



*CLGE Enlargement policy and activity 2008*

*Reflecting to the CLGE WORK PLAN-ELECTION PERIOD 2007-2009, it is mentioned that it is the intention to enhance CLGE with at least 3 new members following the enlargement of EU as close a possible.*

*As not being a delegate for the Netherlands, these responsibilities are filled in by Jos Anneveld and Wim van Pijkeren, neither Board member of the CLGE, both Dutch associations for geo-information, GIN and Geo Business Nederland really appreciated the decision of the CLGE Board to nominate me for the position of Special Envoy to continue my activities and efforts in the CLGE enlargement policy and they would highly appreciate it too to get full support and assistance of the CLGE Board for this enlargement policy.*

*During the last GA in Luxembourg, I recommended that CLGE should participate in the Intergeo East conference in Belgrade in Serbia to meet there colleagues from the Balkan region and East Europe.*

*Regarding the enlargement strategy there are 2 possibilities:*

*\* By example if the Special Envoy will present CLGE to a National Organization , as I did last year in Latvia and Estonia, an appointment is made, a program is set, a introduction and presentation about CLGE , what and who is CLGE, take place, open discussion, reacting to the questions, handover CLGE flyers and the mission is almost completed . The next step is the reaction of the National Organization to this presentation and her interest to be a member of CLGE or not.*

*\* In the case of participating in a conference /congress it is quite different, you make your registration, get a badge on which mostly your name is hard to read, you come in the conference hall, everybody is listening to a presentation on the stage, so don't see you or on the fair, a bunch of unknown people are walking around among all kind of GPS equipment, laserscanners, computers and salesmen, which are in that moment completely not interested for you.*

*List of participants are not available, nowadays that information is published on the internet after the congress/conference, so in that case the list will be complete, including the last minute participants*

*Therefore if CLGE is participating in a conference /congress with or with out a fair, it is recommended that the organizers of that conference/congress are informed in time by CLGE, 1 year before is so the average, that CLGE Special Envoy will participate in that congress/conference and CLGE would highly*



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*appreciate if a presentation about CLGE, her structure, the purpose and the objectives could be given and if possible in the beginning of the conference/congress, when most participants are still in the conference hall where is the official opening of the congress/conference and where afterwards the presentations are given.*

*The advantage is that CLGE gets on that moment a face, a name and is also mentioned in the programme and in this way it is very easy for the Envoy to make his contacts and update his network.*

*For the Intergeo East this approach was not done and it was searching for a needle in a haystack to find the right person to introduce CLGE.*

*Some background information about Intergeo East, it is the fifth time that Intergeo East took place and it is the third time that it took place in Serbia in Belgrade, a city of cultural and economic importance in the South East European Region.*

*The congress trade fair became in the meantime a tradition for the Balkan region and the response which comes out of the conference and the professional trade fair showed the necessity to create this market for the field of geo-information, landmanagement construction industry and environment in East and South East Europe.*

*The main objective of the Intergeo Conference and trade fair is to meet colleagues from other countries and other disciplines to exchange available knowledge and information by dialogue and communication on a number of different levels:*

*International, national and interdisciplinary and with the trade fair to present to the visitors and participants the world leading companies, manufactures and products in the area of geo-informatics and landmanagement.*

*The main topic of this conference was:*

*"Recent problems in Geodesy and Related Fields with International Importance".*

*It could had been a great opportunity for CLGE , the platform for European Geodetic Surveyors, to represent and promote the interests of the geodetic surveying profession in the private and public sector in East Europe, especially of course to the Institutions of the East European countries.*

*Back to the needles in the haystack....*

*Fortunately I found some:*

*\* Mr. Zoran Krejovic,  
Director General of the Republic Geodetic Authority*



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*An interpreter was necessary while Mr. Krejovic only speaks Serbian language*

\* Prof. Dr. Ivan Aleksij, Professor on the University of Belgrade, member of the Intergeo East Organization Committee and Board member of the National Association for Landsurveyors in Serbia.

\* Ivan Nestorov, Assistant professor at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Institute for Geodesy in Serbia

\* Gligorije Perović Professor on the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Institute for Geodesy.

Member of the National Association for Landsurveyors in Serbia  
Also advisor of the National Associations for Landsurveyors in Montenegro and Macedonia. (An interpreter was also necessary)

CLGE, her structure, purpose and goals was introduced and there was an open ear and a lot of interest from all the gentlemen, questions about membership, possibility to participate as an observer, fees, contact in the near future.

Information and flyers about GLGE, OGE and the GE conference in Strasbourg September 2008 were hand over and I told them that their participation would be highly appreciated.

Another information about the Hungarian National Association was given by The Hungarian Geodetic And Mapping company.

The key person nowadays in that Nat. Association is Mr. Janos Ringhofer, well known by me as the former CEO of Carto Hansa, one of the Branch Office of Hansa Luftbild before.

I will contact him too in the coming period.

I met too Nick Land, nowadays International Sales Director of ESRI Europe in Rotterdam/Holland, he send his warm regards to all of you.

Intergeo East will be next year in Istanbul, an good opportunity to introduce CLGE into the Turkish National Associations with a presentation and some CLGE info in the Intergeo East 2009 Event Guide.

Last but not least, it should be considered in the editorial group to update the CLGE flyer.

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