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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CLGE
Prague / Czech Republic, 29 February – 1 March 2008**

MINUTES

Venue **Building ČSVTS** (Czech Association of Scientific and Technical Societies)
Novotného lávka 5, Prague 1
<http://www.csvts.cz/eng/index.htm>

1. Opening

Henning Elmstroem, President of CLGE, opens the General Assembly. He warmly welcomes all the participants, especially the new delegates, Brendan Sweeny from Ireland as well as Ioannis Presvelos and Perikles Karaïskos from Greece. They all receive a CLGE pins.

The President thanks the hosting Czech Association, especially Jan Fafejta, as well as the Secretary General for preparing the Prague GA.

2. Roll call

Some of the members have sent apologies and are not participating in the General Assembly. See enclosed participation list.

3. Approval to the agenda

DECISION [D GA 08-I/1]:

The CLGE GA unanimously approves the agenda as circulated and slightly corrected by the Executive Board.

4. Approval to the minutes from Luxembourg

Minutes adopted as written by Gerda Schennach, outgoing Secretary General, and circulated.

DECISION [D GA 08-I/2]:

The CLGE GA unanimously approves the minutes of the Luxembourg General Assembly.

5. Financials issues

a. Accounts 2007

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

CLGE is not longer member of EFS and this implies a decrease of its contribution to Geometer Europas.

In 2007 CLGE reached a sponsoring level of €7.000 instead of the desired €10.000. This is a good result but we have to make even more efforts to attain the 10.000 euro or possibly more.

CLGE paid the first part for the Strasbourg conference, i.e. €10.000 out of the planned €20.000 participation.

The graphic of the accounts was improved and will be posted on the website.

CLGE experiences a second year with a deficit. We have to notice that since 1997, CLGE has managed to work without a change of the membership fees while the general cost of live was increased with about 20%.

This partly explains why the sponsoring policy we've introduced doesn't really improve CLGE's financial situation.

b. Evolution of the membership fees 2009 and onwards

In fact over the years CLGE has decreased its reality fees and hence its income shrinks.

The board proposes a new fixed fee of €250 per country (instead of €230) and €1.3 per member (instead of the former €1.1).

To avoid brutal increases in the future, CLGE will automatically adapt the fee level each year, based upon a proper index, excepted when the increase would exceed 5% in one given year. In such cases, the question will be tabled to the GA.

A suited index will be proposed by the Treasurer at the next GA in Strasbourg.

DECISION [D GA 08-I/3]:

The CLGE GA unanimously approves the new fees. It decides that the new fees as well as the new indexing scheme will start in 2009. However, the first automatically indexed fees will be due in 2010. René Sonney will present an index to the next GA.

6. Auditors report and approval of the accounts 2007

Unfortunately, Ulf Sandgren wasn't able to join the Prague General Assembly. However he has asked Remy Dhur to report about the auditing work that was accomplished.

During the auditing of the accounts, not a single mistake was discovered. Hence the Auditors congratulate the Treasurer, approve the accounts for 2007. Consequently they propose the GA to do the same.

DECISION [D GA 08-I/4]:

The CLGE GA unanimously approves the audited accounts 2007, as presented by the Treasurer.

7. Reports by Executive Board Members

Henning comments the working plan 2007 – 2009 as tabled by the incoming CLGE Executive Board.

He mentions some minor changes applied to the draft version that was circulated before the Executive Board Meeting of the 28th February.

The next General Assembly, organised during the Strasbourg OGE-Congress and the major Conference of OGE / CLGE / GE, is a good idea for the future. If it's known many years in advance, even smaller countries will be able to prepare major CLGE conferences.

In this election period CLGE has the firm intention to enlarge with at least 3 new members. The House of the European Surveyor and GI will be improved.

The CTF-EU, organised in close cooperation with GE, will enable us to improve the integration of both organisations as decided upon in Vilnius.

Some changes in the statutes could become necessary to enable CLGE to face structural changes that could be required.

Henning Elmstroem briefly presents the coming conferences (Bergen, the planned Vilnius meeting will be postponed, Intergeo 09).

During the FIG working week in Sweden, there will be a special invitation to the working week in Stockholm.

CLGE will be well represented in CEPLIS as two delegate colleagues are in the CEPLIS-board (Alain Gaudet, Rudolf Kolbe).

An adapted version of the Work Plan 2007-2009 will be posted on the website.

Volkmar Teetzmann then gives a presentation about CTF-EU (see ppt).

Rob Mahoney then presents two interconnected topics the CLGE website and the editorial group (see ppt).

Although the CLGEG webmaster, Milan Talich, made an amazingly good technical job until now, the website has to become an attractive and dynamic 'shop window' of our organisation. The work to attain this objective will be outsourced.

Rob Mahoney, Jos Anneveld, Alain Gaudet will form the core of the editorial group. To ensure a coordinated approach they will work in close contact with the Bureau.

Rudolf Kolbe approves the ambitious proposals and underlines that they imply important costs.

This fact even accentuates the importance of the above mentioned increase of CLGE's incomes. Rob Mahoney adroitly informs the GA about new sponsoring offers from Ordnance Survey GB and Ordnance Survey Northern Ireland. His latest example should pave the way for similar efforts by other CLGE members.

Svante Astermo is eager to see the results of the new website and editorial group and asks to announce the FIG working week in Sweden in June 2008.

DECISION [D GA 08-I/5]:

The CLGE GA unanimously adopts the Work Plan 2007 – 2009, as presented by the President.

This adoption includes the decision to go on with CTF-EU to achieve the goals as presented by Volkmar Teetzmann. It appoints the latter with Rudolph Kolbe, Rob Mahoney and Jean-Yves Pirlot as members of the TF. The budget of €6000 per year will be maintained in equal parts by CLGE and GE. A French delegate has still to be proposed. Volkmar Teetzmann will fulfil the role of speaker until the group elects its definitive speaker.

The refurbishment of the common CLGE – GE website will be outsourced under the auspices of Rob Mahoney, as presented by him. The participants of the editorial group, Rob Mahoney, Jos Anneveld and Alain Gaudet are confirmed. They will closely cooperate with the CLGE bureau.

8. Enlargement policy

Jean-Yves Pirlot informs that, during GAIII, the presentation about the codes of conduct will show that it is of utmost importance to have representative member organisations or rather national liaison groups in each EU member state. For the moment we are still missing three EU-member countries, i.e. Latvia, Hungary, Slovenia. CLGE has to make every effort to have them on board as soon as possible.

Iceland would also be an interesting newcomer.

For the candidate EU-member states (Croatia, FYR of Macedonia and Turkey) the same kind of efforts or even more should be done because one can assume that they are eager to take part in organisations as CLGE.

Mark Wijngaarde reports about his participation at InterGeo East. He stresses the large attendance from the Balkan (see written report).

Next year Intergeo East will be held in Ankara / Turkey. CLGE should contact the organisers

Mark Wijngaarde gives the advice to renew the CLGE-Flyer. He also proposes to stay in close contact with the Serbian officials he met. CLGE should consider inviting its President to Strasbourg.

9. Strasbourg

Rafic Khouri announces that in the coming days, there will be a reshuffled website for the CLGE – GE – OGE conference in Strasbourg. He thanks all the persons who are helping to prepare this important event.

Jean-Yves Pirlot notices that it is urgent to delete the names of Mrs. Kuneva and M. Mc Creevy, as it is known that they will not participate in the closing ceremony.

The "conclusions" of the conference are presented to the General Assembly.

Vaidotas Sankalas asks the situation of the report "European requirements toward cadastral surveyor activities".

There is a new version of this document. Saulius Urbanus who's in charge of the working group is expecting to publish the final version in March.

As the report results from a first good collaboration in the aim of the MoU, it will be badged as “CLGE, GE and EG” report.

Vaidotas Sankalas asks in how far the conclusions could be integrated in the conclusions of the Strasbourg conference. Rafic Khouri announces that the French organizing committee will evaluate this opportunity.

DECISION [D GA 08-I/6]:

The CLGE GA unanimously accepts the Strasbourg conclusions as prepared by the CTF-EU and the French organizing committee and adopted by the Executive-Board. The conclusions will remain confidential until the 19th of September 2008.

10. Bergen

Arve Leiknes gives a presentation of the region of Bergen and of the programme of the seminar with a ppt presentation.

The final dates are 29 – 30 April 2008 and not 23 – 24 April as mentioned earlier.

Papers can be presented by interested members. The French delegation shows its interest in participating in the conference.

The budget is presented too. The sponsoring by private companies and the Bergen University, allows to organize the event with a minimum financial effort by CLGE and GE (respectively 500 and 2500 euro).

The universities will be informed through EGEECS and IGSO.

There is an obvious interest for universities but professionals should of course be interested too.

11. Future events

Major Conferences will be organized every 2 years.

Romania Spring 2010 + Congress of the European Surveyor

Next possibilities would be UK 2010 and Germany 2012.

For the General Assemblies the focus will again be put on April and October.

DECISION [D GA 08-I/7]:

The CLGE GA unanimously accepts the Romanian proposal to propose the 2010 CLGE Conference in Bucharest, together with the Spring GA.

12. European affairs

René Sonney gives a detailed and much appreciated presentation of the Swiss law on GeoInformation. It seems that, although they are not member of the EU, our Swiss colleagues are well prepared to implement the ideas of INSPIRE. They are among the first nations, if not the very first nation, to possess a law on GI that is even referenced in the Swiss Constitution.

Jean-Yves Pirlot gives a presentation about the Codes of Conduct. As announced by CTF-EU, an important effort has to be made about this matter in the coming years

DECISION [D GA 08-I/8]:

The CLGE GA unanimously decides to work on a common European code of conduct.

13. National reports

Malta

Michelle Camilleri gives a presentation about the master degree in spatial data infrastructure as prepared by a Maltese taskforce, with the help of CLGE.

This year there will be a summer school organised in Valetta. Certified participants will earn 3 ECTS.

Normally there are no special requirements to take part in this summer course, anybody who is interested. There was a meeting in Dublin last night and more information will be available soon.

For Henning Elmstroem this example proves the effectiveness of CLGE task forces to handle national problems.

Such support to national organizations is one of the major objectives of CLGE.

Romania

Valeriu Manulache gives a presentation about the 2010 Spring GA and the next major CLGE Conference after Strasbourg (ppt).

The invitation forms for the GA will be sent out not later than 4 months before the meeting.

Possible dates are 7-8 may (a conference could be organized the 6th May). These dates have of course to be confirmed.

Lithuania:

Vaidotas Sankalas reports about a Lithuanian initiative in modules for distant learning courses. The Lithuanian civil servants are invited / advised to follow some of those modules.

Sweden

Svante Astermo gives a report about the FIG working week.

Up to now there are 100 registrations with 20 students and that's remarkable as the youth is closely related to the general theme.

There are several top level speakers from the UN, the Worldbank on the programme.

There will be a seminar about slums upgrading, together with UN-Habitat.

He recommends the following choices:

- Clarion hotel (new facility)
- Pre-conference in Kiruna (plan for moving the town due to the mining activity)
- Post-Congress tour to Dalana (midsummer celebration)

Henning Elmstroem adds that he is considering to organize a CLGE meeting during the FIG working week, as it was done during the last Munich meeting.

Czech Republic

Czech signed the Multilateral Accord thanks to the French Friends, in November 2007.

It was a very important event, also celebrated.

14. Honorary membership

Honorary membership is awarded to Vaclav Slaboch for his outstanding career and his brilliant work for the profession in general and CLGE in particular.

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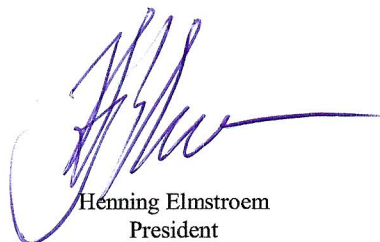
Enclosures:

Work Plan 2007 – 2009;
Presentation CTF-EU;
Presentation Website – Editorial Group;
Report Enlargement activities;
Presentation Bergen Seminar on Boundaries;
Presentation Swiss law on GI;
Presentation Codes of Conduct;
Presentation Bucharest Conference 2010.

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