



*The Council of European Geodetic Surveyors*  
*Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens*

*The President*

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To the CLGE members and delegates

Dear Colleagues and friends

The next General Assembly (GA) in Cork, Ireland, is getting closer and the preparations are in the final stages.

We are trying to develop our web site as a tool for presenting actual information as well as papers and reports.

Please go there regularly – [www.clge.org](http://www.clge.org) - and get yourself updated. In addition, please update your national part as well.

The activity in CLGE since the last General Assembly included CLGE Conference in Bruxelles December 1-2 2005 as the most significant event. We have sent letters of thanks to The Royal Military Academy and to the Belgian Defence Staff for their warm support and expressed our hope for future close cooperation. The proceedings from the Conference are nearly ready and will soon be available.

Although I have previously mentioned it CLGE owe much credit to Vice-president Vaclav Slaboch and to UBG General Secretary Jean-Yves Pirlot for the effort that led to the result.

CLGE has a principle about us to be represented in national meeting amongst our members together with meetings in neighbouring associations. A few examples are:

- Vice-president Alain Gaudet represented CLGE in Palermo in October 2005 at a well attended National congress.
- We have been represented in Rabat, Morocco in November 2005, where VP Alain Gaudet gave greetings to the audience not only to the 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Moroccan National Order of Surveying Engineers National, but also to the associated Congress linked to the foundation of the Organisation of the French Speaking Countries in a new frame called Fédération des Géomètres Francophones (FGF). It's President is our CLGE VP Alain Gaudet and we will establish close relations.
- At the Estonian Surveyors 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March 2006 CLGE gave compliments to our Estonian colleges and a presentation of CLGE's organisation. Asger Sonne Kristensen from Denmark gave the presentation and will report as soon as possible to the Editorial group.
- Our General Secretary Gerda Schennach has promotes the activities of CLGE in a seminar organized by Eurogeographics and PCC in Toledo, Spain and will present CLGE in Vilnius, Lithuania later this month and will also make a report to the Editorial group.

The Executive Board met in Innsbruck in January to develop the Work-plan 2005-2007. The draft version 03 is attached and can be found on the Web site. You will find amendments to a number of seminars and conferences arranged by CLGE. One of the Lessons learned in Brussels was that it requires a lot of work and that a term of 1 ½ year between CLGE seminars / conferences is a suitable frame for the future work.

We discussed the "Area of Interest" for CLGE and you will find in the Agenda for Cork a proposal related to the definition used in COE, Council of Europe (see [www.coe.int](http://www.coe.int))

To support the work with EU our Vice-president Mark Wijngaarde will be assisted by Jean-Yves Pirlot (BE) and the Executive Board will propose Jean-Yves Pirlot as a member of the Executive Board for special items of priority for the rest of the Election period 2005-2007 according to the Statutes article 3.1. In this work – CLGE task Force group - Volkmar Teetzman, Francesco Delfini will also take part. Rudolf Kolbe will assist on special tasks. This group wrote the letter to the EU Commission, Evelyne Gebhart concerning the Directive in Services.

In Cork Francesco Delfini will provide a summary of all the initiatives inside EU in order to get us all up dated on these issues.

In Innsbruck, the decision was to establish an Information Editorial Group to promote presentations and Articles in European magazines. Mark Wijngaarde and Rafic Khouri will carry the task to put the group together. The articles and reports of presentations and participations in national events and international Conferences and Congresses will be published on the CLGE web-site. The group will be put together by Mark Wijngaarde and Rafic Khouri and until now Jos Anneveld (NL) and Volkmar Teetzmann (GE) has agreed to participate.

In CEPLIS our former president Klaus Rürup has resigned from office and has been replaced by Alain Gaudet as of February 2006. CLGE has informed CEPLIS by a formal letter of introduction.

In Cork CLGE will, for the first time, try a new concept for the GA making it an event consisting of:

- 1) An ordinary General Assembly part – Agenda, Minutes, elections e.t.c.
- 2) National reports and other reports prepared in advance
- 3) A specific issue to be developed during half a day making room for discussions.

In Ireland, Prof. Paddy Prendergast will lead a session about the transition of the Irish Educational system of Surveyors.

The EXB hope that this will enhance the professional outcome and give us all more in our baggage when we go home.

Thank you, so much for now.

Looking forward to met you and your companion in Cork.

Yours sincerely

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P.S: Please mark your calendar with the General Assembly in Malta SEP 15-16 2006.

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