



21 October 2007

**EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE**  
**Luxembourg/ Luxembourg, 18 October 2007 16.00-20.00**

**MINUTES**

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**Venue**      **Parc Plaza Hotel Luxembourg**  
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**Participants:**

Members of the Ex-Board:

Henning Elmstroem, President

Gerda Schennach, Secretary General

René Sonney, Treasurer

Alain Gaudet, Vice Presidents Professional Practice, President Geometer Europas

Mark Wijngaarde, Vice President European Relations

Jean-Yves Pirlot, Vice President, Special representative of CLGE in Brussels

Invited:

Félix Peckels, Ordre des Géomètres luxembourgeois

Pierre Bibollet, Président Ordre des Géomètres Experts français (OGE)

François Mazuyer, Premier Vice Président OGE

Rafic Khouri, Responsable des relations internationales OGE, Secretary General GE

Ann Pirlot – Vandaele, Executive Director CLGE – GE a.i.

**1. Opening and Adoption of Agenda and Minutes**

The President opens the meeting and stresses that it closes the present election period.

The agenda is adopted as circulated.

The minutes dated 16<sup>th</sup> of August are adopted with following remark:

Ann Pirlot - Vandaele represented CLGE and GE.

In the paragraph about the collaboration with GE, the word “Merger” has to be replaced by “Integration”.

**2. Reports by Executive Board Members**

a. The President

Henning Elmstroem reports about his two president letters and a message concerning the nomination process for the election period 2007 - 2009.

He presents the work of the task force he headed, to enhance the education in Malta, during a mission in the beginning of October. As a result of the encounters with the competent Ministers and Officials of the University, a GI summer course will start in 2008 and the organisation of a Master course is considered for 2009. The aim of these efforts is to support the creation of an SDI for Malta.

Henning Elmstroem also has sent out the status of the working plan to the Ex-board members. This status will be commented during the GA.

b. Secretary General

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c. Vice President international relations

After his mission in the Baltic States, Mark Wijngaarde has sent a letter to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania confirming the proposed conditions to join.

Lithuania and Estonia will join in the next GA.

During this election period, three new members joined CLGE (Romania, Lithuania and Estonia).

However, the CLGE map still shows white spots. Hungary, Slovenia and Latvia should join as soon as possible.

Mark Wijngaarde recommends considering the same kind of actions in the EU candidate member states.

After discussion, the fees for the newcomers are fixed as follows:

Lithuania and Estonia: 2007, 2008 and 2009 free of charge and 2010 full fee according to their members. It is proposed to ask them to stay at least for 5 years as full members.

The same proposal will be done to Latvia and other potential members [AI EB07-IV/1 – Mark Wijngaarde, write a new letter to Latvia explaining the conditions].

Mark Wijngaarde proposes that CLGE would take part in Intergeo-East [AI EB07-IV/2 – Henning Elmstroem, Consider the representation of CLGE at Intergeo-East].

See also Editorial Group in paragraph 5.

d. Vice Presidents Professional Practice and Brussels affairs

See below.

### 3. Financial issues

René Sonney gives an overview of the financial situation with a Powerpoint presentation.

He is still waiting for the fees from GB and Bulgaria. He is confident for the fees from GB but would like to have an explanation from Bulgaria.

Gerda Schennach is in contact with Georgi Milev from Bulgaria and evokes his problems to pay the fee before the fair he organizes each year.

The sponsoring policy has enabled us to collect 6000 euros instead of planned 10.000 euros.

Due to this fact and the coming important events, CLGE has to be very careful about its expenditures.

The President reminds that the CLGE membership fees are stable since more than 10 years. In 2008 we will put forward a motion to adapt the fees. An automatic adaptation should be considered in the future.

René Sonney asks to present the Strasbourg Congress and the related cost for CLGE before the adoption of the Budget 2008.

### 4. CTF-EU

Jean-Yves Pirlot reports that everything we do in Brussels has a flavour of CLGE and GE and therefore CTF-EU is always a bit involved.

On the financial side the situation is rather comfortable. CTF-EU has sent the last invoices for this year to CLGE and GE and when they will be paid there will be a reserve of about 5800 euros.

CTF-EU did not spend a lot until now because of several cancellations of meetings and the fact that some national associations have supported the travel expenses of their delegates (BDVI). As you know, our hotel costs are very low, thanks to the use of the Club Prince Albert.

18 July 07: Meeting in Paris with Rafic Khouri and Francesco Delfini for a coordinated answer to the European Questionnaire about codes of conduct.

01 August 07: Meeting with Henning Elmstroem and delegates of ENGCARD about a European E-ID card for Engineers, that could be extended to Surveyors [AI EB07-IV/3 – CTF-EU, Recommend about the follow up for ENG-Card].

02 August 07: Meeting MoU with EuroGeographics. Signed in Dubrovnik, during the last GA of EuroGeographics (8 – 10 October).

DECISION [D EB07-IV/1]

The Ex-Board accepts the MoU between CLGE – GE - EuroGeographics. It will be signed by Henning Elmstroem as soon as EG or GE returns it.

30 August 07: Meeting with EGOS for MoU with UBG (prepares the MoU – EGOS / CLGE and of course GE).

28 September 07: Meeting with Sophie Maletras about the codes of conduct was adjourned but a meeting of CTF-EU took place. As result of these meeting, Volkmar Teetzmann will give us an exposé about the political situation on the European level at the GA.

The MoU CLGE – GE – UBG will be corrected to clarify the financial flows [AI EB07-IV/4 – Ann Pirlot-Vandaele, Circulate the new version].

CTF-EU also discussed the code of conduct question. It proposes considering to finance a study about this topic, in relation with the Treaty (Art 45), the Services Directive and the Directive about the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications. We met a Lawyer specialised in administrative law and who has defended the interests of UBG during a legal action about the Belgian Code of Conduct [AI EB07-IV/5 – CTF-EU, follow up of the study about Codes of Conduct].

07 October 07: preparation of MoU between EuroGI and UBG (prepares collaboration with CLGE).

Gerda Schennach informs that the signature of the MoU between GE – Eurogeographic and CLGE was not mentioned at the last GA of Eurogeographics.

At the last GA of EG, Magnus Gudmudson from Iceland was appointed as the new President of EuroGeographics. Dave Lovell is the successor of Nick Land, outgoing Executive Director of EG [AI EB07-IV/6 – Jean-Yves Pirlot, Ask the new executive director Dave Lovell to promote the MoU within EG].

The board agrees that INSPIRE is a vital directive for the surveyor. Henning Elmstroem points out that about 80% or more of the information should come from surveyors.

Gerda Schennach recalls that CLGE is registered as a SDIC (Spatial Data Interest Group) but warns that an effective follow up of the directive is a very time consuming work. The implementation is going on in the different countries and involves huge working groups.

Rafic Khouri asks nevertheless that news about INSPIRE would be documented and disseminated.

In the field of INSPIRE, René Sonney proposes to collaborate with EuroGI.

Henning Elmstroem agrees, but the surveyors have to be present and show the flag on their own [AI EB07-IV/7 – CTF-EU, Follow up INSPIRE].

## 5. Editorial Group (Point 5 was presented before Point 4)

### a. Common website with Geometer Eurpas

Mark Wijngaarde reports about the website meeting in Prague with Rafic Khouri and Milan Talich (see minutes on the website – section for members).

The group formulates six recommendations for further development and expansion strategy.

The budget to create this common website is 4000 euros (2000 supported by CLGE and the same amount by GE). Rafic Khouri underlines that the same work in France for instance would cost us 5000 euros at least.

The annual update of the common website will cost 3800 euros, i.e. 1900 euros for each organisation.

The temporary address [www.clge.eu/new](http://www.clge.eu/new) will be used. The definitive address will become [www.european-surveyors.eu](http://www.european-surveyors.eu) (the name [www.surveyors.eu](http://www.surveyors.eu) could also be used - [AI EB07-IV/8 – Jean-Yves Pirlot, task Milan Talich for the website and its new address]).

The home page and the general outfit have to be stylish, modern and attractive. As soon as a draft is available, Geometer Europas and the Henning Elmstroem will evaluate the look and decide if the intervention of an artist is required [AI EB07-IV/9 – Rafic Khouri, Henning Elmstroem, Evaluate the draft website].

Once online, the Secretary General and or the Editorial Group will follow up the updating of the website.

DECISION [D EB07-IV/2]

The Ex-Board agrees with the recommendations of the Editorial group about the website and accepts to work out a common project for CLGE and GE, as explained in the proposal. The Ex-Board also accepts that the cost will be shared on a 50-50% basis. The website has to be operational before the GA of Prague.

[AI EB07-IV/10 – Milan Talich, Build the new website CLGE – GE]

b. Editorial Group

Mark Wijngaarde reports about the Amsterdam meeting of the Editorial Group (See website).

Its 21 recommendations are discussed by the Ex-Board.

René Sonney warns that references to “Geodesy” is old fashioned and should be enhanced or even replaced by Geomatics and Geo-Information.

The reports of such groups are recommendations and should be treated as such. They may only be posted on the website when they were circulated amongst and accepted by the Ex-Board.

Even if the President understands and shares some of the recommendations and concerns of the Editorial Group, he is disappointed about the fact that the first publication was abandoned unilaterally by the Editorial Group.

Mark Wijngaarde proposes an electronic publication of the papers or the publication of the Lyon results as alternative [AI EB07-IV/11 – Henning Elmstroem, Evaluation of the publication proposal].

In the next working plan, the mandates of the Editorial Group and other similar task forces will be defined precisely [AI EB07-IV/12 – Ex-Board, Define the mandates of the working groups].

## 6. CLGE Conference 2008

Jean-Yves Pirlot, as delegate of the CLGE ex-board in the organizing committee, reports about the morning meeting about the Conference.

Rafic Khouri gives an overview of the organisation as presented on the website of OGE.

Per sub-theme three coordinators were appointed respectively from OGE, GE and CLGE.

The organizers received only 15 paper proposals out of the 40 that are needed. An important effort remains to be done. This message will be given to the different delegates at the General Assembly.

Beginning of November we will have to do some choices

Rafic Khouri gives a presentation of the structure of the 2,5 day Conference.

It starts on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September with an opening session (President FIG, a round table of students explaining their needs, ...).

Beginning on the 17<sup>th</sup> afternoon until the 18<sup>th</sup> in the evening, each theme will be explored during half a day.

Per theme, there will be a key person recognized as a reference in the field, to give an opening speech and to moderate the rest, followed by 3 French and 3 International speakers. The length of the contributions should be about 20 minutes.

Friday morning, the “Rapporteur général”, François Mazuyer, will present the conclusions and some international speeches will be pulled in to comment on the conclusions.

As possible keynote speakers during this closing day there is Commissioner Kuneva, from Bulgaria (Consumer protection).

A round table for MEP or individual comments of about 10 minutes given by MEP are considered.

At the end there should be a common declaration of OGE, CLGE and GE. It could be the Strasbourg declaration as we have had the Bathurst declaration in earlier days.

DECISION [D EB07-IV/3]

The major directions of the declaration have to be prepared before and presented at the next CLGE General Assembly [AI EB07-IV/13 – François Mazuyer, Jean-Yves Pirlot, Prepare the Strasbourg declaration].

For obvious reasons Rafic Khouri asks to apply a strict embargo on the information about this declaration until the Conference.

## 7. General Assembly

The agenda of the coming GA is studied and approved.

The next working plan will be drafted as soon as possible after the election of the new board.

CLGE is 35 years old, Jean-Jacques Derwael has accepted the task of historical officer and will write down the history of our Council.

The two day meeting is well balanced and the presence of important external speaker is warmly welcomed.

Henning Elmstroem explains his proposal about the next Executive Board of CLGE. If there are no additional candidates, the vote will be executed en block.

DECISION [D EB07-IV/4]

The Ex-Board proposes Vaclav Slaboch to be appointed as honorary member of CLGE by its General Assembly.

The guidelines for GA as drafted by Gerda Schennach will be reviewed in cooperation with René Sonney to make sure that there are no misunderstandings about the financial implications [AI EB07-IV/14 – Gerda Schennach, René Sonney, Revision of the GA guidelines].

## 8. CEPLIS

Alain Gaudet and Rafic Khouri report about the new intention of the European Parliament to avoid the voluntary code of conducts tabled by European professional bodies. The legislative initiative tends to the creation of a European judicial system. It's obvious that there is still no consensus between the commission and the EP (A6-0294/2007 adopted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2007).

We have to be careful about this [AI EB07-IV/15 – Jean-Yves Pirlot, Question the Commission]

## 9. Future events

Planned 11- 12 January Ex-Board meeting in Brussels;

Spring 2008, Prague (Czech Republic), February 28 (ex-board 4PM – 8PM), GA February 29, March 1 (GEOS-fair);

May-June Ex-Board to prepare the Strasbourg Conference;

Autumn 2008 Strasbourg (very short GA);

Spring 2009 Krakow (Poland);

Autumn 2009 Rome (Italy);

2010 Romania.

Vilnius follow up seminar for Lyon

Bergen follow up for Strasbourg on boundaries

BDVI intergeo 2009, invite students from different countries (an estimate of 3-400 students).

## 10. Any other business

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Gerda Schennach, Secretary-General of CLGE