404,63. R. Sonney will adapt the papers according to the discussions and send new versions to G. Schennach for delivery with the agenda for the General Assembly in Kiruna. Only the accounts sheet and the template will be circulated.

All papers concerning the accounts will be handed to R. Dhur by R. Sonney for auditing in time.

For 2005 the contribution to CEPLIS has been paid already. O. Schuster has informed in an email that he has already paid the entire ESF fee. CLGE will pay €800,-- for ESF and 40% for CEPLIS according to the new rules.

The invoices for membership fees 2005 will be sent to CLGE members in February.

5. CLGE Working Plan 2003-2005

The CLGE flyer, the update of the Allan Report, the discussion of the Property Report and renewing the Profile Report are old burden and still to be processed. The flyer and the update of Allan Report are indispensable. The draft outline for the seminar has been done.

R. Sonney is in charge of the Allan Report and is waiting for the questionnaire or template for the website to be filled in by delegates which has been promised by the webmaster. There were two proposals by V. Teetzmann, who has promised in Berlin to recompile the report forms by Riecken and a second by M. Talich. V. Slaboch points out that the graphical part of the Allan Report cannot be used in the existing form for digital updating. V. Slaboch will ask M. Talich if he can arrange a digital form. The final date for the update to be proposed to the General Assembly will be autumn 2006.

G. Schennach will contact R. Dhur and ask him if he is willing to finish the final draft until mid of March 2005 and at least to send the digital draft to G. Schennach.

6. CLGE Seminar 2005

V. Slaboch reports about the initial dates are no longer available for the Belgium cadastre and therefore he has contacted the military service. J-Y. Pirlot reports about two possibilities which are available: The Royal Military Academy near Schumann, Rue de Renaissance 30 would be an ideal venue, the second option is at the University. Another possibility is in Evre, a suburb of Brussels not far from the airport, behind the NATO headquarter. He proposes to change the date from Thursday morning 24 Nov – Friday 25 Nov towards the middle of the week. 1-2 Dec 2005 is agreed by most of the Executive Board members. J-Y. Pirlot will check with Mr. Busca, if there is any collision with the EU schedule for this date.

The topic of the seminar will be "European professional qualifications in surveying, "Qualification professionnelle des geometres diplomés en Europe" "Berufsqualifikation im Vermessungswesen in Europa". CLGE with the Dept. of Geodesy of the Royal Military Academy and the Union of the Belgium surveyors and GE will stand as organizers. Princesse Claire, herself a surveyor, will be invited to speak a welcome address. GE, CEPLIS, FIG, EuroGeographics, WPLA, CELK, PCC will be invited.

The main topics of the seminar will be mutual recognition of professional qualification and recognition of the profession in Europe.

K. Rürup pushes to decide about the speakers and the goal of the seminar to go further.

V. Slaboch has some proposals for speakers: some representatives from the CEC, Mr. Busca a former Commissioner for Research and Development, a CZ servant who is in charge of education in the CEC, additional speakers who have been proposed by G. Schennach in the last Executive Board. Specialists have to be discussed with S. Enemark. J-J. Derwael is member of a EU project dealing with education for surveyors in Europe.

K. Rürup proposes that V. Slaboch should send out the draft programme including names of speakers by mid of March after having it circulated before in the Executive Board for agreement. G. Schennach suggests to draw a rough draft of the programme now and to fix topics and proceedings, R. Sonney wants to fix the budget now as well. G. Schennach hands over a draft programme for the first outline which can be filled by V. Slaboch (see enclosure).

The budget for the seminar is estimated by €14 000,--. €2 000,- will be necessary for printing the publication after the seminar, the early warning for the seminar by a mail letter will take around € 100,-- and printing costs for a flyer will cover additional €600,--. It is agreed to fix the participation fee for the seminar with € 50,--. Offers for coffee break, badges, publication after the seminar, secretariat for copies e.a. will be organised and checked for occurring costs soon by V. Slaboch and J-Y. Pirlot. A text for a statement before the seminar concerning the results to be achieved and for the early warning invitation will be drafted by V. Slaboch after this meeting.

Disc: V. Slaboch asks about Directives that need to be addressed in the seminar. It is agreed that the Directive on mutual recognition as well as for free movements of services, the Bologna agreement should be matter of papers and discussions. If there is any Directive on university education it should be included as well. The code of contact will be discussed in the CEC in short time.

7. EU, GE and CEPLIS

none

8. European Network for GI

G. Schennach gives a report about EGIN proceedings related to INSPIRE. She gives a short overview about the letter to the CEC produced by EGIN to comment INSPIRE. EGIN will keep active in this topic and there will be a meeting probably in March. G. Schennach has offered to host the meeting on behalf of CLGE in Innsbruck again.

A list of members can be obtained from www.eurogi.org. H. Elmstroem will send his list of European Associations to the Executive Board members for updating.

9. General Assembly

The Swedish hosts have organized the General Assembly. As it seems hotel rates will be too high. The normal hotel is 800 SKr, ice hotel 2600 SKr for one room (two persons) which is around € 175,--.

The Agenda will include financial items as usual, the seminar, no elections up to now. M. Wijngaarde will contact the Cyprus delegate and inform him about funding for participation fee for one person and one night in the hotel. The national presentations will be interesting and cause discussions due to burning topics. One or two countries will be asked to present for the item "National reports". G. Schennach will contact Malta and Ireland to present their situation. Iceland could be a good opportunity to be invited as well. H. Elmstroem will contact the deputy chairperson of the Iceland cadastre.

10. Future events

- 17 Feb 2005, CEPLIS, Executive Board meeting. K. Rürup will attend.
- INTERGEO East in Zagreb/Croatia for all new EU member countries and Eastern European countries. Spring 2005.
- 16-20 April 2005, FIG Working Week Cairo. K. Rürup, Mark Wijngaarde, V. Slaboch and H. Elmstroem will attend for sure.
- 9-10 May 2005, Budapest, WorldBank seminar for Central and Eastern European countries. G.

Schennach is invited again to present a paper.

- 9-14 May 2005, University of Nowosibirsk, K. Rürup is invited to give a presentation about the profession and the private practice and about professional associations. Only flight needs to be paid. It is decided that CLGE will cover 50% which is 230,-- € of the total fare 460,-- €
- 18-20 May 2005, Bad Ragaz BDVI Assembly within the 3 Country Meeting (private sector of AUS, CH, GER)
- May 2005, meeting of German politicians on Directive on services in Berlin
- 1 June 2005, 2nd EU Day in Estoril/Portugal. R. Sonney will inform G. Schennach about presentation. Travel costs will be covered by CLGE.
- July 2005, La Coruna, Spain Cartographic Congress, no CLGE participation
- July 2005, Map Asia in Djakarta/Indonesia
- 15-16 July 2005, Copenhagen, CLGE Executive Board, venue DDL office. Accommodation in the Falkoner Hotel. H. Elmstroem will inform about registration conditions via DDL. Around € 125,-- rate/room.
- 22-24 Sept 2005, Autumn General Assembly in Porto/Portugal. J. Ferraz will be contacted to deliver further information in the General Assembly.
- 25-29 Sept 2005, FIG Regional Meeting in Havanna/Cuba.

11. Any other business

J-J. Derwael has been appointed new President of the Belgium Union of Land Surveyor. He will not be delegate in CLGE any longer. There will be a new delegate from a new umbrella organization with the working name Committee Liaison Geometres Belges.

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General of CLGE

*Enclosures: Accounts 2004
 Draft Programme Seminar*

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