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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE
Copenhagen/Denmark, 26 November 2005 9.30-13.00

MINUTES

Venue	DDL Office , Lindevangs Allé 4, DK 2000 Frederiksberg, Denmark
Participants	President Henning Elmstroem (DK), Mark Wijngaarde (NL), Gerda Schennach (AUS), René Sonney (CH), Otmar Schuster (GE), Vaclav Slaboch (CZ)
Guest	Klaus Rürup (GER), Francesco Delfini (FRA), Volkmar Teetzmann (GER), Olaf Lilledal (DK), Jean-Yves Pirlot (BEL)
Apologies	Alain Gaudet (FRA)

1. Opening and Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

President H. Elmstroem opens the meeting.

The participants adopt the minutes of the last Executive Board Meeting in Porto/Portugal as circulated without any amendments and comments unanimously.

The agenda for this meeting is adopted as well without any amendments or comments.

2. Reports

Secretary-General G. Schennach gives reports about

- a paper which she has presented in a land registry and cadastre conference in Sarajewo/Bosnia and Hercegovina in October 2005. The meeting has been organised on occasion of the adoption of a new law for establishing a land register and cadastre for this country. Around 400 attendants were in the meeting. The paper was about the present situation of the profession in Europe and the requirements for professional associations to represent the position of the professionals towards European institutions.
- a presentation about CLGE and the burning issues for the profession in Europe at the EuroGeographics/PCC meeting in Toledo/Spain in November 2005. In this meeting several representatives of pan-European associations have been invited to talk about future co-operation to build up a strong group in Europe. It was an interesting paper to promote the activities of CLGE as one of the few associations dealing with private and public sector. A long discussion followed the paper as this was the first time in this group to enhance activities on professional issues besides the technical topics of the profession. Lithuania was very interested to probably join CLGE and they invited G. Schennach to present a paper in an international workshop on professions in Europe in Vilnius/Lithuania in spring 2006.

V. Slaboch gives an overview about

- the 1st international Trade Fair of Geodesy and Cartography GEOS to be held in Prague on 16-18 March 2006. He proposes that the CLGE leaflet is offered to the audients there. More information about the event can be obtained from www.igeos.cz

F. Delfini reports about

- the participation of A. Gaudet on behalf of CLGE in the Italian Congress in Palermo/Italy in October 2005. At the moment he attends the the francophone Congress in Marrakech/Morocco representing CLGE as well.

O. Schuster gives an overview about recent visits. He

- attended the ECEC meeting in Warsaw/Poland last week providing best greetings from CLGE.
- took part in a session at the Intergeo/Köln, where P. Larrakker from NL presented a paper about present geoinformation strategy in the NL.
- has been invited to a think tank held in the MIT/Boston to discuss about the future of international co-operation. The discussions showed very clearly the differences between USA and Europe about the profession. G. Schennach intended to go there as well, but due to several reasons it was not possible to join.

M. Wijngaarde

- attended the national geodetic week in the NL just this week. He gave some information about the CLGE conference in Brussels. He proposes to everyone to promote CLGE in events e.a. whenever there is an opportunity.

K. Rürup reports that

- he has got an invitation to the university of Nowosibirsk for next year again. He has not yet decided to go there.
- he has some ideas for the FIG Commission 1 sessions during the next FIG congress in Munich to present activities of international associations. Such a session will be posted with "invited" speakers about associations.

H. Elmstroem has attended a meeting in China on behalf of FIG Commission 9 (Valuation).

3. Financial issues

Treasurer R. Sonney reports that he has received the membership fee from NOR for the last two years. UK and BUL are still missing.

An other issue is the regulation of the signatures for the CLGE bank accounts. The former Treasurer Jean-Luc Horisberger is still listed on the signature list of the bank accounts. Due to the new situation after the elections this needs to be changed. R. Sonney is in charge to contact the bank and to execute the necessary actions for getting to the new status.

Decision: The Executive Board decides unanimously that Jean-Luc Horisberger is no longer authorized to sign for CLGE. The only persons who are entitled to do this on behalf of CLGE are Mr. Henning Elmstroem, President of CLGE and Mr. Rene Sonney, Treasurer of CLGE. The proper name of the accounts holder is now CLGE - Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens instead of the old name CLGEE Comité de Liaison des Géomètres-Experts Européens.

4. Promoting CLGE in the public / Publications

H. Elmstroem proposes to take some activities to promote CLGE in the public. He has some rough ideas, which should be discussed in the next Executive Board meeting in Innsbruck.

- to publish a quarterly CLGE newsletter and circulate this newsletter by email.
- to produce a CLGE gift for speakers, moderators, honorary persons e.a.
- CLGE members will be advised to print the CLGE leaflets with the national part on it on blue paper and to send one original in digital form to G. Schennach for the archive.

5. CLGE Conference 2005

J-Y. Pirlot reports about the conference programme and the current status of preparations. The venue seems to be very good for the conference. There are facilities for break-out sessions, coffee-breaks. Up to now 185 participants have registered, the final number of participants will come up to 200. Among the registrations there are 60 international participants and 125 persons from Belgium. MEPs have been invited, some of them have sent apologies saying that they are interested in the

topic and the conference but due to occupation by other dates they did not yet confirm their participation.

100 participants will be invited for the dinner.

Interpreters will be available as well. One for translation into French and one for translation into Italian will be provided by the Italians.

Some serious problems have occurred with the preparation of the program, some of the speakers have not been contacted and rejected to present a paper finally. The program needs to be updated to the latest stage. There is a need to contact the speakers who take part in the panel discussions to get information about their statements, which will be given at the beginning of the sessions and to coordinate the streamline in the discussion.

The venue in the military academy requires some security checks at the entrance. Only persons who have already registered and are on the list will get access to the military area. G. Schennach proposes that J.-Y. Pirlot takes care that some person of his office is available to arrange entrance for late or not registered persons.

The dinner is not announced in the public programme as it is only for invited persons (with yellow badges). It is agreed that V. Slaboch will circulate invitations to dinner not later than Monday by e-mail. Dinner will start 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. H. Elmstroem will hand over a small gift to the host (Director of Military Academy).

R. Sonney asks about the handling of the participation fee for speakers, moderators, chairpersons and Executive Board members. It is agreed that speakers or chairpersons have to pay no fees, if they ask for it. Maria Stumpfova and Milan Talich need not pay the fees, the CZ institution will cover their accommodation. Some of the VIPs have registered for accommodation in the military hotel, accommodation will be covered by CLGE on demand as well.

The dinner and common drinks will be covered by CLGE, it will not be possible to order any extra drinks. J.-Y. Pirlot will check if it is feasible for the servants to charge extra drinks if someone orders them. GE will contribute to the costs for the dinner and is willing to take over around 50 % of the costs as the occasion is used for a small hand-over ceremony between the past GE President O. Schuster and the new GE President A. Gaudet.

O. Schuster has prepared presents, among them books in English language, for the speakers and chairpersons. Letters of appreciation with thanks to staff of the royal military academy will be sent after the event.

All presentations will be downloaded after the event from the presentation notebook and will be transformed to pdf and afterwards posted on the CLGE website. Ppt files will not be posted. V. Slaboch will ask the speakers to provide papers for proceedings and for the website.

R. Sonney reminds that the total budget for the conference has been decided by 14 000,-- €

K. Rürup asks about a publication of the final results of the conference and proposes to establish an editorial group with K. Rürup, O. Schuster and H. Elmstroem, to prepare a draft.

6. CLGE Workplan

H. Elmstroem, G. Schennach and one person from France and probably V. Teetzmann will form an editorial group for updating the existing workplan for the incoming term of office 2006-2007.

7. EU, GE and CEPLIS

After the end of office of K. Rürup it is necessary to think about the CLGE representative in CEPLIS. A. Gaudet is willing to take over this part. V. Slaboch asks about an official representative of CEPLIS in the Brussels CLGE Conference. K. Rürup will clarify this in the meeting in Brussels on Monday as Mr. Koutrobas has indicated already that he will not be able to participate. The Vice-President Mr. Ferguson will be asked to attend the conference.

France has proposed to support the new Vice-President for EU relationships by a new task force. H. Elmstroem does not support the idea to create a task-force for Vice-President on EU relationships. He prefers to have a working group for European affairs and proposes V. Teetzmann, M. Wijngaarde and J-I. Pirlot, O. Schuster, A. Gaudet and probably R. Kolbe as members.

8. CLGE Seminar 2006

According to the Working Plan this seminar is planned as a one-day seminar. As it has been discussed in Porto already the subject could deal with topics how to attract students and to present best practice models from European countries. F. Delfini explains on behalf of A. Gaudet that France wants to organize some similar event on the future of the profession on the European level within the French Congress in 2008.

The proposal is that CLGE starts to discuss the future outline of the seminar already. Venues to be discussed may be Munich during FIG Congress 2006, Malta as a joint seminar with the General Assembly of CLGE in autumn 2006 or Pilsen/CZ at the university. Other places are in consideration as well. It is considered that a European university situated in central Europe would be interesting for such an event. O. Schuster proposes to speak to the dean of the Bochum university to get some input and ideas. It is agreed that the decision about the topic and the venue has to be taken in the next Executive Board meeting Innsbruck in January 2006.

9. Definition of areas and partners of interest

CLGE needs to think about Europe and procedures going on or coming up on this level and how to take part in this decision processes. Another issues is to make efforts for an extension of CLGE membership probably towards new European regions outside the EU as well.

10. General Assembly Spring 2006

The next CLGE General Assembly will take places on 7-8 April 2006 in Cork/Ireland. The Executive Board meeting will be held as usual on Thursday before the General Assembly. The time will be decided in Innsbruck according to flights. P. Prendergast will organise a Friday afternoon meeting together with Irish professionals and he will chair one of the sessions to reflect the recent transition in Ireland from lower qualification level to higher education level. The outcome could be a CLGE paper about transition of qualification systems in general. On Saturday morning national reports and normal business will be on the agenda.

11. Any other business

G. Schennach reports about the new Austrian law regulating licensed engineers (ZTG), which has recently been adopted by parliament. The graduates from the university of applied sciences (Fachhochschule) are now treated as same level as university graduates. An amendment for private surveyors has been achieved for requirements on special examinations for geodetic topics for all applicants who did not obtain these courses.

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General of CLGE

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