



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

The President

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Dear members!

2006 is coming to an end and we are entering the last part of the year in the shadow of a lot of troubled conflicts all over the world. We are not a political organisation, but a wish for more peace must be inside the frame of the wishes of the world of Geodetic Surveyors.

The working plan for CLGE 2005-2007 is the guide for the activities in the New Year and we will reflect upon the last part of this working plan period.

The General Assembly in Malta was – according to the feedback since then – very successful. President Randolph Camilleri made a wonderful frame and the papers brought to the audience made it a worthwhile journey. Mrs. Frieda Brepoels from the EU parliament contributed strongly to the outcome in her paper concerning INSPIRE.

The breakout sessions were filled with enthusiasm and good discussions and we all brought something new to our countries.

In Malta we made an agreement with EuroGeographics to have a presidential meeting between CLGE, Geometer Europas (GE) and EuroGeographics to define and strengthen our relationship. This meeting will take place on 18 January 2007 in the Surveyors House in Brussels. It is the intention to investigate possible surfaces of contact with neighbouring associations in order to enhance the outcome for our members.

The combined EU task force CTF-EU between CLGE and GE has held several meeting in order to follow the development of EU Directives, especially on Services and the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications. In addition they follow INSPIRE closely since it is to become a part of our daily life due to the acceptance by EU at the end of 2006.

We were part of the FIG Congress in Munich in October 2006 and performed a CLGE-GE reception in which Lithuania – President Vaidotas Sankalas – signed the Multilateral Accord. A short version of the Multilateral Accord is under preparation and will be introduced to all members. Lithuania will host the CLGE EXB meeting in summer 2007.

In EGoS (European Group of Surveyors) our distinguished friends Antonio Benvenuti and Randolph Camilleri have been elected respectively as President and Vice-President. Congratulations.

CLGE has introduced a sponsor program on order to assist the professional part of the CLGE activities. It is a modest one but anyhow the aim is to create substantial support for the activities that

creates payback to our members.

Vice President Mark Wijngaarde represented CLGE in the Professional Symposium in Sofia in November 2006 and gave a paper on behalf of CLGE.

In January 2007 CLGE will join our friends on Malta in a common effort to enhance the Education of Surveyors on Malta. Meetings have been set with the Government and the University.

The planning of the next General Assembly in Lyon is running and the invitation has been sent out. The CLGE Seminar is scheduled on 22 March 2007 and the General Assembly will take place on 23-24 March 2007. Please make your reservations for both events.

Lyon is a very nice place in springtime and offers a lot to see. Further details will arrive to you.

The planning process for the CLGE Conference 2008 in Strasbourg has also been initiated. It will be held on 23-25 September 2008 as a joint effort of CLGE, GE and OGE. Please take note of the date.

Important dates in 2007 are

CLGE GA 22-24 March including the Seminar in Lyon

CLGE GA 19-20 October in Luxembourg

I wish you all a happy Christmas time and a prosperous New Year



Henning Elmstroem
President CLGE