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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CLGE
Cork/Ireland, 7-8 April 2006

MINUTES

Venue **Ambassador Hotel**, Military Hill, St. Lukes, Cork City/Ireland

General Assembly I, Friday 7 April 2006, 9.00-12.00

1. Opening

CLGE President H. Elmstroem opens the General Assembly with thanks to P. Burke for organizing the meeting.

Three newcomers are welcome by the General Assembly - Mrs. Muriel Hiernaux from Belgium, Mrs. Marija Popova from Lithuania and Mr. Antonio Benvenuti from Italy. P. Corrigan, the editor of the magazine Forum, attends the meeting as a guest and will publish a report.

Vice-President V. Slaboch does not attend this General Assembly due to serious health problems. All participants submit their best wishes to him.

2. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence

Participants as listed in the enclosed participation list.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of GA in Porto, 23-24 September 2005

Decision: General Assembly adopts the Minutes as circulated to all delegates and national member associations by e-mail on 6 February 2006 unanimously without any comments or amendments.

5. Report by Executive Board

President H. Elmstroem reports about

- two letters of the President sent out to all delegates
- the nomination of A. Gaudet in a letter to CEPLIS as official CLGE delegate in CEPLIS
- his representation of CLGE in Estonia on invitation by the organizers
- a letter to Mrs. Gebhard on issues of the profession
- his submission of thanks to the staff of the Belgian military academy for supporting the CLGE seminar in December 2005
- a letter by H. Polly to report about the situation for licensed surveyors in Austria
- a letter written by the Director General of Romania asking for application to CLGE

Secretary-General G. Schennach reports about

- her presentation about CLGE and the burning issues for the profession in Europe at the joint EuroGeographics/PCC meeting in Toledo/Spain in November 2005. Future co-operation between public and private sector to build up a strong group in Europe was the main topic of this meeting. The paper was to promote the activities of CLGE as one of the few associations dealing with private as well public sector. The Lithuanian delegate in this meeting was very interested to probably join CLGE. For this reason they invited G. Schennach to present a paper in an international workshop on professions in Europe in Vilnius/Lithuania in spring 2006. Due to health problems the attendance had to be cancelled shortly before the meeting.
- a paper in a land registry and cadastre conference in Sarajevo/Bosnia and Hercegovina in October 2005 on occasion of the adoption of a new law for establishing a land register and cadastre for this country. Around 400 attendants were in the meeting. The paper was about the present situation of the profession in Europe and the requirements for professional associations to represent the position of the professionals towards European institutions.

Vice-President M. Wijngaarde has organised articles for promoting CLGE

- he has handed over CLGE scarves to S. Vanhanen, M. Hiernaux and M. Popova
- CLGE neck ties can be bought by delegates or guests and might be distributed by national associations as well
- on behalf of the editorial group of CLGE he calls for active members to distribute information about CLGE and to publish reports. He reports that he was able to post 2 articles in national magazines, one about the CLGE seminar in Brussels in the Belgian magazine and one report about the visit of A. Gaudet to the conference of surveyors in Rabat/Morocco. Another report about the visit of A. Gaudet in the national congress in Palermo/Italy will be published soon. GIM has received an article as well, up to now the publication is not confirmed. As J. Anneveld is member of the editorial group of GIM, M. Wijngaarde will contact him to get support for publication.

R. Khouri reports on behalf of Vice-President A. Gaudet about

- the representation of CLGE in CEPLIS meetings earlier this year,
- about the attendance to the national conference in Italy
- the conference of surveyors in Rabat/Morocco last November,
- the meeting of the EuroGeographics and PCC Working Group on Cadastre in Vilnius/Lithuania in March 2006. This meeting followed up the Toledo meeting and A. Gaudet's paper was about future opportunities for co-operation with these two associations. Further contacts between the WG and CLGE have been agreed in the meeting.

6. Report by Treasurer

Treasurer R. Sonney explains about the balance sheet of the CLGE seminar in Brussels. The final accounts has not yet been handed out due to open costs for printing of the proceedings and postage. The total income is € 4200,-- from participation fees, additionally € 4000,-- from sponsoring by the Belgian institutions and €1600,-- by GE. The venue in the Belgian Military Academy was free of charge. The final result at the moment is around €500,-- loss.

The papers concerning the Accounts 2005 have been sent out with the agenda.

Changes of €10000,-- have occurred due to the good result of the Brussels seminar.

Finally R. Sonney gives a report about the financial situation at present stage: 1 July 2006 is the deadline for

paying the membership fee. He thanks to all member associations who have paid in time. Around € 20000,- have been paid, in total € 10000,- are missing. Membership fees for 2005 have been paid completely.

Disc: no questions, no comments.

7. Auditors Report and Adoption of Accounts 2005

Auditor R. Dhur has checked all papers together with the other internal auditor U. Sandgren. They have not found anything to correct or to clarify, every detail is considered to be correct. The two auditors therefore recommend to adopt the Accounts 2005.

Decision: General Assembly takes notice of the report by the auditors and adopts the annual Accounts for 2005 unanimously without any comment or amendment.

8. Working Plan 2005-2007 (year changed from "2006" to "2005")

The Executive Board has discussed the items and proposes some changes and amendments: the terms between the CLGE conferences need to be extended to 1½year. Details see from Working Plan sent out with the agenda.

Disc: R. Kolbe agrees to the Working Plan, especially to intensifying contacts to EU. He proposes to use our membership in CEPLIS more to establish contacts to the EU Commission and to decisionmakers in the EU. He asks A. Gaudet to give as much as possible input in CEPLIS discussions and activities and to report about it to the CLGE members.

J. Anneveld considers discussions about our profession and focussing on overlapping with other professions (f.e. with data acquisition by other professions) to be essential for CLGE. Surveyors often are seen as not on an equal level with other professions, therefore we need to point out more ethical aspects. This topic will be added to the Working Plan.

Decision: General Assembly adopts WP 2005-2007 as written unanimously.

9. Appointment of Executive Board Member for special items

Following the Art. 3.1 of the CLGE Statutes the H. Elmstroem proposes to elect Jean-Yves Pirlot (BEL) as an additional member of the Executive Board without portefeuille for special items of priority. His task will be to support M. Wijngaarde in his activities on EU affairs. H. Elmstroem announced that J-Y. Pirlot will be titled Vice-President.

Decision: General Assembly agrees to this proposal unanimously without any comments.

10. CLGE conference 2005

The Proceedings of the conference in Brussels are already in printing procedure. J. Fafejta shows a sample of the printed book. M. Talich hands over a CD rom with the proceedings on it to all attendants.

Copies will be sent out by mail to all participants of the seminar and to all CLGE delegates. The seminar was a success. Organizers will write an internal report about the preparation, problems and options to be used for future events. One recommendation will be to focus more to the outcome and to chose presentations more in line with the focus.

11. CLGE seminar 2007

H. Elmstroem announces that the Executive Board has decided that the topic will be how to attract students. Some European countries runs short of students for the professional education. The date has been fixed on 22 March 2007 in Lyon/France, followed up by the General Assembly of CLGE on 23-24 March 2007. The leading team for this seminar will be nominated by the end of this meeting. Persons from

European universities, representatives from countries with good student numbers and from countries who face problems to attract students will be invited to present.

Disc: V. Teetzmann suggests to sharpen our professional profile as a first step to attract more students. M. Hiernaux points out that there are few students in technical matters in general and she proposes to co-operate with other profession in the technical faculties.

U. Sandgren considers it as important to engage young people as speakers as well as audients and to offer break-out sessions. J. Anneveld would be interested in the situation in Central Europe, between old and incoming member countries. R. Khouri proposes to start with an assessment about the situation, with some special questions to get information about the situation and to establish contacts to a student association which was present in the FIG WW in Cairo. G. Schennach reports about a EU project for a EU wide investigation of students and their working places after leaving university. M. Michaelidis proposes to ask as well about why students got into the profession, what are there expectations and if they were fulfilled? S. Astermo supports this idea and proposes that students should elaborate this question by themselves to make reasons visible for promoting them to newcomers.

J. Hardos proposes that the topic must be more general, not only on students.

12. Establishment of an editorial group and EU group

Chairperson M. Wijngaarde had one meeting with F. Delfini, V. Teetzmann and J-Y.Pirlot to discuss how CLGE can promote ideas towards EU institutions. Shortly after this he met with J-Y. Pirlot in Brussels to discuss how GE and CLGE could co-operate on this topic. He proposes

- to merge the two task forces to a common task force. M. Wijngaarde, F. Delfini, V. Teetzmann, J-Y. Pirlot and R. Kolbe agreed to take part in this task force
- to create a platform as single point of contacts

The budget for this CTF-EU (Common Task Force EU) is to be shared between CLGE and GE. The Editorial Group and the CTF-EU will keep close co-operation.

Disc: J. Fafjeta considers this to be of common interest for our members and sees a need for more co-operation on movement of professionals, as open borders are necessary for a fruitful development of the profession. R. Kolbe does not see any connection between these topics. While the Directive for public procurement opens facilities for the engineers' services, surveying is considered as intellectual service and therefore not bound on cheapest offers. H. Pedersen considers the definition and aims of the profession as most important to keep the position and to avoid that tasks go to geographers and to other professions. CZ, POL, SK consider it necessary to open borders. V. Teetzmann suggests to find young members for the CTF-EU probably as associate members, who are contributing to special expert topics.

Decision: General Assembly agrees unanimously to establish this CTF-EU.

13. Adoption of Area of Interest

CLGE needs to think about its area of interest and to define the countries that might be members of CLGE. The oldest international body in Europe is the Council of Europe covering a very huge territory between the Atlantic Ocean and the Ural and Kaukasus. H. Elmstroem proposes that CLGE keeps on this definition of the area of interest. Member states - list and maps see www.coe.int

Decision: General Assembly adopts the Council of Europe definition as area of interest for the CLGE.

14. New members and membership affairs

none

15. Dates and Venues of the Incoming General Assemblies

The next General Assembly will be held on 15-16 September 2006 in St. Julian's/Malta. R. Camilleri presents a first draft of the program. Participants will stay in the Westin Dragonara Resort in St. Julian's, close to the seaside. Registration forms will be sent out in June due to early deadline for hotel registration. A social programme will be organised as well.

Spring meeting 2007	Venue decided in Lyon/France. Date for General Assembly decided on 23-24 March 2007. One day seminar on 22 March 2007.
Autumn meeting 2007	The Ordre des Géomètres Luxembourgeois proposes to organise the Autumn General Assembly in their capital Luxembourg while their capital is also the "Cultural Capital of Europe". The proposed venue is a renovated castle, now used as an international conference centrum. Venue adopted. Date to be decided upon in Malta.
Spring meeting 2008	no proposals came in for this meeting, therefore postponed to the General Assembly in Malta.

General Assembly II, Friday 7 April 2006, 14.00-17.00

16. EU affairs

F. Delfini presents about recent developments of the EU Directive on services, which will have a major impact on the profession. The co-decision process started in January 2004 and it lasted until 16 Feb 2006 until the first reading in the EP! The amendments proposed by EP will now be discussed in the next Council meeting to come to a joint position. The responsible Commissioner for Internal Market tries to get an agreement by the European Council now. If this is not feasible, a second reading in EP is still an option. The aim of the proposal is to get to free movement of services in EU and to strengthen co-operation in this field between MS. The principle of country of origin has been replaced by a new Article 16 called "Freedom to provide services". The EP proposes to include services by public agencies as well. It is now for the first time that the EC made a specific definition of the Art 45, as can be read in two of the recitals. Conditions for regulated professions are defined very precisely, only few derogations are left.

Two definitions need to be analysed for our profession:

- public interest – is now in both documents and
- definition of the profession according to the Directive of mutual recognition

Disc: Questions about impact on the profession.

V. Teetzmann reflects on Art. 45 of the Treaty on European Union. 3 Articles contain the keywords for our profession: Art 39 regulating the free movement of workers, Art 43 defining freedom of establishment and Art 45, which regulates the freedom to provide services. The Directive of mutual recognition, which has been adopted in Dec 2005, guarantees freedom of free movement of workers and establishment. The proposal for the Directive of Services concerns mainly Art 45 topics. In some cases (security, national interests, environmental protection, e.a.) national legal restrictions may define exemptions, but they are not linked to professions but to activities. V. Teetzmann proposes that member associations of CLGE check the situation under Art 45 for their own country and proceed for their profession with the arguments of the

Hennsler study. CLGE should try to define a European Surveyor under conditions of the Art 43.

Disc: Discussion about Art 45 and recommendation to hold on qualification as defined in the Accord Multilateral, which is essential for security in property to have a high qualified expert. Restrictions are not bound to the profession or to a person, if moving to another MS, but to a high qualification. J. Hardos asks about the new amendment to the proposal of the Directive which allows some professions to be excluded from this Directive. On the other hand the Directive on Mutual Recognition excludes all profession with regulated qualification. F. Delfini points out that the position of the EC considers all regulated professions to be covered by the Directive on Mutual Recognition. For non regulated professions the Directive of Services is the relevant regulation.

U. Sandgren reports that Sweden has reduced a lot of restrictions for the professions. There are still regulations, but a lot of exemptions for qualifications.

17. CEPLIS / ECEC / GE

R. Kolbe reports about activities of the CEPLIS Working Group on the internal market. They have worked on a common position on the Directive of Services. CEPLIS has contacted all member associations to nominate delegates into the WG for three times, no representative has been nominated by CLGE. This gap needs to be closed. He proposes F. Delfini to attend. The next meeting will be held in Paris on 15 May 2006.

The report switches over to the ECEC, to which he is President. R. Kolbe has met with Ms. Brumpter to discuss a platform. This idea is not supported at all, it seems there is no chance to introduce a quality level or a certain education level for the profession. The Accord Multilateral is not paving any platform as well. The option for a platform can be developed only with strong influence from national level.

Finally R. Kolbe reports about a new law in Austria regulating electronic archives for documents produced by notaries, licensed surveyors and other licensed professions. In this law it is stated, that licensed surveyors (IKV) have the same rights as notaries.

18. Pan-European and International Organizations

handled under other items already

19. National Reports

- **France** R. Khouri about a project of the Ordre launched in 2005 for a summer university education of French surveyors. O. Schuster proposes to perform this summer university multilingually, which is a financial matter.
- **EG/PCC** R. Khouri about the EG/PCC meeting in Vilnius/Lithuania on 22-23 March 2006. This expert group is chaired by B. Lipej from Slovenia to develop co-operation between mapping and cadastre agencies. It was agreed to establish close relations between private and public sector.
- **Czech Republic** M. Talich about GEOS Conference on 16-18 March 2006 in Prague. He gives an idea of the exhibitors, companies, schools and institutions involved. The program includes 64 papers and posters.
- **Switzerland** J. Kaufmann about the attempts of the Federal Council against the license for surveyors under the title of deregulations. The Swiss professional association is fully busy to fight against this. A German/French/Italian report about the market is available on www.swisstopo.ch
The education profile for licensed surveyors is going to be redefined. Some new skills besides the core surveyors tasks are to be implemented. Swiss universities are not willing to change their curricula to provide the education needed from the market. There is a need for more licensed surveyors in Switzerland, 25-30 students are not enough.

The role of GI was investigated in a political consultation, but there are still some cantonal positions

which prohibit co-ordination. e-geo.ch is a Swiss public-private partnership working on an GI-infrastructure for Switzerland, which is considered to be urgent but the progress is very small.

- **UK** Rob Mahoney about the new land and office agency, which is the outcome of a merger between Ordnance Survey and the land registry offices. OS Northern Ireland will be included as well.

20. Membership affairs

H. Elmstroem makes a proposal on behalf of the Executive Board for P. Prendergast as Honorary Member according 4.4 of the Statutes. P. Prendergast was very active as CLGE President a couple of years before. He focussed very much on the future direction of CLGE resulting in a paper and new statutes and even changed the educational system in his home country following this ideas.

Decision: General Assembly agrees unanimously to P. Prendergast as Honorary Member of CLGE.

21. Any Other Business

none

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22. Workshop on Irish education system

Development of the Educational System for Geodetic Surveyors in Ireland

P. Prendergast, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland

Ireland has an unregulated market and any person can get a license as surveyor. The need for a third force of the profession in Ireland as well as impacts from the EU and from the Bologna Process caused a strategy to develop a strong profession with high qualification. It is an initiative of the Department of Spatial Information Sciences at the Dublin Institute of Technology to offer curricula for different levels of qualification starting with BSc in Geomatics in 2003. MSc will be graduated from 2006. The Irish government supports the efforts by funding the fees for the first 4 years. The Irish Institution of Surveyors takes every effort to develop professionalism, to improve service quality and education and to increase the member numbers. These measures are considered to be essential for getting an equal position in multi-disciplined project teams and to keep the role in a changing technology environment. Incoming surveyors from new EU member countries create competition as they are more ambitious and very well trained.

Disc: K. Rürup asks about application test and learn to learn suggestion. P. Prendergast explains that second level graduates are not well qualified in many cases and that the application test helps to select students to 3rd level. O. Schuster asks if the 3 year diploma has a focus on research or on practical work in the field. The university tries to balance research and practical lessons in these courses. S. Enemark points out the importance of leadership for the surveyors and suggests an advisory board for evaluation of the curriculum. R. Mahoney asks about links to professional associations like RICS e.a. The dialogue to the Land Registry Office and Ordnance Survey need to be strengthened.

Land Registry Digital Mapping Project in Ireland

Paul Brent, Land Registry Office of Ireland

The Irish Land Registry contains 1.8 mio registrations and 450 000 changes/year. It is a register of titles, no registry of boundaries at all. Digital mapping is one of the key elements for the growing online-services provided by the public sector institutions. Especially for e-government purposes strong co-operations are developed, e.a. the GeoDirectory Address Point database is made up by the post service and the OS maps. It will be launched of www.landdirect.ie by end of April 2006. Many boundaries especially in rural

regions are not defined in maps, as they have been made visible for generations on the spot by fences, stone walls e.a. and property in these regions remains in families. A multi-purpose cadastre is considered to be important but at the moment it is not possible to develop it due to lack of cadastral mapping. Good quality mapping requires better education. Public registers are accessible to any member at any time (property, mortgage are visible). Copyrights are not valid for the public, only OS copyrights for maps. The land register pays licenses to OS. Registration costs about some hundred of Euros and makes up €15 mio/year total income from registration fees.

Details of landdirect.ie can be obtained from the enclosed slides.

Disc: K. Rürup asks about the area of parcels. The presented area is not reliable as boundaries are mostly not based on coordinates. R. Mahoney asks about seed-points and how to keep the ITM up-to-date? V. Teetzmann does not see a private sector in the presented model and proposes to move more to the private sector. At the moment there is no definition of land surveyors in Ireland. Boundaries under dispute are decided after negotiation at court by assistance of a private surveyor as expert witness. The map is never used.

23. Thanks, Presentations and Closing

R. Camileri presents the venue for the next GA in Malta on 15-16 September 2006. Papers will be fixed soon and will be circulated to all delegates. The Westin Dragonara Resort (pool, right at the seaside) will probably be the venue, excellent rates will be negotiated. The social programme will include an optional tour on Sunday and one tour to Gozo. Temperature to be expected is 25-30°C.

M. Flynn thanks for choosing Cork as venue and thanks P. Burke for doing an excellent job by organizing this meeting.

H. Elmstroem closed the General Assembly and gave thanks to the organisers for a very good meeting and special thanks to P. Burke.

Gerda Schennach, Secretary General

*Enclosures: Participation list
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