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General Assembly I, Friday 23 September 2005, 9.00-12.30

1. Opening

President K. Rürup opens the General Assembly with thanks to J. Ferraz for hosting CLGE and organising the meeting and the reception in the City Hall of Porto.

2. Roll Call

Secretary-General G. Schennach takes the roll call. All member states except Cyprus, Poland, Spain and United Kingdom have sent delegates. A participation list is enclosed to these minutes.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda for this General Assembly has been circulated among the delegates and national associations in due time. No comments or amendments have been submitted.

Decision: General Assembly adopts the Agenda as circulated unanimously without any amendments or comments.

4. Approval of Minutes of General Assembly in Kiruna/Sweden, 8-9 April 2005

Minutes have been circulated to all delegates and national member associations by e-mail on 24 June 2005.

Decision: General Assembly adopts the Minutes of the General Assembly in Kiruna/Sweden as circulated without any amendments or comments unanimously.

5. Report by Executive Board

President K. Rürup reports about

- his visit to Nowosibirsk/Russia in spring 2005. Nowosibirsk is a town of 3 mio of inhabitants, 18 universities. It is a rather young city, which was founded at the smallest gap of the river Ob, where the Transsibirian railway crosses the river. The town is situated close to Semibalatinsk (rocket base) and to Academgorowsk. Science dominates the economy, but you cannot find industry. The total budget of the hosting university is 3.5 million USD, 100 000 USD are granted from Moscow, 3 million created through self business from research and project work. The institutes have excellent equipment of technical devices. Students are charged an annual fee of 500 USD per year. The paper was the standard presentation about CLGE and in general about EU and about procedures in the EU and it had

a main focus on professional education and qualification, tasks for the surveyors, requirements for a strong interest group. 80 audients mainly students shortly before their examinations, PhDs and interested professors from other universities listened to the presentation, which was given in German and translated sentence by sentence. K. Rürup suggests to finding options for one year practices after the university to involve young professionals into the international scene. A delegation from the university of Novosibirsk will come to the INTERGEO next week in Düsseldorf/Germany. It might come up permanent contacts to this group of surveyors.

- about the 3 country meeting in Bad Ragaz/Switzerland. More details about this meeting of private and public surveyors coming from Austria, Germany and Switzerland and some other European countries will be reported by H. Elmstroem.
- about the CLGE Executive Board meeting in Copenhagen/DK in July 2005. FIG Director M. Villikka/FIG met with the Executive Board members on this occasion. It has been agreed to keep close links between CLGE and FIG and to proceed with co-operation on professional topics.

Vice-President H. Elmstroem reports about

- the meeting in Bad Ragaz/Switzerland earlier this year. This 3 country meeting (AT, GER, CH) has been held since 1994. FIG President H. Magel has presented a very interesting paper on issues of qualification and the liberal sector, who will have to turn to amore advisory role. The value of the profession in Europe needs to change. The discussions gave as well an impression about the topics to be addressed in the December CLGE conference.

Vice-President M. Wijngaarde attended

- a meeting on 16 June 2005 at the headquarters of the Kadaster/NL. Representatives from ISPRS, FIG e.a. have been invited as well. The Board of the Dutch GIN association is interested to cross the borders by more cooperation and to establish more interchange between the associations on different levels and in different countries by organizing joint seminars, e.a.
- a meeting with the Board of GIN. The August edition of the GIN Magazine contains a long article about the CLGE, in which the reader could find actual information about CLGE, the upcoming Porto General Assembly and the Brussels seminar.
- a meeting to discuss cross border activities in the field of geomatics in the province Gelderland and the German state Nordrhein Westfalen.

He asks all delegates to spread information within their own associations and update the national parts of the CLGE website with information about national activities. Any other update which is necessary for the common part of the CLGE website will be done by the webmaster.

Vice-President V. Slaboch has concentrated in the preparation of the CLGE conference in Brussels which will be held on 1-2 Dec 2005. He thanks for the kind support of the military academy of Belgium represented by J-Y. Pirlot. All delegates are requested to attend this conference. More information about programme and registration can be obtained from www.clge.org.

Secretary-General G. Schennach reports about

- the EGIN meeting in Italy in July 2005. Secretary-Generals of 11 pan-European associations attended this meeting. The main discussions were about how to join the interests of profession and related issues in the ongoing INSPIRE process, which is sometimes dominated by opinion leaders from external interest groups. It has been clarified that we all need to bundle our efforts to gain benefit from this Directive and to prohibit that the role of the professionals is reduced as data providers.
- a World Bank project for the implementation of a land registration system for Bosnia and Hercegowina. In Oct 2005 a seminar in Sarajevo was organised to provide information to the notaries and surveyors, who have recently been established as professions with a legal background. G.

Schennach has been invited to talk about the profession, how to deal with exchange of information and about possibilities and challenges for professional associations.

6. Budget 2006

Treasurer **R. Sonney** will contact the national associations from NOR, BUL, UK and Greece to pay their contribution which has not yet been paid. It would be much easier for him to have received all payments in time. The calculation of the fees for 2006 can be seen from the charts (circulated with agenda). Belgium has changed the number of the members. If any number does not reflect the national situation any longer, it should be announced to R. Sonney before July 2006 to adjust the membership fee for the next year.

The budget is more or less unchanged as for 2005 except figures for the Executive Board and the Working Parties. 10 000,-- € are budgeted for 2005 for the two day conference in Brussels, for 2006 it is only 5000,-- as CLGE plans to organize only a one day meeting. The budget closes balanced without profit or loss for 2006.

Decision: Budget 2006 and member contributions adopted by General Assembly unanimously without any vote against and with no abstentions as presented by the treasurer.

7. Nominations for elections and presentations by candidates

According to the CLGE Statutes the term of office of the Executive Board members and the internal auditors has ended in 2005. A call for nominations has been circulated among the members. Up to now the nominations as shown in the tablet have been made by members. No additional nominations are made at the beginning of the election procedure:

	AUT	CH	DK	FRA	LUX	NL	POR	SP	SWE
President			Elmstroem			Elmstroem		Elmstroem	Elmstroem
Vice-President for Professional Practice				Gaudet					
Vice-President for EU Relations						Wijngaarde	Wijngaarde		
Vice-President for Professional Education						Slaboch			
Secretary-General	Schennach	Schennach				Schennach		Schennach	Schennach
Treasurer		Sonney				Sonney			Sonney
Internal Auditor									Sandgren
Internal Auditor					Dhur				

S. Enemark (DK) promotes H. Elmstroem as President of CLGE and expresses his support for the activities of H. Elmstroem. S. Astermo (SWE) supports the statement made by DK and seconds Schennach, Sonney and Sandgren as candidates. Candidates are asked to present their ideas for the office they stand for.

H. Elmstroem presents his ideas for a presidency. One focus will be to get more youngsters into the profession, INSPIRE will be watched to keep the position for the profession, meetings will be improved. Members will be enhanced to use the website more frequently and to post information about national activities on it. The social part of the CLGE work will be enhanced as well.

Disc: J-Y. Pirlot suggests that CLGE should intensify the contacts to the institutions of the EU.

A. Gaudet presents his ideas for the function of a Vice-President for Professional Practice: He has started his business in 1974 in Clermont-Ferrand. He gives some more details about his person and about his professional background and the profession in general in France. He has been involved into the establishment of a GPS network in France, in which private surveyors act as shareholders. It has been for the first time that a large project has been launched by joint initiative of the private and public sector. His ideas are to promote the knowledge and quality of the professionals. He is convinced that the qualification needs to be kept on a high level.

M. Wijngaarde wants to continue with the position of a Vice-President for EU Relations and to bring CLGE more to the spotlight by being more active in the public. He gives some information on his person – 8 years in Executive Board of VNBG (Dutch Association of firms active in geodesy and geo-informatics), since 2004 Vice-President of CLGE. He has retired as an employee in a German company for photogrammetry and remote sensing by the end of November 2005 and will invest more time for CLGE in future.

V. Slaboch concentrates on the fact that EU is now 25 member states. He considers contacts to the incoming countries as Bulgaria or Romania as essential. A second goal is to organise a successful conference in Brussels, which might help to show conditions for EU qualifications to our members.

G. Schennach sees a focus in technical professional issues on EU level. Exchange of information and contacts to EU institutions are the main items to get into the network. She points out that the Secretary-General of CLGE work as a volunteer, which is not always easy compared to associations with permanent office, but considering costs it is affordable for CLGE.

R. Sonney will proceed as up to now as a treasurer. Nothing will change.

F. Peckels has nominated R. Dhur as second internal auditor and confirms that he will take over the office again. All other candidates who are present agree to take over in case of being elected.

8. Promoting CLGE in the public

M. Wijngaarde introduces the CLGE leaflet which he, supported by the Executive Board, has prepared. The leaflet is circulated among the attendants. It contains a general information about CLGE, one column is blank to give the members the possibility to fill in additional information about the national association. CLGE will get 5000 leaflets printed. G. Schennach will additionally submit a pdf-Version with a text for the blank column saying "news from your national association". Members might add information in digital form and circulate it on national level. Any comments for a forthcoming version are welcome to be submitted to M. Wijngaarde as soon as they occur.

M. Wijngaarde presents the CLGE tie, it is made of pure silk with the CLGE logo stitched on it. It is on purchase to CLGE members for only 5,--€ CLGE ladies will get a scarf made of silk and with the CLGE logo embroidery.

Disc: P. Burke asks about the printing mode for the national part of the leaflet. It is agreed that any national information should be printed on same blue coloured paper to keep a corporate design.

9. CLGE Conference 2005

V. Slaboch reports about the status of organisation for the CLGE conference in Brussels, which is scheduled for 1-2 Dec 2005 starting at lunch time on Thursday and ending on Friday at lunch time. On Thursday evening there will be a come-together party. The topic of the conference deals with European professional qualification in Surveying. Brussels has been chosen to get representatives from the CEC and EP to the conference. The Royal Academy provides the venue and logistics. Thanks to J-Y. Pirlot for establishing all necessary contacts for the organisation.

Some prominent speakers have already committed to present papers. Two points need to be pointed out: the key note speech will be given by S. Enemark and a panel discussion will be the forum for discussing burning issues of the profession. Accommodation is available for reasonable special CLGE rates. Addresses and conditions can be obtained from the CLGE website. The conference fee is 100,-- € for payment in advance free of charge for recipient, 120,--€ will be charged if paid on the spot.

Disc: V. Teetzmann refers that he never has received the draft programme before although he is announced as a speaker. He considers the invitation and the programme to be too late for delivery. The schedule for the EU participants might be too late as well. Even as speaker he has not been contacted up to now to ask for commitment to present a paper. Another issues is about more information about the Executive Board meetings and decisions. He did not receive the flyer for bringing in comments. It is stated that the draft has been presented before and call for comments ended without any input from members. Therefore the leaflet has been finalised for this General Assembly. V. Slaboch replies that all information about the CLGE conference has been available from the website since a long time. President K. Rürup reports that one person has already registered for the conference. And referring to the Executive Board information he refuses to distribute Executive Board meetings minutes to all members. H. Elmstroem agrees that members will get more outline information about the decisions taken in the Executive Board meetings.

S. Enemark asks for the scope of the seminar and about the results to be achieved by this conference. He proposes a session with all speakers to get a clear line and to develop a clear purpose and goal of the conference. O. Schuster reports that the initial intention was to have a discussion about differences in licensing on European level. In the meantime the surrounding has changed and there were new issues coming up including the discussions for the Directive. Therefore the scope has become wider up to now.

K. Rürup picks up the question to the general audience to ask about expectations from the conference. M. Ouranos sees the main issue to present ourselves to a wider society. CLGE is representing several countries. G. Schennach explains about the position of CLGE in the EU area and its role in the political decision processes. There is no formal mandate for CLGE but a need for lobbying in the EP or/and in the EC. J-Y. Pirlot reports about the Belgian view which considers Art 45 to be important. Different national MEP (members of the European Parliament) should be attracted for this conference to do some lobbying for our profession. R. Kolbe sees two different positions concerning the seminar – one as window for the profession and a second to find a common position of CLGE. He promotes to present the achievements of the Accord Multilaterale. He asks for a decision if we want to transport topics such as keeping up the level for qualification. If yes any discussion that creates doubts about a clear position should be avoided in the conference. 2-3 points for a common position should be rather worked out before the event. Otherwise we will discuss among ourselves about our different positions. V. Teetzmann proposes to present ourselves and our activities on Art 45 and how we are fighting for the level.

General Assembly II, Friday 23 September 2005, 14.00-17.00

10. EU affairs

- **EU Directive on Mutual Recognition of professions**

O. Schuster gives an overview about the present situation which is dominated by globalisation working against our profession. Differences in salaries within Europe and a starting competition between Europe and South East Asia and China are the obstacles to come over. We need to decide whether we are going towards commercial services (considered to be cheaper) or towards professional services. As an example there is a dispute in the city in Cologne where engineering services have been sourced out to the private sector. According to competition law there was a call for tenders which pushed the price down. Commercial surveying activities without any special qualification are a growing market. It must be clear that we in CLGE are talking about geodetic surveying with a lot of responsibility to be taken over.

A lot of the professionals are afraid of the open market, but as can be seen from the development in Europe, only few professionals are migrating. In countries without regulations the surveying profession has no good background. Surveying is in some countries a niche profession. High entrance qualifications are necessary.

- **EU Directive on free movement of services**

This Directive has been stopped during the co-decision process as labour unions feared competition by private firms. It has started again in autumn and is now going on faster than before. R. Kolbe reports about a number of amendments collected from MEPs and how this might help to get commitment for the Directive. It is generally considered that free movement of services is not the solution for bringing Europe to a stronger position in the global surroundings. Our profession is full of regulations due to high responsibility that is connected with property registration. This is considered by the EC to be an obstacle for the internal market. But struggling against too many regulations cannot be changed without destroying our services.

O. Schuster has attended a conference in USA about GSDI recently. It made very clear that Europe is going to lose chances as most of the software and hardware products are produced in China.

- **EU Directive INSPIRE**

G. Schennach reports about recent developments of this proposed Directive, which is in the co-decision process at the moment. CLGE has been registered as SDIC (Spatial Data Interest Community) to have access to all information and get the chance to contribute to the development of the Implementation Rules. Drafting Teams formed by experts from member states and institutions will be working on Implementation rules starting on 3 Oct 2005 in parallel to the co-decision process. The political co-decision process is going on, the EP adopted in the first reading in late June a version of the Directive proposal which is in some parts different from the adopted version of the European council of the ministers of environment. The EC is not supporting the ideas of the Council. At the moment translation into official community languages is going on. This will be finished until end of Nov 2005 and then co-decision process starts again under UK presidency and in the first term of 2006 under Austrian EU presidency.

Disc: V. Teetzmann asks about the Directive on Services and the amendments which have been circulated to the CLGE delegates earlier by G. Schennach.

11. CEPLIS / ECEC

- **ECEC**

R. Kolbe, President of ECEC, explains about the principle of origin as it is defined in the draft for the Directive of services in the internal market. At the moment the geodetic surveyors are not covered by the

scope of the Directive. Engineers are classified in an own cluster in the European Engineering Discipline Cluster (EEDC) defined by FEANI, but our profession has no separate cluster. This might cause competition with professionals with lower qualifications as soon as the Directive of services will get into force. Therefore all efforts are necessary to support the idea of Mrs. Gebhard (Rapporteur in the EP) to get away from the country of origin principle. Mrs. Gebhard is collecting every statement supporting this idea and some of the pan-European associations (FEANI, VDI ...) were very active to submit letters to the rapporteur to stand for a higher level. ECEC is on the one hand lobbying for a Directive on services, which is not based on the country of origin principle and on the other hand trying to establish a platform for engineers, who are covered by the Directive for mutual recognition of qualification. It is very important to have different associations with a common point of view to prepare lobbying activities for the profession.

Disc: O. Schuster reports that the positions of some MS governments are not yet clear. This is an obstacle to come to a common result soon. Our profession needs to keep on the principle that we are open for professionals to offer services in our countries, but only if a certain level of qualification is guaranteed.

R. Khouri proposes to draft a letter to Mrs. Gebhard pointing out that we promote professional quality.

V. Teetzmann reports about the infringement process concerning the publicly licensed surveyors in Germany (ÖbVI). The EC outlined in a letter to the German government that they are willing to stop this process because they consider the publicly licensed surveyors not to be of economic importance!!!

K. Rürup reports that he has got information by Ms. Pasermann about a Directive about fair commercial services coming up. At the moment there is a communication between the European Commission, the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions about "Professional Services – Scope for more reform". It is a follow-up to the report on Competition in Professional Services, COM (2004) 83 of 9 Feb 2004.

CEPLIS has set up a platform for MEPs to discuss issues with them.

12. Pan-European and International Organizations

S. Enemark reports on co-operation with FIG. There is an article in the GIN journal with interviews with the FIG President and the CLGE President, which shows the positions and focuses of the two associations very well. CLGE is to get the profession organized in the European area. This could be an example for several regions in the world. The adoption of the description of a geodetic surveyor as FIG uses it by CLGE was important for further development of cross-border recognition.

13. Elections of Members of Executive Board and Internal Auditors

K. Rürup takes over the chairmanship for the election procedure. He explains about the procedure and that a simple majority is necessary for the vote.

Decision taken by General Assembly for Executive Board:

Office	Candidate	Pro	Against	Abstention	Vote
President	H. Elmstroem	18	0	0	unanimously
Vice-President for Professional Practice	A. Gaudet	17	0	1	
Vice-President for EU Relations	M. Wijngaarde	17	0	1	
Vice-President for Professional Education	V. Slaboch	18	0	0	unanimously
Secretary-General	G. Schennach	18	0	0	unanimously
Treasurer	R. Sonney	17	0	1	

Decision taken by General Assembly for Internal Auditors:

Office	Candidate	Pro	Against	Abstention	Vote
Internal Auditors	R. Dhur	18	0	0	unanimously
Internal Auditors	U. Sandgren	18	0	0	unanimously

All elected officers are willing to accept the election and to take their office.

14. New applicants and associate members

The Estonian representative states that Estonia is considering to apply for membership and will probably be a member soon.

15. Any Other Business

CNG is organising the national Congress for Italy on 17-22 Oct 2005 in Palermo/Italy. The focus of the discussions and presentations will be on politics and education of surveyors. An invitation letter to the new President of CLGE is handed over by the CNG President.

16. Action List

none

17. Dates and Venues of the Following General Assemblies

P. Burke is organising the next General Assembly in Cork/Ireland and gives some information about the venue and the program. Cork is the second biggest city of Ireland with a population of about 120 000 inhabitants and more than 500 000 in the surroundings. It has a big harbour and is therefore a centre of trade. Former economy was dominated by shipbuilding and was followed by IT industries, technology, pharmaceutical industry (Pfizer) and universities. Ryanair, Easyjet, Aerlingus operate from the small airport with several flights. From Dublin it is around 2 hours by train or bus. The venue will be in the city centre. The Saturday morning session will be dedicated to talks by DIT, OS and Land Registry. The program includes a dinner and an excursion on Saturday afternoon to a Whiskey distillery. Accompanying persons will find a lot of places to discover themselves in Cork.

Spring meeting 2006	Cork/Ireland, 7-8 April 2006
Autumn meeting 2006	venue Malta, GA agreed on 15-16 Sept 2006
Spring meeting 2007	French delegation announce that venue could be organised in Lyon/France, venue to be decided in next GA

18. Hand-over, Thanks, Presentations and Closing

President K. Rürup gives his final speech and reports about 17 years of commitment to CLGE. He focusses on a memorable event, a meeting on 17 March 1989 at the Maison des Geomètres in Brussels, when CLGE delegates signed a paper affirming that the profession will be organized at the European level, that CLGE is preparing to improve the education and to ensure the legal entitle. The results since then for updating the Profile Report, updating the Allan Report and drafting new Statutes are not enough, especially if it comes up to present CLGE and the profession in the public and if lobbying is necessary are not satisfying. But on the other hand K. Rürup considers co-operation with interest groups in the Arab countries, the declaration with RICS, co-operation with GE for the market report and the accord multilaterale and the new structure for CLGE to be very successful activities during his term of office. He closes his review with thanks for cooperation and with best wishes for the future. The personal benefits

drawn from his engagement are much higher than the visible achievements for CLGE.

After the hand-over to H. Elmstroem the new president thanks K. Rürup for cooperation and gives points out activities of K. Rürup in associations, profession e.a. On behalf of CLGE he presents a gift for golf to K. Rürup.

J. Ferraz submits gifts to all participants from the lord major of his home town Penafiel/Portugal.

General Assembly III, Saturday 24 September 2005, 9.00-13.00

19. Regional and National Reports

Belgium (BUL-UBG Porto.ppt obtainable from www.clge.org)

J-Y. Pirlot gives an update about the situation in Belgium. The CLGE delegates former represented 2 Belgian associations - the Union Belge des Géomètres-Experts and the Association Nationale des Géomètres – Experts (representation of private and public surveyors). These two organisations have recently merged and Serge Ghysdael has been the professional manager for the UBG-BUL office since 1 Aug 2005. The highlight of the National Congress in Antwerp on 23 April 2005 was the handover of the Borne de Crystal 2004 to the Belgian Minister of Agriculture for her efforts in legislation. The Crystal Survey Marker 2005 was decided to be handed over to O. Schuster for his efforts for the Accord Multilateral.

Since 2003 government has been discussing a new law. Due to several problems on property delimitation and drawings it has not yet been adopted. The French speaking community promoted BAC+3 qualification, a decree was decided in summer 2005. The discussions about the education are going on. Provokes par 2 of CLGE Statutes, asks for support for Belgian land surveyors association.

Events to come: GeoExpo 27 Oct 2005 in Liege/Belgium. www.GeoExpo.be

Estonia (AES Porto ppt obtainable from www.clge.org)

Jõgi presents facts about Estonia. The country counts 1.2 Mio inhabitants, 40 students/year apply for surveying education. The national association has been founded in 1926 and has been member of FIG since 1992. Between 1940 and 1989 there were no activities. Membership is made up by 147 single members and 18 collective members. The main activities are to be found in the publication of a magazine "Geodeet", in organising conferences, in-service training for surveyors. The association awards professional qualifications. Estonia offers 4 facilities for education.

Ireland (IIS.ppt obtainable from www.clge.org)

The Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) has offered a 4 year-course for geomatics since 1999. The first students were graduated in 2003. The Irish association realised that new membership classes were necessary and therefore opened new classes in 2004. A framework for continuous professional development (CPD) is to be provided. IIS has associate members from related disciplines as geology, geography and civil engineering. The membership structure of IIS is

- student B.Sc.geomatics and then
- probationary member with 2 years experience.
- professional member M.Sc. geomatics and then a
- Fellow.

Current total membership is 499, among them 86 students, 1 trainee, 23 probationers, 64 associate, 270 professionals and 33 fellows.

Greece (Greeksurveyors.ppt obtainable from www.clge.org)

M. Ouranos reports about the situation of 5000 professional surveyors in Greece. Dipl.Ing. in surveying are

graduated after 5 years of study at the universities of Athens or Thessaloniki. The Master degree is in favour at the moment. The courses require 50 different subjects to study and projects to be presented. License for practice require additional exams. 30% of the graduated surveyors work as employees in public (government, water, electricity, municipalities, publicly owned companies), 20% in private sector, 50% as liberal professionals and partners in companies with 5-50 employees. A project for implementing a Greek cadastre has been running since some years: 6 mio ownerships covering 11 000 sqkm are already done. 30 mio ownerships and 121 000 sqkm still to be done. More details can be found on the website of Ktimatologia. The project is not only a project for cadastre, but also for geographic infrastructure. HEPOS project includes digitizing legal rights and agricultural areas maps, coastal zones mapping as well as the transformation of the special cadastre of Rhodos, Kos and Leros to the New Hellenic Cadastre and forest boundaries on orthophoto maps.

Greece expects from CLGE-GE that efforts are taken to keep the 5 years of study and that the Greek diploma is to be seen as equivalent to Master degree. The high acceptance of the surveyors in the society should be kept.

Malta (LSS Presentation.ppt obtainable from www.clge.org)

The Land Surveyor's Society (LSS) has been set up in 1969 by 17 surveyors in public service and only 3 private companies. At the moment no university or academic courses for surveyors are available in Malta (population 400 000) and there is nearly any support from the government to implement courses. Up to the late 1970 surveyors were trained in Italy by the Military service, who produced the Malta map 1:25 000. They offer courses in the Malta College leading to certificates and diplomas. Most of the surveyors are working in government, the responsibility was transferred to the Environment and Planning Authority MEPA in the early 1990s. LSS has 49 members (47 male, 2 female) and is extending membership to other related disciplines. 25 are full members, 18 associate members, 4 probationers and 2 are honorary members (one of them V. Slaboch). Three of the members got their degrees in UK. LSS is member in CASLE, FIG, EGOS and CLGE since 2004.

Architects and Civil Engineers are the only persons to sign documents related to Land and Quantity Surveying. A few surveyors are recognised by government as well since some years (among them R. Camilleri).

Immediate tasks for the future focus on talks with government at ministerial level regarding recognition and the setting up of a Chamber of Surveyors. The Second Malta University should introduce courses for surveyors leading to a degree or establishing a link with a university from another country by offering long distance learning.

Switzerland (CLGEPort6Präsentation.ppt obtainable from www.clge.org)

R. Sonney talks about licensing in Switzerland. The programme of the university of Lausanne has changed completely. The federal government asks about justification of an extra licensing for surveyors. geosuisse has taken the opportunity to discuss this topic and the role of the surveyor in the federal system in a large conference.

In Switzerland the 26 cantons run 26 different systems on cadastral regulations. All definitions and responsibilities have been collected by geosuisse. IGS, the organisation of the free practicing surveyors uses Cadastre 2014 to give information about the legal situation of land in a GIS. Efforts are taken to come to a better PPP on federal and cantonal level. A Law on Geoinformation is under consultation until Nov 2005 and will substitute a list of other legal regulations. www.e-geo.ch provides an implementation programme for an NSDI.

Czech Republic (Poster Czeapos obtainable from www.clge.org)

V. Slaboch reports about the Czech Satellite Positioning System CZEPOS which provides 29 permanent

stations for GPS. Cross-border activities with Austria and Germany are in program as well. All cadastral measurements hold on the national system since 2005. A transportation logistic system is going to be developed as well.

Portugal (no slides)

J. Ferraz reports about the situation in the hosting country Portugal. The situation with a lack of legal regulations and a lack of political will to resolve the problem has not changed. Responsibilities in Portugal are not clearly defined. The Portuguese association struggles against this situation and needs the support by CLGE. The universities produce Bc graduates.

20. Final Discussion

J. Ferraz thanks all participants for coming to Portugal. He congratulates the past President for his efforts and offers and best wishes to the new Executive Board and the new President.

H. Elmstroem closes the General Assembly with thanks to the hosts for the excellent organisation and hospitality and thanks once more on behalf of the Executive Board to K. Rürup for acting as President.

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General

Enclosures: Participation list