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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CLGE
Kiruna/Sweden, 8-9 April 2005

MINUTES

Venue **GA I Swedish Space Corporation**, Esrange Division, SE-981 28 Kiruna
GA II and GA III, Conference Centre of the Icehotel, 981 91 Jukkasjärvi

General Assembly I, Friday 8 April 2005, 14.30-17.00

1. Workshop

The workshop was held in the Swedish Space Corporation in Esrange and gave a broad impression of the education system as well as of professional items and property registry system in Sweden.

Alf Öskog gave an interesting presentation on "**Swedish Space Cooperation, activities in Kiruna and Esrange**" and the activities and the framework conditions for this European rocket lodging range. The cooperation employs around 100 people and has a turnover of around 18 Mio €/year. A lot of institutes and companies from all over Europe and even from outside are customers, web-services make world-wide co-operation for just-in-time experiments feasible. The business concept offers complete service solutions. Contact alf.oskog@ssc.se

Ulf Sandgren reported on "**Lantmäteriet and its role in society**" pointing out topics as development of the spatial data infrastructure, the Swedish system for cadastral procedures, the balance between handling official duties and to carry out commercial activities and activities overseas through Swedesurvey. Details about the wide range of activities and the organisational structures behind the national institution gave an interesting view to the situation.

Boo Lilje presented a paper about "**The survey education in Sweden**" including information about the different courses on Swedish universities in Stockholm and Lund and about an investigation about students' intentions and expectations. Special topics concerning market requirements and developments were highlighted.

Eva Ekelund gave in information about Kiruna and surrounding, the economy and about special interest topics in this region. A more detailed presentation about "**The Swedish model for Real Property formation**" informed about the Swedish registers, maintenance and challenges for the future. Several examples of land property cases gave a good impression of the system and its strengths and weaknesses.

2. Opening

CLGE President K. Rürup opens the General Assembly with thanks to the hosts and especially to S. Astermo and K. Andersson for organising the meeting. The hosts offer a book about mapping in Sweden, which has been recently published by Lantmäteriet as a welcome gift to all attendands.

K. Rürup welcomes new delegates to CLGE by handing over CLGE pins to them.

Adriano Biraghi and Bruno Razza from Italy, Boo Lilje from Sweden and Rafic Khouri from France are warmly welcomed by the audients.

3. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence

Some of the members have sent apologies and are not participating in the General Assembly. See enclosed participation list.

4. Approval of Agenda

Delegates do not propose any amendments or changes to the agenda.

<i>Decision:</i> General Assembly adopts the agenda as circulated unanimously without any amendments and comments to the draft.

5. Approval of the Minutes of GA in Bratislava, 1-2 October 2004

Minutes have been circulated prior to the General Assembly. Delegates suggest no comments or amendments.

<i>Decision:</i> General Assembly adopts the minutes unanimously as circulated by e-mail on 9 March 2005 to all Delegates and national member associations without comments and amendments.

6. Report by Executive Board

President K. Rürup gives a report about activities and participation in meetings and seminars since the last General Assembly in autumn 2004. The main topics of discussion during the last term of the year are to be found in the draft Directive on Cross-Border Services, the Directive on recognition of professional qualification and the Green Paper about PPP Public Private Partnership.

He has represented CLGE in several events:

- The CLGE flag was shown at the Intergeo in Stuttgart. This German annual congress was held from 13-16 Oct 2004
- the Executive Board meeting of CEPLIS in Brussels was attended on 22 Nov 2004
- CLGE has been represented at the Signing of the Accord multilateral in Brussels on 23 Nov 2004
- On 24 Nov 2004 O. Schuster and K. Rürup attended the reception of ECEC in Brussels organised by ECEC President R. Kolbe
- participation in the Executive Board meeting of CEPLIS on 2 Dec 2004 in Brussels
- CLGE Executive Board was held in Innsbruck/Austria on 28 - 30 Jan 2005
- A presentation was given in Essen on 12 March 2005 on occasion of an event "History in Surveying"

- On 19 March 2005 the 50th anniversary event of FIG Vice-President A. Drees was attended

Vice-President H. Elmstroem reports about negotiations with the professional organization of Iceland about membership in CLGE. There are contacts with the association in Norway, at the moment they are not active due to changes in their surveying system. L.B. Mjos announced in a meeting that Norway will probably show up for the next General Assembly again.

Vice-President M. Wijngaarde has attended a conference in North Thailand and established contacts with representatives and submitted information about CLGE. He suggests to all delegates to write reports in their national magazines to promote CLGE and the ideas and topics to be discussed.

Vice-President V. Slaboch gives a short overview about ongoing preparations for the CLGE seminar, which will be held in Brussels in December 2005. More details will be reported under item 11.

Secretary-General G. Schennach reports about a paper about "Challenges for the profession in Europe" presented at the International HUNAGI forum in Budapest on 17 Nov 2004. The paper was welcome very well and there is an invitation to present ideas to this topic in a Worldbank meeting in Budapest later this year.

7. Report by Treasurer

Treasurer R. Sonney presents the Accounts 2004 referring to the charts which have been circulated prior to the General Assembly. All membership fees for 2004 except Norway have been paid. R. Sonney thanks all delegates for keeping the deadline. As can be seen from the accounts the income is more or less as it has been budgeted. The expenses for the Executive Board activities and the Working Parties are at the moment less as proposed in the budget. Public relations expenses have not been spent as predicted in the budget as the leaflet, which has been proposed for printing in 2004 has not yet been realised. Delegates provide no questions to the figures of the accounts and to the explanations by the treasurer.

8. Election of new Auditor (initially item 9)

The Italian member association CNG has informed CLGE that G. Rando is no longer delegate to CLGE and therefore does not stay as auditor until the end of term. The proposal of the Executive Board is to elect an auditor for the remaining term of office, which is 2005, in this General Assembly and to present the auditors' report in the next General Assembly in Porto in autumn 2005. The Executive Board proposes U. Sandgren as candidate for an internal auditor.

<i>Decision:</i> General Assembly elects U. Sandgren (SWE) unanimously without abstentions as internal auditor with term of office until autumn 2005.

9. Auditors Report and Adoption of Accounts 2004 (initially item 8)

The internal auditor R. Dhur has sent an e-mail saying that he has checked the accounts and all financial papers and that everything was proved to be in right order. The newly elected internal auditor U. Sandgren has audited all the papers during the lunch time and supports the statement by R. Dhur. The Executive Board proposes to follow the recommendations of the two internal auditors and to adopt the accounts 2004.

Decision: General Assembly takes notice of the auditors' report as presented and adopts the accounts 2004 unanimously without abstentions.

10. New members and membership affairs (former item 12)

Cyprus has applied for membership in CLGE recently. The representative of the Cyprus Association of Rural and Surveying Engineers Michael Michaelidis introduces the association to the delegates. It has been founded in 1979 with the main goal to protect and promote the profession in public and private sector and to enhance co-operation with the Chamber for education and qualification. The majority of the members have studied at the Technical University in Athens or Thessaloniki. The association has at the moment 120 members, 65% from public sector and 35% from private sector. Beneath members from Cyprus there are as well members from UK, CAN, HUN and other countries. The Executive Board proposes to accept the applicant as new member (see enclosure).

Decision: General Assembly adopts the Cyprus Association of Rural and Surveying Engineers as full member from 1 January 2005 unanimously without abstentions.

President K. Rürup welcomes the new member by handing over a CLGE pin and CLGE Statutes and Internal Rules to the representative M. Michaelidis.

11. CLGE seminar 2005 (former item 10)

Vice-President V. Slaboch, who is in charge of organising the seminar, reports about the status of organisation and about the programme up to date. The CLGE seminar will be held in Brussels on 1-2 December 2005 in the Royal Military Academy. CLGE can offer accommodation in two hotels on a special CLGE rate for visitors from abroad. Registration will be available online via the CLGE website.

Disc: S. Enemark is missing a focus for the seminar and proposes to take education and qualification procedures into account for the papers. R. Kolbe proposes to talk about tenders which in general do not consider geodetic surveyors as intellectual services. The seminar is an option to propose a statement about this situation. J. Anneveld proposes to present a vision about the profession itself and to consider the market situation as well. V. Teetzmann asks about the audients to be addressed by the seminar. O. Schuster proposes to address specific issues and promote the profession as a high level profession. J-Y. Pirlot suggests to write a letter to the Princess of Belgium to invite her to take part in the opening ceremony. This would be a highlight the more as the Princess Claire is a surveyor herself.

Delegates are welcome to send additional comments to the intention of the seminar and proposals for papers or speakers not later than 1 May 2005 to Secretary-General G. Schennach.

12. GATS/ESF/GE and Platform Conference (former item 11)

GE President O. Schuster reports about the signing of the Accord Multilateral between the EU Commission representatives and representatives of the private profession. He gave some explanations about the aim of this initiative. At the moment the European economy is driving on a low gear. Germany and France have succeeded to postpone the decision about the Directive on services in the internal market. Since 1998 many governments promoted to unify the processes all over Europe and to overtake the US economy. On the other hand a lot of illegal workers have come up especially in Germany, working on a low level salary and creating imbalanced competition to the market. The GSDI market could be seen as a milestone, but the roles among professionals are not clearly distributed. The Accord Multilateral is an instrument to keep the profession on a certain level. The signing has been commented in several periodicals very positively. It was even mentioned in the Committee for Industry and Energy talking about the Directive on general services. Now it has to be considered how to proceed. As the Directive has been postponed, we have got time and room for discussion. We should stand on top of the debate about our profession to

valorize it in the different countries. The exceptions (Art. 45 EG) for the profession and the European dimension of a personality with high credibility by a local public mission should be strengthened.

Disc: E. Ouranos asks about possible influence by pan-European associations by sending letters to European institutions or by mobilising national associations to lobby for their interests in the EU institutions from national level. O. Schuster sees some difficulties from national lobbying as the EC is focussing towards a unique Europe and therefore cannot accept diversity and barriers from different associations. The Multilateral Accord says that surveyors are high level educated people all over Europe and that the acceptance of BAC + 5 will remove all barriers. J. Anneveld sees that the two options are either to work for low costs or apply for a better education. He considers the main issues to be found in risk management about property and mortgage or in infrastructure as railways, roads e.a.. For all these kind of activities well educated professionals for a broad field of knowledge are required. O. Schuster sees all activities with high responsibility as important (f.e. risk management) but differences between SME and industry needs to be considered.

R. Mahoney representing a free market economy promotes a much more open market option. If the technology makes things simpler we should ask our service professionals to react to this and to promote to the EU what we are able to provide for the market. R. Khouri refers to J. Anneveld's statement and doubts if it is useful to provide guarantees by the surveyors to the society and to governments. A comparison between the different systems and services could help to bring arguments forwards. J. Hardos comes back to the Multilateral Accord and reports that the Slovak chamber has made an amendment saying that the chamber is against the principle of origin in the case of regulated professions. The Slovak Minister of economy has accepted this position and defined in an official statement by the government that the principle is not seen to be valid for regulated professions. G. Schennach supports this position and sees umbrella organisations like CLGE as platforms for exchange of information and finding positions for the EU member states to bring these positions into the EU institutions by the member states themselves in the relevant commissions. R. Kolbe sees the necessity for both strategies, as on the one hand umbrella organisations can contact EC representatives directly and on the other hand lobbying in the member states is necessary as well to act from both sides towards results for the profession. Italy proposes to enable professional development by CLGE to keep the "old" surveyors on a high level.

M. Michaelidis sees that most of the member states face the same problems. Civil engineers have a lot of overlapping. S. Enemark comments on O. Schuster statement that we need to clarify our aims. If we argue mainly on market issues it might not support licensing. If we argue on regulated profession we need to focus more on mutual recognition.

13. Regional and National Reports

France: J.-C. Landry gives an overview about the situation of professional education in France. The Ordre des Géomètres Experts keeps close links to education institutions. OGE has now become a member of the committee for the creation of a geomatic center of excellence in France. In-service training is one of the activities. More details about education and Teria, which is a governmental GPS network in France can be obtained from enclosed slides.

Belgium: J.-Y. Pirlot reports about the situation in Belgium. The Federal Council started its work by 1 Oct 2004. At the moment there are 1034 Flamish and 852 French speaking members, but only 1000 of them are affiliated to one of the professional associations. J.-J. Derwael has been elected President of the Belgium union of surveyors. A Comité des Liaison des Geometres Beliques will be established, the official announcement will be done in one of the next General Assemblies. A lady is the new delegate to CLGE (see enclosure).

A bilingual report about the General Assembly in Bratislava has been launched in the Belgium magazine.

UK: R. Mahoney talks about the 5 major topics for the profession in the UK. Geomatics is one of 16 faculties with 160 specialisms for the 100 000 members of RICS (see slides). New technologies like LiDaR, Digital Cameras and IfSAR are on the agenda at the moment. The discussion about running cadastre worked out that chartered surveyors or someone similarly qualified will play an important role.

Switzerland: J. Kaufmann presents news about geosuisse and the working structure building on committees. Geomatics and Landmanagement are main issues. Private professionals have launched a cooperative society called c2014 which is trying to introduce Cadastre 2014 into technology (see slides).

Czech Republic: J. Fafejta reports that membership in the chamber is still not obligatory in Czech Republic. He mentions a seminar, which has been held in December 2004 in Paris with participation of 5 Eastern European countries CZ, SK, CRO, SLO, LIT.

Netherlands: W. v. Pijckeren reports about reorganisations in the Dutch agency, closing of 10 offices and reducing 400-500 people staff within the next years. A GI network is to be set up as platform for all public and private parties for education. A recently processed investigation for geoinformation and the market requirements showed that 300 persons on different educational level are the requirement of the market. He announces the geoinformatics Congress which will take place on 23-25 Nov 2005 in Amsterdam under the topic "Bringing geodetic services to the market".

Denmark: S. Enemark reports about the merger of several governmental institutions which resulted in only 2 levels of governments. A land register reform to prepare for e-government is going on. The whole system itself is reorganised. A report around private surveyors shows the situation of this part of the profession. S. Enemark has been elected as Vice-President of FIG for the term 2005-2008, therefore he has decided to step back as CLGE delegate. His successor Mr. Peterson is president of surveyors employers outside the surveyors profession, he will attend the CLGE General Assembly in autumn.

President K. Rürup thanks S. Enemark for his active contribution to CLGE and for his commitment to work and support for the seminar in Delft. Finally he delivers his best congratulations to FIG Vice-Presidency.

Italy: The Italian association was successful in the efforts that Italian surveyors submit updating cadastral data for public administration.

Ireland: M. Flynn reports that Ordnance Survey has moved to agency status recently. The new digital map has been finalised but the register still remains in paper based environment.

14. CLGE Website

Vice-President V. Slaboch reports about the website and asks again all delegates to update the national parts. Delegates are requested to send photographs to V. Slaboch from this meeting for posting them on the website as well.

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15. CLGE flyer

R. Dhur did not provide a second draft for the flyer up to now. Due to needs for the December CLGE seminar M. Wijngaarde has taken over this task and will present a final draft in the General Assembly in Porto.

16. EU affairs

Secretary-General G. Schennach reports about the co-decision process between the European Council of Environment ministers and the European Parliament for the INSPIRE Directive since autumn 2004. A number of concerns about the draft on pricing and licensing issues, data provision and personal data

protection issues have occurred during the discussions. The necessary exchange of data between several levels within governments are matters of concern in some of the member states. The Luxembourg presidency has recently drafted a new version including all the comments and statements brought in by the member states so far (see enclosure).

17. CEPLIS / ECEC

CLGE Delegate K. Rürup reports about the board meetings of CEPLIS. Mrs. Froehlinger informed that the Council is still discussing the Directive of services in the internal market. The Socialist party has taken over the chairmanship in the committee in the European Parliament. R. Kolbe is chairing the CEPLIS Working Group on "Services in the Internal Market", O. Schuster is member of this Working Group on behalf of CLGE.

ECEC President R. Kolbe explains that ECEC has 10 members www.ecec.net. He proposes a single point of contact on national level, it could be national associations not only public agencies. It is mentioned that the EC promotes that professional codes of conduct should be developed, CLGE could work on it. 12 organisations of CEPLIS will send participants to the WG (GE, Pharmaceutical group, nurses, financial auditors of Romania, e.a.) Mrs. Gebhard is in contact with the WG, it is well worth to work for it as the Directive might affect the profession.

The second topic in ECEC is the Directive on mutual recognition, on 11 April 2005 there will be a voting in the internal market committee. The intention is to get an extra engineer chapter in the Directive. This idea needs to be presented to the parliamentary members as well as the recommendation for a high level of education with at least BAC+5. Platforms could be a measure for implementation but it would be easier to add it to the Directive that application based engineers BAC+3 or scientific engineer with sometimes juridical knowledge BAC+5 would be a good solution. If this fails, there will be posted a proposal for a platform model.

18. Pan-European and International Organizations

G. Schennach reports about EGIN, the European Network for GI, which has emerged from the forum of Secretary-Generals of pan-European associations (former PEAF). A meeting for co-ordinating the activities for the INSPIRE Directive has been postponed due to delays in INSPIRE. The meeting will probably take place in early summer. Most of the pan-European associations are involved into INSPIRE at the moment. CLGE has registered as an SDIC (Spatial Data Interest Community) to the INSPIRE process to keep involved into the implementation process.

In March 2005 P. Cavero submitted a paper by FEANI to the Executive Board to ask for action. FEANI did not include the surveying profession as a profession on its own in their proposal for definition of professions. G. Schennach has sent a letter to FEANI to clarify the situation. (CLGE letter see enclosure).

19. Dates and Venues of the Following General Assemblies

Autumn meeting 2005	Porto/Portugal, 23-24 Sept 2005 G. Schennach presents a first draft of the programme on behalf of J. Ferraz, papers will be sent out before July.
Spring meeting 2006	proposal by Ireland for venue Cork at the South coast of Ireland. Cork is a friendly city and cultural capital in 2005. The hotel will be located in the city centre close to the conference centre. Social programme will offer visits to the castle and to a park and to whiskey industry. Date 7-9 April 2006 is fixed.
Autumn meeting 2006	proposal by Malta. General Assembly adopts the venue.
Spring meeting 2007	proposal by France.

20. Any Other Business

none

21. Thanks, Presentations and Closing

President K. Rürup spends once again thanks to the hosts for the excellent organization in this interesting environment giving a very good experience of this part of Europe. He closes the General Assembly with the announcement of elections for the Executive Board in Porto. Nominations for candidates are to be submitted to the Secretary-General.

end 16:30

Gerda Schennach, Secretary General

Enclosures: Participation list
 Delegates list
 *Cyprus Association
 *Report of OGE France
 *Report about Belgium
 *RICS Report
 *geosuisse Report
 *INSPIRE process
 FEANI letter

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