



20 February 2008

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CLGE  
Luxembourg/Luxembourg, 19-20 October 2007**

**MINUTES**

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**Venue** Centre Culturel de Recontre, L-2160 Luxembourg-Grund, 28 rue Münster

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**General Assembly I**, Friday 19 October 2007, 9.00-12.30

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**1. Opening**

CLGE President H. Elmstroem opens the General Assembly with thanks to the hosts and a special welcome to the representative of the Luxembourg Minister of Treasury and Budget. This ministry is the supervising authority of the cadastre authority in Luxembourg and thus responsible for issues touched by CLGE. Standards and high quality of services are the main goals of policy as property has a long tradition in Luxembourg and is very important for Luxembourg citizens. Cadastre is considered to support security of property, legal boundaries, official documents e.a. The President of the Luxembourg association for surveyors attends the General Assembly as well. He addresses the delegates with some words about the situation of the profession in Luxembourg.

A warm welcome by the General Assembly is given to Mrs. Michelle Camilleri (MT) and to Mr. Heikki Tuominen (FI) as new delegates in CLGE.

**2. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence**

Secretary-General takes the Roll Call. Some of the member countries are not represented this time.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

*Decision:* General Assembly adopts the Agenda as circulated prior to the General Assembly without any amendments unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes of General Assembly in Lyon/France, 23-24 March 2007**

H. Elmstroem asks for comments or amendments to the Minutes of the last General Assembly. No inputs are brought forward by delegates.

*Decision:* General Assembly adopts the Minutes as circulated to all delegates and national member associations by e-mail on 31 May 2007 unanimously without any amendments or comments as circulated.

**5. New applicants for membership**

- A. Jögi gives a short presentation about the situation of the geodetic surveyors in Estonia. (slides obtainable from [www.clge.eu](http://www.clge.eu)). The Estonian association counts at the moment 164 members in total.

H. Elmstroem proposes to accept Estonia as member.

*Decision:* General Assembly adopts Estonia as new member in CLGE unanimously by applauding.

- S. Urbanas presents about his country on behalf of the Lithuanian association, to which he is not a member due to his responsibility for legislation in the Lithuanian public agency. The private sector in Lithuania has some special conditions: Only juridical persons are licensed for executing real estate objects geodetic measurements. State (public) and private companies must obtain a license. At the moment around 400 licenses are granted. (slides obtainable from [www.clge.eu](http://www.clge.eu)).

H. Elmstroem proposes to accept Lithuania as member.

*Decision:* General Assembly adopts Lithuania as new member in CLGE unanimously by applauding.

Welcome papers, which consists of Statutes and Internal Rules of CLGE as well as a membership certificate are handed over to the representatives.

CLGE counts 26 members now.

## 6. Report by Executive Board

President H. Elmstroem refers in his report to the Status Report of Working Plan 2005-2007 and the Presidents letter dated Sept 2007, which has been circulated among all delegates and associations. He points out some major topics:

- Executive Board will have to improve the website and communication within CLGE members and officers as he considers visibility to be essential for the organisation. The website will be updated and will get a new layout.
- European issues will be dealt by the combined CLGE/GE Task Force CTF-EU
- A first step to a Master course will start in Malta from summer 2008. This has been initiated by assistance of CLGE. The goal is to implement a permanent Master course. The former CLGE President P. Prendergast took part in these activities as well.
- Strong work needs to be done for the Strasbourg conference in autumn 2008. OGE-FR is doing a lot of efforts for this conference in coordination with Jean-Yves Pirlot, representing the European surveyors.
- Executive Board members have represented CLGE in a number of regional and local meetings. As H. Elmstroem notes, there is still a need to improve communication after visiting events.
- The MoU with the Belgian association for the usage of the House of Surveyors in Brussels has been signed.
- A MoU for further co-operation between EuroGeographics and CLGE will be signed soon.
- CLGE will organise come-together events during future WWs of FIG as sign of the official link of CLGE to FIG.
- R. Kolbe (AT) and A. Gaudet (FR) have been elected into the Executive Board of CEPLIS. The Executive Board has nominated Jean-Jacques Derwael as a historical officer – he will collect all information about the history of CLGE.

R. Kolbe delivers congratulations from delegates to the Executive Board for the work of the past 2 years.

*Decision:* General Assembly adopts Report of Executive Board as presented by H. Elmstroem unanimously.

## 7. Budget 2008

Treasurer R. Sonney reports that the actual balance is at € 6000, the budget was proposed at € 10000. He explains that expenses are now at the limit to keep the balance.

It might be necessary to discuss contributions, which have not been increased for a long time. According to the model with increasing fees for starters, CZ, BUL and others will have to pay full fee from next year.

Some explanations about the figures in the sheet Budget 2008:

- The GE contribution is decreasing for two reasons. There is a refunding from CEPLIS to GE still running. The ESF fee is included as well into the figure. It has been decided to get out of ESF, the fee will stop.
- We have a lot of expenses for CTF-EU and the rent for the Brussels office. Last year the amounts were € 3000 and € 6000. The Strasbourg Conference needs € 20 000 as contribution for the CLGE participation.
- It would be interesting to achieve the planned € 10000 sponsoring level. For the moment we are at about € 6000 and that is already a real achievement.

*Disc:* R. Mahoney asks about any revenue for the investment of € 20 000 into the Strasbourg Conference. R. Sonney explains that the contribution is to be seen as sponsoring for the Conference without any revenue for CLGE, but that no economical risk is at CLGE. It has been agreed with the OGE-FR that a loss out of the conference will be covered by the OGE-FR. R. Khouri explains that the total budget for the Strasbourg Conference will be around € 1 mio.

J-Y. Pirlot refers about sponsorship for CLGE. The Belgian Mapping Agency made a proposal to create a corporate membership for agencies within CLGE and suggested around € 1000 /year as fee. H. Elmstroem announces that the Executive Board will discuss an increase of the annual fee.

*Decision:* Budget 2008 as presented by R. Sonney with member contributions as written is adopted by General Assembly unanimously.

## 8. Editorial Group

President H. Elmstroem thanks chairperson M. Wijngaarde for his activities to get in new members and for establishing contacts. M. Wijngaarde gives an overview about the Editorial Group.

- The first meeting of the Editorial Group has been held in Amsterdam in October 2007, attended by R. Khouri, M. Talich, A. Gaudet, J. Anneveld and M. Wijngaarde.
- Two professional magazines from CZ reported about CLGE activities. Publications by delegates in national magazines will help to spread ideas in all countries.
- CLGE website will be re-constructed as a joint website of CLGE/GE as proposed in a meeting in Prague earlier this year (minutes on [www.clge.eu](http://www.clge.eu)). The Secretary-General will be part of the Editorial Group in future. There is a proposal by M. Talich for the new website. Costs will be shared by CLGE/GE. The content is to be produced by the Editorial Group. One title page for CLGE/GE will be accessible by [www.european-surveyors.eu](http://www.european-surveyors.eu). It is planned to have an individual password for each delegate to access the internal part of the website. M. Talich presents the draft outline of the website. An analysis of visitors shows that 38000 documents have been required from the website during 2007, by average 228 visitors/day. Priorities of the new website will be on content, up-to-dateness and a more modern design. New services will be a fulltext search facility, RSS channels for news and events, automatic distribution of news and discussion forums for the public and for members.

*Disc:* J. Hardos asks about the date, when the website will be operational. M. Wijngaarde explains that this will be until the next General Assembly in Prague.

R. Mahoney considers it to be essential that the website is updated continuously to keep the up-to-dateness, otherwise it loses its value.

## 9. CTF-EU

J-Y. Pirlot reports about

- The House of the European Surveyors in Brussels. Several European associations are interested to use the facilities: EUROGI is considering to join for a couple of years, EuroGeographics held a meeting for producing a report. Refurbishing is ongoing since summer 2008, in the meantime meetings will be held in the Club Prince Albert.
- EU Directive on free movement of services. The CLGE responses to the Code of Conduct questionnaire will be posted on the website. Any national answers are welcome be sent to J-Y. Pirlot for producing a common CLGE statement.
- The signature of the MoU with EuroGeographics is ongoing. It contains a general text for closer co-operation. The plan is that CLGE/GE/EuroGeographics will recommend actions to their member associations after annual meetings of the Presidents. EGOS (Vice-President R. Camilleri) will join the House of Surveyors as well. A MoU with UBG-BE has already been signed.
- Sponsoring in CLGE, which has already been touched. NMCAs should be encouraged to be some kind of associated members. Members are invited to give any assistance as it is visible that writing a letter is not enough, but personal contacts are necessary to get more members on board.
- the office in Brussels. After S. Gysdael has retired in 2006, his successor was not able to take over the international department and left UBG in September 2007. J-Y. Pirlot's wife Ann Pirlot has been appointed for this job for an interim term. At the moment UBG-BE is looking for a permanent staff member.

V. Teetzmann gives an overview about the 3 main CTF-EU subjects.

1. EU-Directives and INSPIRE in relation to our profession in context with Dir 2005/36 – mutual recognition.
2. EU-Service Directive – Art 2 + 3 scope, Art 6 ff. PSC, Art 26 Quality/Art 37 "Code of conducts", Art 39 a.o. screening. Member states are obliged to establish points of single contacts.
3. Analysis of the legal frame / position of the profession in our member countries under regard of the European framework. As the support of a lawyer will be necessary, a meeting with a Brussels lawyer has already taken place.

*Disc:* No more questions by delegates.

## 10. Nominations for elections and presentations by candidates

According to CLGE Statutes the term of office of the Executive Board members and internal auditors has ended. A call for nominations for candidates has been circulated among delegates and member associations on 31 May 2007 and for a second time on 28 June 2007. Nominations as sent to Secretary-General within deadline 20 Aug 2007 are listed in the chart.

Candidates are asked to present themselves and to explain about their ideas.

*M. Camilleri* from Malta holds a Diploma in Land Surveying, BSc. (Hons) in Cost Management. She acts as a Secretary-General of RICS-Malta and is CEO of RCS Malta, a private company founded by her father R. Camilleri, with 20 employees.

*R. Mahoney* acts as Director of a private company specialising in geospatial information management, land administration and cadastre with more than 20 years experience. He has been active in RICS and FIG for a long time.

*J. Hardos* graduated in 1975 in the building construction faculty in Bratislava/Slovakia. Highways, gas lines e.a. were his first duties on job. 1985-1989 he worked in Algeria as an expert constructing soil dams, since 1993 he owns a company dealing with cadastre and constructing (16 employees).

He acts as President of the national Slovakian association and is President of the Slovak chamber of surveyors. Since 1999 he was active in CLGE and since 1998 in FIG.

H. Elmstroem asks for further nominees according to regulations for elections in Statutes.

CZ wants to nominate M. Wijngaarde as a special member of the Executive Board responsible for enlargement of CLGE and to work for the Editorial Group.

H. Elmstroem explains that this will cause a change of the Statutes and therefore proposes that M. Wijngaarde will be appointed as an expert for enlargement of CLGE.

The final chart of nominees is shown below.

Candidates as circulated, 3 Vice-Presidents for the three topics, no special appointment. 2 more Vice-Presidents for special tasks. A. Gaudet is member of the Executive Board ex lege. U. Sandgren and R. Dhur as auditors. Supplementary nomination for M. Wijngaarde as special envoy for some special enlargement missions.

Office/Proposal	AT	BE	CH	CZ	DK	FIN	FRA	GER	LUX	MT	NL	NOR	SWE	UK
President		Elmstroem 16.8.07	Elmstroem 14.8.07	Elmstroem 31.8.07	Elmstroem 31.7.07	Elmstroem 31.7.07			Elmstroem 17.8.07	Elmstroem 16.8.07	Elmstroem 14.8.07	Elmstroem 31.7.07	Elmstroem 31.7.07	Elmstroem 16.8.07
Vice-President for EU Relations				Kolbe 31.8.07				Teetzmann 31.7.07						Mahoney 9.8.07
Vice-President for Professional Education				Gaudet 31.8.07						M. Camilleri 20.08.07				(Mahoney 9.8.07)
Vice-President for Professional Practice	Kolbe 26.6.+13.8.07 BAIK+OVG	Gaudet 16.8.07		Hardos 31.8.07			Gaudet 20.8.07				Gaudet 14.8.07			(Mahoney 9.8.07)
ExBoard member for special task CTF-EU								(Teetzmann 31.7.07)						(Mahoney 9.8.07)
Secretary- General		Pirlot 16.8.07	Pirlot 14.8.07	Pirlot 31.8.07	Pirlot 31.7.07	Pirlot 31.7.07			Pirlot 17.8.07	Pirlot 31.7.07	Pirlot 14.8.07	Pirlot 31.7.07	Pirlot 31.7.07	Pirlot 16.8.07
Treasurer	(Kolbe 26.6.07) BAIK	Sonney 16.8.07	Sonney 13.8.07	Sonney 31.8.07	Sonney 31.7.07	Sonney 31.7.07			Sonney 17.8.07	Sonney 16.8.07		Sonney 31.7.07	Sonney 31.7.07	Sonney 16.8.07
Internal Auditor		Sandgren 16.8.07	Sandgren 14.8.07		Sandgren 31.7.07	Sandgren 31.7.07					Sandgren 14.8.07	Sandgren 31.7.07		Sandgren 16.8.07
Internal Auditor		Dhur 16.8.07			Dhur 16.8.07				Dhur 17.8.07					
Other ExBoard functions (not defined in nomination)		Kolbe 16.8.07 Teetzmann 16.8.07									Wijngaarde 14.8.07			

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## 11. CLGE Conference 2008

R. Khouri presents about the Strasbourg Conference which will be held on 17-19 Sept 2008. Some information is already available on the CLGE website. The Conference will be a joint congress between CLGE/GE and OGE France. 3 items are to be discussed - surveyor and technical evolution, society approach to the surveyor, the surveyor and the consumer.

The opening meeting will take place on 17 September 2008 in the morning, followed by meetings for each topic, conclusions will be presented in the afternoon to all participants. Setting up of the programme is under operation. The organizers plan to have FIG President S. Enemark for the

introduction and to invite students for presenting their issues. They will try to address a French minister to attend the morning session. Several MEPs should take part in the panel discussions. The call for papers had not yet satisfactory results, therefore delegates are kindly asked to spread information and to contact possible speakers. Especially papers for the topic "surveyor and consumer" are still missing. All abstracts will be assessed according to one of the three topics. Language will be French, German and English. 1000 participants expected. Announcement should be posted into the local magazines as well.

## 12. Future CLGE Conferences

- A follow-up seminar on the Lyon event 2007 is supposed to take place in Vilnius/Lithuania in 2009 on occasion of the anniversary of the Vilnius university. Negotiations with hosting country are going on.
- Seminar about boundaries in late April 2009, Bergen/Norway. What is a boundary? What is the legal effect of cadastral surveys? A draft programme will be presented in the next General Assembly.
- Intergeo 2009. DVW and CLGE are discussing about a students' event during the Intergeo. Bus transport, travel and fee will be funded to support participation. 300-400 students are expected to attend.
- Next CLGE Conference 2010, venue and date to be fixed later on.

## 13. CEPLIS

R. Kolbe reports about the main topics of CEPLIS, which are the Art. 37 of the EU-Service Directive. Professional organisations could be the institutions to set up a point of contact on European level. Some organisations consider this as an attempt of the EC to come back to the country-of-origin principle. After 2009 the EC will set up these points of contact if organisations will not do this. CEPLIS cannot set up a Code of Conduct, as there are too many different professions. CEPLIS will draft recommendations of common values, what should be included in these Code of Conducts. 8 common principles are seen to be essential, see paper sent out with agenda.

R. Khouri notes that protection of consumers is the background for most of the activities of the EC. A European Parliament report on obligations for cross-border services has been produced. The Parliament asks for a code of conduct produced by the Commission and a juridical instrument on EC level to follow up the respect of this code.

*Disc:* K. Rürup gives a short comment on the Code of Conduct and basic values of the mono-professional groups. FIG has produced and adopted an excellent Code of Conduct in 1998.

## 14. GE

President H. Elmstroem reports about the decision of GE in Vilnius to recognize CLGE as main interlocutor to European authorities and to have a specific organization to represent the European publicly appointed surveyors, which is the core mission of Geometer Europas and therefore to set up a common working group to prepare the integration of the organizations and to propose the future structure, under the guidance of the two presidents. To react to this decision it will be necessary to change Statutes. A proposal will be presented in one of the next General Assemblies. It will be a challenge to find an economical model for closer co-operation.

## 15. Co-operation with European umbrella organisations

S. Urbanas, representing EuroGeographics in this meeting, presents the first results of the questionnaire about the professional qualification and licensing in Europe "European requirements toward to cadastral surveyors activities" by CLGE, GE, EuroGeographics. The final report will be fixed until December 2007.

23 countries responded to the questionnaire. In some cases questions have been interpreted

incorrectly and made adaptation necessary. The analysis of some answers does not lead to a conclusion. National titles of cadastral surveyors for each country are sometimes not comparable. The situation in Europe shows that public institutions take the major role for quality and licensing. Among major trends are liberalisation and globalisation, PPP and sharing best practice, IT-development, requirements for compulsory insurance, a common European framework for recognition of cadastral surveying qualification. Educational requirements have been investigated as well.

*Disc:* V. Teetzmann criticises that the questionnaire gives an average sight of the present situation but future targets and a definition for evaluating this dynamic process are missing. R. Khouri thanks for co-operation and considers the results as a picture for the time being.

## 16. Elections

President H. Elmstroem repeats that 6 persons need to be elected for 6 functions. He recommends to appoint additionally an extra member of the Executive Board for special tasks. The President of GE is member of Executive Board ex lege. The proposal by J. Fafejta (CZ) will be taken by the Executive Board to decide upon a special function for M. Wijngaarde.

*Decision:* General Assembly elects unanimously  
H. Elmstroem as President of CLGE  
J-Y. Pirlot as Secretary-General of CLGE  
R. Sonney as Treasurer of CLGE  
J. Hardos, M. Camilleri and R. Kolbe, as ordinary Vice-Presidents  
R. Dhur and U. Sandgren as internal auditors each for the term of 2 years.  
General Assembly adopts unanimously the nomination of two additional Vice-Presidents namely  
V. Teetzmann for EU affairs and R. Mahoney for GIS relations  
and takes note that A. Gaudet as President of GE is member in the CLGE Executive Board ex lege.

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

## 17. Regional and National Reports

**Belgium:** Muriel Hiernaux reports about a Royal Decree, edited on 1 Oct 2004 to establish a Federal Council of appeal and a Federal Council of Surveyors (chairman to be appointed by the King). The mission of the Council is registration of Surveyors, enforcement of law. Surveyors are obliged to take 20 hours of education per year. A Royal Decree of 25 April 2007 regulates on compulsory insurance for registered surveyors. This current legislation does not apply to civil servants.

**UK:** R. Mahoney gives an overview on recent topics restructuring RICS (slides available on [www.clge.eu](http://www.clge.eu))

**Sweden:** U. Sandgren reports about an investigation among more than 40 000 people working for GI topics in Sweden. It has shown that in-house training is necessary for cadastral surveyors. Nordic countries co-operated for a study to benchmark their system. An English version will be available soon. The development of a Swedish SDI requires 8 different areas to be handled within stakeholders. The public agency for land mapping will merge with the land registration agency on 1 June 2008.

**Netherlands:** In his report, W. van Pijkeren emphasizes the change of wording from geodesy to geoinformation during the last years. There was a revival for subjects as photogrammetry and aerial imaging visible caused by google-like applications. The Netherlands are building up a National Geo-Information Infrastructure (NGII). A new law on information services about underground infrastructure has been drafted. Professional societies dealing with GI merged to a new association called GIN (Geo-Informatie Nederland). A big GIN congress will take place on 21-23 Nov 2007 in

Amsterdam. Besides the Dutch Association of Geodetic Companies and Platform of Geoinformation companies VNBG will merge together into Geo-business Nederland.

**Switzerland:** J. Kaufmann reports about the association geosuisse, which will join the sia (Swiss Association of Engineers and Architects with 14 000 members) as an independent but integrated professional group soon. The long expected law on geoinformation has passed parliament successfully, it is expected to be put to force by 1 July 2008. Consequences are that cadastre of public law restrictions is now joint task of federation and cantons and a register of licensed surveyors will be implemented. License conditions are master degrees of federal institutes of technology and polytechnics plus 2 years practice, a practical exam and rules for the register. Violations of conduct will be subject to fines. e-geo.ch is the responsible institution for implementing a NGDI.

## 18. Dates and Venues of the Following General Assemblies

<b>Spring meeting 2008</b>	Prague/CZ. 29 Feb – 1 March 2008 together with GEOS 2008 (Surveying across boundaries in the Europe). Accommodation will be in the hotel Leonardo. Meeting venue in the CSVTS close to the hotel. information see <a href="http://www.csvts.cz/eng/index.htm">www.csvts.cz/eng/index.htm</a> , <a href="http://www.cuzk.cz">www.cuzk.cz</a> For the afternoon of Friday, a visit to the fair for geodesy. Room rate around 100,--/ room standard, 115,-- for superior room.
<b>Autumn meeting 2008</b>	17 - 20 Sept 2008, Strasbourg/France together with the Strasbourg Conference, short meeting.
<b>Spring meeting 2009</b>	Krakow/Poland, date to be fixed. 26-29 March 2009. Venue in old city.
<b>Autumn meeting 2009</b>	Proposal by Italy. Venue Florence, 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of September 2009.
<b>2010</b>	Proposal by Romania. Date and venue to be decided later.

## 19. Membership affairs

H. Elmstroem brings forward a proposal by the Executive Board to appoint V. Slaboch as an honorary member of CLGE.

*Decision:* GA adopts the proposal unanimously.

## 20. Any Other Business

S. Astermo makes an announcement for the FIG WW in Stockholm in June 2008. [www.fig.net/fig2008](http://www.fig.net/fig2008) The venue will be in the centre of Stockholm. The social programme will provide an evening meeting with Swedish surveyors at their homes. Post-conference and pre-conference tours to Kiruna and Dalarna will be offered for participants.

## 21. Hand-over, Thanks, Presentations and Closing

President H. Elmstroem thanks in a small ceremony long-term Secretary-General G. Schennach for her activities and efforts for CLGE. A slide-show brings the highlights back to memory of delegates and a gift is handed over to her. G. Schennach thanks all officers and delegates for excellent co-operation and friendly atmosphere, in which a lot of topics have been handled and put forward during the last few years.

H. Elmstroem thanks M. Wijngaarde and V. Slaboch (not present) for having contributed very actively to the CLGE and being part in the Executive Board.



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General Assembly III, Saturday 20 October 2007, 9.00-12.00

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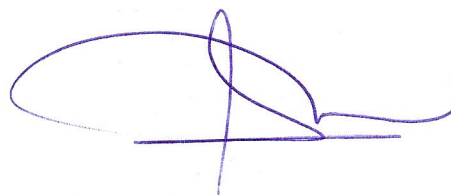
**22. Workshop on Professional issues in the EU**

All presentations of workshop on Luxembourg and EU situation for the profession are available on [www.cjge.eu](http://www.cjge.eu).

Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General until 20 October 2007



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