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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE
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MINUTES

Venue BEV Bundesamt für Eich- und Vermessungswesen
Bürgerstrasse 34, A-6010 Innsbruck

Participants President Henning **Elmstroem** (DK), Alain **Gaudet** (FRA), Vaclav **Slaboch** (CZ), Mark **Wijngaarde** (NL), Gerda **Schennach** (AUS), René **Sonney** (CH), Otmar **Schuster** (GE) only Saturday

Guest Jean-Yves **Pirlot** (BEL), Rafic **Khouri** (FRA), Francesco **Delfini** (FRA)

1. Opening

H. Elmstroem welcomes all participants and thanks G. Schennach for hosting the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

The Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting in Copenhagen and the Agenda for this meeting are adopted unanimously by the Executive Board members as circulated before the meeting without any amendments or comments.

3. Reports

President **H. Elmstroem** reports about

- letters which has been sent on behalf of CLGE to the Belgian minister of Defense to ask for some assistance for the organisation of the CLGE conference in Brussels free of charge for CLGE
- a letter addressed to Mrs. Evelyn Gebhardt, the rapporteur for the EU Directive on services and to other MEPs of the responsible committee in the EP. This letter will be posted on the members only part of the website.
- the President's letter which has been circulated after the elections. This letter is obtainable from the CLGE website.
- a letter to EGOS.
- a letter received from H. Polly (GE, Austria) with information about the situation and recent developments for the profession in Austria. G. Schennach reports about the new Austrian law regulating the development of a digital archive and the background for it. G. Schennach will contact H. Polly to provide an English version of the letter for circulation and publication on the website. H. Elmstroem intends to invite him to present a paper about the law in the next General Assembly in Cork.
- a meeting with a Danish MEP (liberal, member of the committee for agricultural affairs in EP), who promised to establish a stable contact between the EP and CLGE.

Secretary-General **G. Schennach** proposes to inform CEPLIS about activities of CLGE related to the co-

decision process of the Directive of services.

The new business cards for H. Elmstroem, M. Wijngaarde and A. Gaudet are handed over.

Vice-President **A. Gaudet** has

- presented CLGE in Palermo/Italy in the National Congress of the Italian association of surveyors. FIG President H. Magel, GE President O. Schuster and FAO delegates attended this congress as well.

attended a meeting in Rabat/Morocco recently. The colleagues from Morocco are very active in organizing congresses, they get strong support from their minister. A General Assembly of French speaking surveying associations was held before the meeting. 17 countries, mostly from Africa, participated. One of the results was the Declaration of Rabat, a statement on the international francophone movement with principles for proper land administration. H. Elmstroem suggests to write a short report about the events for the Geoinformatics magazine. France will circulate a report among the Executive Board members. A. Gaudet has been elected President of the newly established association which is an independent association with close co-operation to FIG. CAN, Quebec, CH, CZ, Bel, France, Tunisia, Algeria, Mauretania, Morocco, Lebanon, Madagascar, Kamerun, Democratic Republic of Kongo, Benin, Burkino Faso, Senegal are members. Its name is Fédération des Géomètres Francophones (FGF).

- CLGE should formally express the willingness for co-operation by an official letter. One of the first steps could be to link the websites.
- will attend the FIG Regional Conference in Accra/Senegal in March. CLGE will not attend.

Vice-President **V. Slaboch** reminds of a letter of the Maltese president who invited representatives of CLGE to come to Malta to discuss about the university education. It is planned to hold this meeting on 15 Feb 2006. H. Elmstroem will contact R. Camilieri to confirm the date. R. Khouri prefers to get a written report about the situation of Malta before the meeting.

During the last months CLGE has been asked for support by 3 associations – Malta, Belgium and Portugal.

4. Financial issues

Treasurer R. Sonney hands over supporting papers for his report.

One part reflects the financial framework for the CLGE seminar in Brussels. The income was around €10 000,--. 10 participants paid in cash at the conference, 30 participants paid in advance. The virtual contribution by speakers and supporting group is not considered. The final result for the conference is a minus of 600,-- € which is a very good result. The printing costs for 150 copies of the proceedings are estimated with around 2000,-- € and need to be added to the balance. The estimation for two days seminars for future budgets is around 20 000,-- € and for a one day seminar around 10 000,-- €

Apart from the financial result of the seminar, it is considered to be necessary to have an outcome of the seminar. H. Elmstroem proposes to have a statement about the profession.

The second paper shows the income 2005. The membership fees are nearly paid. Norway and Bulgaria have paid for 2005. UK has not paid yet. The sheet "Accounts 2005" will be circulated among all CLGE members before the next General Assembly in Cork. 225,-- € is the revenue from sale of CLGE ties. The expenses correspond more or less to the budget. The Executive Board was very careful about the expenses, especially with the travel expenses.

R. Sonney has drafted rules for expenditures for Executive Board meetings following the Internal Rules.

1. CLGE pays the snacks taken during the breaks of the meeting for every person participating in the session.

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2. If the duration of the session of the Executive Board is more than one day, CLGE pays the dinner for the members and officially invited guests.
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3. All other payments are to be decided by the Executive Board.
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R. Khouri asks about other payments as tickets e.a. Sentence reads that all other payments are to be decided by the Executive Board.

The handling of the contribution of CLGE to CEPLIS has to be decided. Around 10 000,-- € have been handed over to CEPLIS some years before by B. Bour. R. Sonney has agreed with CEPLIS to reduce the CEPLIS membership fee for several years by 40%. 60% are paid by GE. R. Sonney will provide a written statement about this issue. It has to be decided by GE as well how to share the remaining amount.

5. CLGE Conference 2005

The final balance has been presented under item 4. V. Slaboch shows a draft for the proceedings. He will clarify about the number of pages and afterwards G. Schennach and V. Slaboch will get offers from different printing companies. The logos on the front side of the draft need to be moved to the inside cover page to keep it clear that it is a CLGE proceeding. Only the CLGE logo should be printed on the front cover. J-Y. Pirlot will take care of the papers by Busquin, Bryune and Liesenfeldt and will submit them to V. Slaboch. The deadline for the submission of translations and of final papers e.a. is 31 January 2006. V. Slaboch will collect the texts and papers and will get it approved until mid of February 2006. J. Anneveld, G. Schennach, F. Delfini, V. Slaboch are nominated to the editorial group to prepare the proceedings. Paper about the multilateral agreement, the situation in Czech Republic and papers which have not been presented in the seminar need to be skipped from the draft. Some more amendments to the proceedings are necessary to give a clear position of CLGE to the topic.

H. Elmstroem points out that the proceedings should serve to point out a message for the people. It is agreed that a digital draft of the proceedings is to be sent out to all Executive Board members for final comments as soon as possible.

Lessons learnt from the seminar: a lot of logistics is necessary for a seminar. The time to prepare such an event is around 1½ year. J-Y. Pirlot thanks for the present by CLGE for organizing the event, he will spend the gift for Ann's accompanying trip to one of the next General Assemblies. He offers to use the Royal Academy as venue again, if this occurs not too often. In general the programme of the seminar was well balanced. A special thank is given to V. Slaboch and Maria for updating the website continuously during the preparation and registration period.

The initial organisation has to be judged as sub-optimal and to learn from it is essential to have clear commitments from speakers in due time and to have a general purpose to focus the speeches. Moderators and chairpersons need to be really co-ordinated in advance.

The rate of participation was quite successful with 105 participants. The quality of the participants is considered not to be sufficient, only few VIPs from Belgium and abroad attended the seminar. A press conference was missing. For the next seminar it is very important to start in time with an early warning for target groups. VIPs probably need to be funded if they should attend the conference. Clear rules for payment are to be established before the invitation. Some communiques have to be prepared for public relations. Report in written form will be submitted by J-Y. Pirlot to G. Schennach. Future seminars need a script for the preparation.

6. CLGE Conference 2006

The main issue which is going to be handled in the next conference is how to attract students. The idea is to collect best practice models from all over Europe to show what has been done and to find out what still needs to be done. The venue for the conference should be chosen at a European university, in a place which is easily accessible and provides rooms free of charge. H. Elmstroem suggests Berlin, Stuttgart, Brussels, Paris (close to Paris), Strassburg. Week 45 in 2006 is considered to be the right date.

We need to put in every effort to bring in students, to address the right groups of youngsters to bring them into the courses. Speakers should be partly from universities and partly from organisations handling experiences. Audients represent professors, teachers, professionals, not mainly students. Six speakers and a panel discussion are the right frame.

Disc: R. Sonney asks about the education level BAC+5. Technical schools train BAC+3 as well.

M. Wijngaarde points out that the preparation for the seminars for 2006 and 2007 are nearly to be done at the same time. This requires a lot of efforts and he doubts that this can be managed. A general discussion about the schedule for incoming seminars occurs. As 2006 is rather overloaded by FIG Congress, Seminars e.a. the Executive Board considers it to be better to hold CLGE seminars every 1½years, which means that the next seminar of CLGE would take place in spring 2007. Collission with the FIG WW in Hongkong, 12-17 May2007, needs to be avoided. Therefore it is decided to organise the next CLGE conference in week 12 or 13 / 2007. A proposal is to hold it on Thursday before the General Assembly 2007, probably in Lyon/France. Executive Board agrees to this proposal. Next dates are then autumn 2008 for the two days conference. No problems with the FIG WW Sweden, which will take place on 14-19 June 2008. Next one day conference scheduled in spring 2010. Collission with FIG Congress in Sydney needs to be checked.

The title of the seminar "How to attract students" needs to be redrafted to a more attractive one for the public announcement.

It is decided that the Working Plan needs to be revised by the General Assembly in Cork regarding longer terms in between the seminars.

H. Elmstroem will deliver a list of universities to R. Khouri for the preparation of the seminar. It is suggested that CLGE posts such a list on the website to provide information about the facilities for professional education and by this get universities involved into the CLGE work.

Executive Board will draft a list of responsibilities of EU institutions. This list will be circulated among all delegates to add their own links and knowledge about DGs responsibilities touching geodetic issues. AFIGEO has such a list for geographic information.

7. CLGE Working Plan 2006-2007

A second draft of the Working Plan has been circulated before the meeting.

- The information group is supposed to start from now. R. Khouri will be the representative from France, one native speaker from UK will be asked to join, M. Wijngaarde will contact J. Anneveld. H. Elmstroem will ask V. Teetzmann for Germany. The final composition will be decided by the Executive Board, not necessarily by the General Assembly.
- France proposes to start all reports with abstracts of about 10-15 lines. This mode facilitates the dissemination of information as people do not always like to read the entire text. Such summaries will be required for the national reports at General Assemblies from delegates before the meetings.
- Seminar terms to be revised to period 1½year. Change word seminar to conference for the two day event. The one day event is more a seminar.
- Delegates should inform the General Assembly about incoming events in their countries and if they are interested in presentations of CLGE papers.
- Working parties and reports – update of Allan report.

- EU projects EEDS (Brussels Cavero paper) and EEGECS project to be linked from the CLGE website to the original website without being revised.
- Definition of the geographical area of interest of CLGE needs to be continued.
- F. Delfini will provide a EU – list of relevant reports.

H. Elmstroem will circulate a final draft of the Working Plan within one week for comments among Executive Board members to be fixed before sending out the agenda for Cork. New Working Plan will be proposed for adoption by General Assembly in Cork.

H. Elmstroem proposes to appoint two members for special items to the Executive Board. The duration of office will be from Cork to the end of term of the Executive Board, which is autumn 2007. M. Wijngaarde will chair this task force. A. Gaudet, V. Teetzmann, J-Y. Pirlot and others to be decided will take part.

8. EU, GE and CEPLIS, EGIN

F. Delfini reports on the

- Accord Multilateral that GE proposed for the next meeting end of February in Paris to draft a more compact version of the Accord Multilateral to make it more clear and a more synergetic document. GE tries to establish a European platform between the non-governmental organisations. The 2 presidents of CLGE and GE have to be in a close contact to define a complementary position.
- EU directives – A report about the Directive on services will be given in Cork. We need to think about the position of the EC in WTO on services. EC is obviously elaborating some position for the commercial issue of our profession for the negotiations of WTO. We need to have at least one meeting with the Commissioner to clarify the positions. For this purpose we need to prepare a position paper in advance. It would be very helpful to establish some regular meeting with officers of the EC as well with MEPs. For the moment one committee (agriculture) in the EP is important for us. The head is a French person who is known to F. Delfini. Meetings in Brussels would be helpful.
- CEPLIS. No meeting has been attended since the last Executive Board meeting. O. Schuster tried to get contacts to Mr. Kotroubas, the Secretary-General of CEPLIS. CEPLIS is trying to establish a research academy for liberal professions in the UK. They will be subsidised by the EU. There are other possibilities to collect already existing activities done by the Institut für Freie Berufe in Erlangen/Germany of the University of Nürnberg. They are dealing with this topics as well. Mr. Wasilewski is head of the institute and very kind to co-operate.
- R. Khouri proposes to send a letter to CEPLIS to announce A. Gaudet as new delegate from CLGE following up the former delegate K. Rürup. H. Elmstroem and G. Schennach will draft a letter.

O. Schuster reports about the next policy meeting of ESF to which GE and CLGE are members and who is part of the WTO. Next week there is a meeting to develop a paper about the liberal profession.

He reports about contacts to MEP Mrs. M. Berger and to Mrs. E. Gebhardt. The situation is rather difficult. The EC stopped the infringement process against Germany on publicly appointed surveyors. There is a need for lobbying and promoting high qualification for the profession in the EU procedures at early stage as possible, as the EC would never decide against interest of the professions.

J.-Y. Pirlot met a lawyer specialised in the Directive of services. The amendments will be presented on 14 February to the EP. The country of origin principle is still in discussion. Professions that are permanently or partly linked to public authority activities are not touched by the Directive. Notaries are one of these professions. Surveyors should try to hold on article 45 and to get surveyors into this exemptions. Lobbying is to be done on several levels (EP, Council). J-Y. Pirlot, F. Delfini and H. Elmstroem will draft a letter to Mrs. Gebhardt to state support for the amendment to exclude notaries and to ask to add publicly appointed surveyors. G. Schennach will contact H. Polly to discuss possible contacts to the Council under

Austrian presidency.

GE – F.Delfini proposes to clarify the links and to define the co-operation more precisely in order to create synergies between the two organisations.

CEPLIS – A. Gaudet is delegate to CEPLIS and there will be closer links and active input to CEPLIS. A short report will be given in every General Assembly by A. Gaudet. The final version of the report on the EU Directive on services is handed over to the Executive Board members.

9. General Assembly Cork/Ireland

G. Schennach reports that P. Burke will prepare the invitation papers until end of January. The seminar will be probably on Saturday morning, national reports will be on the agenda for Friday afternoon. Call for proposals will be included in the email with agenda. If no applications will come in, we will address countries, who have not presented their situation directly up to now.

V. Slaboch will try to produce a list of registered participants and accompanying persons for the website. Delegates who attend for first time are to be identified before meeting to prepare the welcome ceremony.

The agenda for the General Assembly in Cork shall include one item following statutes 4.4 with a proposal for honorary members without telling the names.

R. Sonney proposes to have a meeting in Norway or Bulgaria in 2007, they never organized a meeting before. H. Elmstroem considers Norway to be too expensive. Cyprus will be taken into consideration as well. A list with the venues in the past will be collected by G. Schennach.

10.Future events

- Executive Board Meeting in Cork/Ireland, Thursday 6 April 2005, 16.00-20.00
- Executive Board Meeting, Saturday 8 July, 9.00-16.00, Paris, fixed date
- Executive Board Meeting Malta, Thursday 14 September, 16.00-20.00, preliminary date to be confirmed by R. Camilleri
- V. Slaboch has got an invitation to the first international trade fair on mapping in Prague in March 2006. He hands over programmes of the GEOS event. Organizers expect H. Elmstroem and O. Schuster to attend.

11.Any other business

H. Elmstroem proposes a glass-paper weight with engraved area of interest as a gift for speakers e.a.

Diplomas for hosts, speakers are available from G. Schennach.

Invitation to St. Malo/France to the Congress of the OGN 14-16 June 2006.

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General of CLGE

*Enclosures: Papers for report of treasurer (circulated in meeting)
Working Plan version2*

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