



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

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Welcome speech by Nico Schares, president of Ordre Luxembourgeois des Géomètres

Mister Minister, Mister President, Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Luxembourg Order of Geometers; I have the honour to welcome you here in Luxembourg in this historic site, which was abbey and former prison before being transformed into this cultural centre. After the meeting in October 1995, this is the second time, that we are hosting the CLGE for one of their annual meetings.

Let me first present briefly our association: the OLG with the actual statutes was constituted in 1988 with the objectives

- to defend and to promote the professional interests of the members,
- to protect and to support the members in the exercise of their functions,
- to promote the general and the professional formation of the members and
- to cooperate with national and international associations working in similar aims.

So our association is member of the FIG, and is working very closely since the beginning with GEOMETER EUROPAS and the CLGE.

We are actually about 70 members, practically all the professionals of our country are associated; but it is important to know that it is not obligatory to be member in the OLG to exercise the profession of surveyor here in Luxembourg.

Our members are of course Luxembourg, but we have also members with French, German or Belgian nationality.

I want to remember in this context that geodetic education is not provided in Luxembourg, and we think it is good for our profession that our members get their university diplomas in countries like Germany, Belgium France or Switzerland.

Let me also inform you, that since 2002 a national law organizes the profession of geometer and of the official geometer.

And already in 2002 the aims of the "Multilateral Agreement on mutual recognition of professional qualification of Public Appointed Geometers" were given; that means a University diploma, a 2-year professional practise and an examination by a governmental commission. Thereby also the rules for Public Appointed Geometers of other countries of European Community to exercise here in Luxembourg are given, that means an admission to exercise in their home country and an examination here in Luxembourg.

So I wish the participants of this CLGE-meeting to work now and here and in the future meetings for the best of our profession.

In the session of tomorrow you will know more on the profession, the cadaster and the property registration here in Luxembourg.

But by side working, do not forget to enjoy the city and the country of Luxembourg.

For after 1995 where the city of Luxembourg was cultural capital of Europe, it is this year Luxembourg and the greater region who is the European Capital of Culture 2007, that means the whole country of Luxembourg, as well as the French and German speaking part of Belgium, the Lorraine in France and the Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland in Germany. So always you meet the blue stag (le cerf bleu in French), you are concerned with this cultural organisation. You have got outside with your badge some documentation on Luxembourg, the European Culture Capital and the site of Neumunster

Before concluding, let me express my thanks to all people involved in the organisation of this meeting here in Luxembourg and here I want to name personally our two colleagues Remy Dhur and Felix Peckels and thank here for the work they did to guarantee the success of our meeting here in Luxembourg.

But also I want to thank these two colleagues for her personal engagement in the CLGE; of cause since more then 10 years they are our permanent delegates in the CLGE and I think they attended practically all meetings in the different countries around Europe. The committee of the Luxembourg Order of Geometers will encourage them to continue to work in this way.

But now, dear colleagues, it is your turn to start working for the benefit of CLGE and our profession.

Nico Shares
President OGL