

Meeting CLGE editorial board, 30/08/2007, Amsterdam, NL

Attendants:

Mark Wijngaarde (Chair)
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Following issues were discussed:

1. The only power/influence that CLGE can have is the power of the word/argument/vision.
2. CLGE has the network (members with authority in their (professional) community; relations of these members) to generate, make concrete this power.
3. It is unrealistic to suppose that CLGE would be able to communicate one vision, shared by all members, about every relevant subject.
4. CLGE should not be afraid to discuss controversial ideas in the open and be ready to leave its comfort zone.
5. Realistic target is to position CLGE to the outside world as the place to be for knowing trends in geodesy in Europe, (hidden) needs for geodesy in European society, in education etc.
6. CLGE can achieve this by stimulating discussions about the future of the profession in Europe and how we can influence this to the benefit of Europe and the profession.
7. From this positioning CLGE can influence geodetic professionals, universities, legislator, now and then politicians etc.
8. The editorial board should stimulate publications (articles; interviews etc.) about discussions and views, for example coming from CLGE-seminars.
9. Journalists, looking for trends and news, are our natural allies.
10. It is important to build a close relationship with editors and journalists, (in the first place the editors and journalists of the professional magazines).
11. We can supply them with ideas, views and (CLGE-) relations.
12. The editorial board will make a short list of journalists/magazines to build up a relation with.
13. It will invite the journalists for a discussion (on a 1:1 basis, because of their mutual competition ?!) about ideas in order to build up a relation and to introduce them into the CLGE-network.
14. It is important to maintain the relations with the journalists in the future.
15. It is important to set up a working plan for the coming 4 years, with concrete commitments, schedules and realistic targets (what; when etc.). Which debates do we wish to energize? Is it possible to show a CLGE view on specific issues? 4 articles/year? Generate good articles, including special attention to political issues and facilitate publication/translation into more European magazines?
16. The editorial board should be pro-active.
17. Proposal about way forward to be made for general Assembly in Luxemburg.
18. Editorial Board is not convinced about the benefit joint publication of 9 articles, because:
 - * Some publications have already been published, is their any benefit in reproduction and distributing them again ?
 - * CLGE editorial group will be highly focused in the publication it approves.
 - * What will be the audience for distribution this 9 publications ?
 - * Does these 9 articles fits in the goals of the CLGE ?

* Some of those 9 articles are not in the CLGE language (English) !

- Generally spoken the VUGTK Prague Institute has the know how and possibilities to organize and set up such publications .

(see the CLGE International Conference Brussels/Belgium 1-2 December 2005)

- Will it not be opportune to publish first in this frame the Lyon Seminar, March 2007 ?

- The costs of analogue distribution is expensive and electronic distribution is much more economic.

19 Programme for Strasbourg can be a stimulator for pro-active energizing discussions. Which issues should be of interest for interviews 4-5 month before this international conference?

For example the river Rhine, flooding problems, modern crossing bordering water-management.

What could be the role of the surveyor in this actual issue ?

What other issues could attract the European politicians to participate in this European conference ?

20 Considering the minutes of CLGE / GE Website Meeting Praha, 23-24 July 2007:

- complete revision of all content of current CLGE website is necessary (what to delete, to add, to update and to correct). Will be done by Editorial Group until 30. November.
- R. Khouri will check the data structure of common CLGE website and ensure delivering of all necessary documents and information about GE in accordance of this structure. Will be done until 30. November.

21 After the CLGE elections in Luxembourg, October 19th, the CLGE editorial group will meet together to agree actions and appoint responsibility / lead persons