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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CLGE
Lyon/France, 23-24 March 2007**

MINUTES

Venue **Hôtel Axotel Perrache**, 12, rue Marc Antoine Petit, 69002 Lyon, France

General Assembly I, Friday 23 March 2007, 9.00-12.00

1. Opening

CLGE President H. Elmstroem opens the General Assembly with a special welcome to guests: EuroGeographics Executive Director N. Land and to Mrs. Bozena Lipej, chairperson of the EuroGeographics Expert Group on Cadastre and Land Registry, CLGE Honorary member P. Prendergast, Mr. Arve LEIKNES from Norway, Mr. Klas Ernard BORGES from Lund university in Sweden and Peter Ringberg, a young professional from Sweden.

2. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence

Secretary-General G. Schennach takes the roll call. Bulgaria, Cyprus, Finland and Spain are not represented. The names of participants are listed in the enclosed participation list. S. Astermo submits apologies from U. Sandgren for not attending the General Assembly.

3. Approval of Agenda

H. Elmstroem suggests to change the order of item 14 + 15 in the Agenda.

Decision: General Assembly adopts the agenda as circulated without any comments or amendments with item 14 and 15 in changed order.

4. Approval of the Minutes of GA in Malta, 15-16 September 2006

Delegates wish no comments or amendments to the Minutes.

Decision: General Assembly adopts the Minutes as circulated to all delegates and national member associations by e-mail on 19 October 2006.

5. Report by Executive Board

H. Elmstroem reports about the major items of the Work Plan 2005-2007

- meetings with EuroGeographics and EGOS to prepare a MoU for co-operation in the future. The MoU will be presented in the General Assembly in autumn 2007.
- meeting of a CLGE delegation (Elmstroem, Prendergast, Pirlot) with decision-makers in Malta to promote models for the development of a university education in Malta.
- the surveyors' house in Brussels at the UBG site will be refurbished for better facilities.
- Romania has applied as a new member in CLGE (more details see later in the Minutes)

- regularly elections for the Executive Board will take place in autumn 2007, proposals for candidates by members are very much welcome. The new Executive Board will draft an follow-up workplan for the new election period
- a research grant of € 10 000,-- will provide means for a study to investigate the establishment of a platform
- the CLGE Conference 2008 will be held in Strasbourg/France on 24-26 Sept 2007 together with the French OGE Congress

M. Wijngaarde gives an overview about (see slides)

- the XXXIII FIG Congress and the German Intergeo on 8-13 Oct 2006 in Munich/Germany. During the event he had contacts with Romanian representatives to negotiate for membership in CLGE. GE and CLGE organized a joint reception, which gave the frame for signing the Accord Multilateral by Prof. Sankalas from Lithuania.
- his participation in a Symposium in Sofia/Bulgaria in Nov 2007. Prof. Milev is organizing this annual symposium with 200 participants very successfully and CLGE has been co-organizer for many years. M. Wijngaarde gave a presentation about CLGE. A paper by V. Teetzmann was not presented but instead it was published in the proceedings to the seminar.
- a symposium on "Geoinformation" organized on 15 Nov 2006 by the Dutch association GIM providing an exhibition for companies as well.
- the GIN Congress in Amsterdam, which will take place on 21-23 Nov 2007. More details can be obtained from www.gincongress.nl. The first day will be an international day on European topics, presented by guest speakers from other countries. CLGE will be represented by J-Y. Pirlot.

J-Y. Pirlot gives an explanation about the CLGE sponsoring policy and sponsorship up to date. Sponsoring could help to create necessary funding for enlargement activities and for supporting members. First results are not so positive but he underpins that we should go on with our efforts because there is a real potential. The model offers 3 levels of sponsors and we should differentiate three groups of sponsors in accordance to this scheme:

- NM(C)A, professional organisations (even members)... candidate for the CLGE Sponsor level (the lowest at €1000,-- a year) because they have no commercial interests but are or should be in favour of supporting our profession;
- Small and medium national companies with European ambitions, candidate for the CLGE First Sponsor level (€2000,-- a year);
- Big multinationals specialised in hard-, soft- or firmware and services for surveyors are candidate for the CLGE Premium Sponsor level (€4000,-- a year);

CLGE should propose substantial reductions to hesitating early birds and/or rank them in the good category at a lower rate;

Convince multinationals by persuading the local or regional executives to start a EU programme with neighbouring regions (Leica BeNeLux, Leica Scandinavia, ... and the same applies of course to Trimble, ...).

It is essential to keep up personal contacts with possible sponsors to get them on board and to focus on regional level companies or branches rather than on big international companies.

G. Schennach reports about

- her participation in the Austrian Congress of licensed surveyors on 1-3 Feb 2007. The 2 days event focussed on the digital archive for documents which is going to be established by the Federal Chamber of Engineers and Architects. A lot of background information about the businessplan and the IT-structure was given.

- a meeting of EGIN (European Network for Geographic Information) on 13 Feb 2007 in Brussels. INSPIRE, eContent+ and GMES were the main discussion points, especially requirements from the member states for small scale maps from aerial images and remote sensing. Laser scanning is getting more and more important. A high budget within eContent+ is provided to support the EU policy for GI. GMES is no EU Directive, but a mid-term program facilitating lots of budget to research institutions and SMEs. CLGE will watch the developments.
- the registration of CLGE as SDIC (Spatial data interest community) in the INSPIRE implementation process. The Directive has been adopted by the EP and the Council and the implementation process has already started by preparing Implementation rules. At the moment a consultation for stakeholders is going on for a draft IR for Metadata. CLGE will send a statement. More details will be given in the afternoon under item 14 by Executive Director of EuroGeographics N. Land.

Disc: J. Anneveld proposes to use the Working Plan for finding sponsors. V. Teetzman remarks on the report of the President about the connections between GE and CLGE and reminds of the decision taken earlier to negotiate for merging the two organizations. He proposes that f.e. Romania should be members in GE and therefore the merger should be put forward. H. Elmstroem replies about talks between A. Gaudet and himself in the past on this issue. In June there will be an opportunity to discuss this issue during the joint GE/CLGE Ex-Board meeting in Vilnius/Lithuania. J. Kaufmann stresses the importance of co-operation between the two organizations and supports the idea of a merger.

6. Report by Treasurer

Treasurer R. Sonney reports about the Accounts 2006, which have been circulated to all delegates prior to the General Assembly. He gives some comments on the income: it has been for the first time that all membership fees have been paid during the relevant year. The expenses are more or less following the budget plan except those for the CTF-EU, as the extra budget, which has been decided by the General Assembly in Malta is not included in the budget.

The CS Money market fund for the savings of CLGE show a profit about 800 € for this year. The final result is a loss of €935.33.

Disc: H. Elmstroem thanks J-Y. Pirlot for organizing cheap accommodation facilities in the Club Albert in Brussels which will keep costs for meetings e.a. very low.

7. Auditors Report and Adoption of Accounts 2006

Auditor R. Dhur reports on behalf of U. Sandgren and himself that they have carried out the annual auditing of accounts and found that all the supporting documents were placed at their disposal. They noted that

- the assessment and the profit and loss accounts are in perfect agreement with accountancy
- the accounts are kept with care and exactitude.

The auditors therefore propose to the General Assembly to accept the Accounts 2006 as they are introduced knowing the total assessment of €65 623.82 and with a total cleared loss of €935.33. They thank the Treasurer sincerely for his devotion and his excellent work.

<p><i>Decision:</i> General Assembly takes notice of the report by the auditors and adopts the annual Accounts for 2006 unanimously without any comment or amendment.</p>

8. Editorial Group

Chairperson M. Wijngaarde reports about future plans of the Editorial Group for publications in magazines:

- The Dutch magazine Geoinfo will publish an article about Malta in the February 2007 edition. March 2007 will as well contain a publication.
- The Geoinformatics magazine publisher have contacted CLGE to talk about co-operation with the magazine. They offer subscriptions at reduced fees for CLGE members.
- The CLGE website needs to be more structured and filled with more updated information. The Editorial Group proposes to change the design to a more dynamic one.
- CLGE will prepare a publication dealing with the position of the surveyor in Europe. Papers by V. Teetzmann, O. Schuster, F. Delfini and probably an INSPIRE paper will be part of this brochure.

9. New members and membership affairs

Romania has applied for membership in CLGE. V. Manolache presents about the present situation of the profession in Romania and reports about developments in the recent past and about projects for the future. He explains about the structure of the National Agency of cadastre and land registration and gives an overview about the project for creating a cadastre (urban and rural cadastre). 4800 surveyors are authorized by state. The Romanian Union of Geodesy (not involved into authorization) is made up by 2 associations and is represented in FIG.

Decision: General Assembly adopts unanimously Romania as new member in CLGE.

H. Elmstroem welcomes Romania as a new member in CLGE. Romania is represented by 2 professional national associations which form the national liaison group, the two representatives V. Manolache and J. Neuner are handed over membership certifications and copies of the CLGE Statutes, Internal Rules and pins.

E. Ouranos introduces Mr. I. Presvelos as a new delegate from Greece. Mr. Presvelos is the new HARSE president and a private surveyor in Greece. His brother is A. Presvelos has been CLGE delegate for nearly 12 years. The General Assembly welcomes the new delegate by handing over a CLGE pin.

10. CLGE Seminar 2007

The CLGE Seminar in the convention centre in Lyon has been very successful. It has been attended by international guests and discussions were vital and interesting. A CD-Rom was handed over to all participants at the begin of the seminar, all presentations will be available on the CLGE website www.clge.eu in due time.

P. Prendergast gives a review of the event and of the results and highlights the results of the discussions and lectures.

11. CLGE Conference 2008

F. Delfini reports about the preparations for the international conference of OGE, CLGE and GE, which will be held on 24-26 Sept 2007 in Strasbourg/France under the topic "The role of the surveyors in the European society and economy". A call for papers will be sent out soon. Presentations are welcome in 3 languages (GE, EN, FR). A paper with more information about the event was circulated in the meeting. Details and permanent updates can be obtained from www.geometre-strasbourg2008.eu An early warning will be sent out soon. All delegates are required to invite their national MEPs to attend the conference.

12. CEPLIS / ESF/ ECEC / GE / ESF

F. Delfini reports on behalf of CLGE representative in CEPLIS A. Gaudet about CEPLIS: CEPLIS is a point of contact for the "common values of liberal professions". It helps to lobby the EC for writing the Codes of Conduct which are required from the EU Directive on Services.

R. Kolbe informs about ECEC that since November 2006 a new president from Croatia has been elected. R. Kolbe acts as a liaison officer to CEPLIS. He is chairing the WG on the Service Directive and Code of Contact. If national professional associations will not develop these regulations, it will be done by the European Commission. CLGE's position is very much required for the CEPLIS WG, as CEPLIS builds at the moment upon a lot of inputs from the health sector which do not always reflect the interest of our profession as well. For instance it is proposed to have an obligatory insurance for the liberal professions, which is not yet broadly supported in CEPLIS.

The CLGE Executive Board has discussed further membership in ESF. The proposal is to leave ESF, as CLGE is represented in ESF by CEPLIS already.

Decision: General Assembly decides unanimously to leave ESF at the earliest possible term.

13. Dates and Venues of the Incoming General Assemblies

F. Peckels reports about the next General Assembly in Luxembourg. The hotel is situated close to the centre. The meetings themselves will take place in Grund, which is the old part of Luxembourg. The conference centre is an old prison, information see www.cclr.lu The program for the sessions will be as usual. On Friday evening the hosts will organize a dinner in the small village Schengen, starting with a reception by the lord mayor. On Friday MEPs will attend the meeting and give a presentation on the Directive on Services. The Minister for public work in Luxembourg will attend as well. A social program will be arranged.

Autumn meeting 2007	Luxembourg, 19-20 Oct 2007, Centre Culturel de Rencontre, Abbaye de Neumünster, Luxembourg-Grund
Spring meeting 2008	Prague/CZ, GEOS 2008 should be close to this date. It will be first half of March 2008. Date will be fixed not later than June 2007 in the Executive Board. Both GA and accommodation will be in the same hotel.
Autumn meeting 2008	Finally it is decided to organize it together with the Strasbourg Conference. It will be a short meeting for the formal part, the conference will be part of the agenda of the GA.
Spring meeting 2009	Krakow/Poland, date to be fixed.
Autumn meeting 2009	Proposal by Italy. Date and venue to be decided in one of the next General Assemblies.

General Assembly II, Friday 23 March 2007, 14.00-17.00

14. CTF-EU (initially item 15)

J-Y. Pirlot explains about the main topics of the Task Force, which are position building, the Directive on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications, the Directive on services and other European issues.

The Surveyors' house in Brussels had a good start in providing meeting rooms for several European associations as EUROGI, GE and CLGE. In the next future the house is going to be refurbished and UBG will ask for a guarantee from the renters for further MoUs to stay in the house for financing reasons.

Small scale CTF-EU meetings were held on 30 Oct 2006 and on 1 Dec 2006. On 12 Dec 2006 the group met for monitoring the EU legislation. GE/CLGE/EuroGeographics met on 18 Jan 2007 to discuss further co-operation. On 26 Jan 2007 CLGE representatives took part in a mission to Malta and for a meeting with the Secretary-General of EGOS. On 27 Feb 2007 a meeting with OGE/UBG was scheduled to raise the awareness of members for European affairs. J-Y. Pirlot took part to represent CLGE.

Disc: F. Delfini considers the two EU Directives (Services and Mutual Recognition of Qualification) to give the legal background for the strategy of the profession in the future as for quality measures (by own quality charters by EU level associations or/and quality development by defined institutions on national level). Art 32 of the Service Directive contains very clearly a code of conduct requirement. Platforms following the Directive on Mutual Recognition of qualification are another measure, as Mrs. A. Koman from the EC presented in a CEPLIS event.

15. EU affairs (initially item 14)

N. Land, Executive Director of EuroGeographics reflects on the INSPIRE Directive and on future co-operation between the two associations.

EuroGeographics is a pan-European association of 49 NMCAs (National Mapping and Cadastre Agencies) from 42 countries in Europe. It was built up from the two organizations CERCO and MEGRIN. Previously it was representing national mapping agencies, since the last 3-4 years some national cadastral agencies joint the association as well. The annual budget is 650 000,-- € some funding occurs from EU projects and delivery of services. The permanent staff is made up of 5 persons in the headquarters in Marne la Vallee near Paris. The vision of EuroGeographics is based on the Lisbon statement of the EC to build up the most competitive market in the world until 2010.

EuroGeographics plays three main roles – to develop European products by creating interoperability and services, to lobby EU institutions and to exchange best practice. Lobbying decision-makers in the EC and the EP is one of the most important task as in some fields 80% of the national legislation is decided upon EU frameworks evolving from Brussels. The main Directives to be handled at the moment are the Water Framework Directive, Flood and Noise Directive, the soil Directive, the mortgage Directive and the review of the database Directive. GMES, Galileo, eContent+ and FP7 are the main EU programs to deal with. Best practice examples – benchmarking studies, guidelines on pricing and licensing, use of ISO quality standards, quality management handbook - are valuable tools for the members.

EuroGeographics and its members produce a range of Pan-European products such as the EuroBoundary map (administrative boundaries), the EuroGlobalMap and the EuroRegionalMap. They are made available to the EC (Eurostat). Beneath EuroGeographics takes part in some interoperability projects as EuroRoadS, RISE (Elevation, Water, Land Cover methodology and specifications) or EuroBoundaries (state borders).

Partnerships are set up with EuroSDR, PCC, OGC Europe, WPLA, ELRA, FIG, EUROGI, EuroGeoSurveys, EGIN and CLGE. In the next future it is planned to produce a showcase, a 6 min video on the value of our work.

H. Elmstroem states that there will be a MoU between the two organizations.

Disc: Borgers (SWE) asks about the communication to decision-makers, if they have a professional background. Nick Land replies that due to lack of professional background they very often do not recognize the benefit of our results. R. Khouri reflects to the conclusions of the seminar and asks about assessments of resources within NMCAs for recruiting and retaining staff.

N. Land gives an overview about the present status of INSPIRE. EuroGeographics has been deeply involved into the decision process and into the implementation of the Directive. He gives some explanation of 4 of the Implementing Rules. Data sharing was the hot spot of the discussions all over the process, especially on G2G charging. New partnerships Public-Public, Public-Private, Public-Political will be necessary. The role of the NMCAs is to act as facilitators for building an infrastructure from local to global level. More information can be obtained from www.eurogeographicis.org

Disc: H. Elmstroem asks about the national policies and about free access to data, which has not been resolved by the Directive. The Danish National Cadastre Board is preparing for implementation, as 2013 is a very close deadline. P. Prendergast asks about partnership and dialogue between the private and public sector. N. Land explains that there is quite a lot of co-operation on European level as well as on national level, where a number of NMCAs are contracting out duties. E. Ouranos requests more information about the role of the different partners.

B. Lipej, Deputy Director General of the national mapping and cadastre authority of Slovenia, chairperson of the EuroGeographics Expert Group on Cadastre and Land Registry presents about the future co-operation between private and public sector (see slides). The Expert Group builds upon reports and studies on this issue from the past. After the workshop in Vilnius in spring 2006 it appeared, that co-operation between CLGE and EG would be valuable. A meeting of the Working Group on PPP is scheduled in Brussels on 17-18 April 2007. A questionnaire on the profession in the EU member states will be sent out to CLGE delegates in May. 2 more members from the private sector are welcome to the WG – V. Teetzmann and R. Mahoney will join the group.

16. CLGE definition of Geodetic Surveyor

The proposal to adopt the FIG definition of a geodetic surveyor which is available in 3 languages, is discussed. It is concluded that CLGE needs a different definition for European conditions. The FIG definition will be minimized as there are some subjects which are not reflecting the profession in all European countries.

17. National Reports

Malta: R. Camilleri reports about the activities of the Land Surveyors Society, RICS Malta and MAGI (Maltese organization for GI). The result of the presentations in the General Assembly in Malta was not what R. Camilleri has expected and therefore CLGE supported once more to establish an academic education in a meeting with ministers and university representatives in Malta. P. Prendergast, H. Elmstroem and J-Y. Pirlot met the minister for education and youth, the minister for infrastructure and the minister for agriculture and environment and with the universities and with the chairman of the building and construction committee with positive results. A Master degree will be set up by September 2007. Bachelor degree will be offered as well. The associations will produce a white paper and later on a green paper and probably this will go to parliament for a legal regulation.

Switzerland: J. Kaufmann reports about Geosuisse as an independent but integrated professional group. A new draft ordinance on surveyor license is coming into force. The Federal Law on Geoinformation has come into decision process. He gives some information about the structure of the Swiss cadastre organization. e-geo.ch makes very little progress, up to now no consolidated view could be created. Progress is expected as soon as the law on geoinformation is in force. (see enclosure)

Norway: Since June 2005 the law on cadastre has been discussed in parliament. But most of the discussions will occur in 2 years, when the law will be decided.

Slovakia: J. Hardos reports that the Slovakian Chamber of Cartographers and Surveyors had signed the Accord Multilatéral as first country in central Europe during a visit of R. Khouri in Slovakia.

18. Any Other Business

Two more countries signed the Accord Multilatéral - Romania and Greece.
9 countries have signed up to now.

19. Thanks, Presentations and Closing

H. Elmstroem closes the General Assembly with thanks to the hosts and the delegates for their vital discussions and input.

General Assembly III, Saturday 24 March 2007, 9.00-12.00

20. Workshop "The role of the French géomètre-expert in the city"

Program

Urban land associations in France

Alain Gaudet, President of the Ordre des Géomètres-Experts (OGE), France

Consortiums, evaluation, and real estate

François Mazuyer, Vice-President of the Ordre des Géomètres-Experts (OGE), France

Setting up rules for urban planning

Claude Barneron, Member of OGE's urban planning commission, France

Implementation of urban planning regulations

Pierre Favier, Member of OGE's urban planning commission, France

Gerda Schennach, Secretary General

Enclosures: *President's report (obtainable from www.clge.eu)*
Fin estate 2006 (sent out with agenda)
Report by CTF-EU (obtainable from www.clge.eu)
Draft conclusions of Lyon seminar (obtainable from www.clge.eu)
Report EU
CLGE Conference Strasbourg (leaflet circulated in meeting)
EuroGeographics and INSPIRE (obtainable from www.clge.eu)
PPP WG Report (Lipej) (obtainable from www.clge.eu)
Report about Switzerland (obtainable from www.clge.eu)
Report about Norway (obtainable from www.clge.eu)
Presentation Romania (obtainable from www.clge.eu)
Presentation by C. Bameron (obtainable from www.clge.eu)
Participation list

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