



09 March 2008

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE
Prague / Czech Republic, 28 February 2008 17.00-20.00

MINUTES

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

Participants:

Members of the Ex-Board:

Henning Elmstroem (DK), President
Jean-Yves Pirlot (BE), Secretary-General
René Sonney (CH), Treasurer
Alain Gaudet (FR), President Geometer Europas
Michelle Camilleri (MT), Vice President
Jan Hardos (SK), Vice President
Rudolph Kolbe (AT), Vice President
Rob Mahoney (UK), Vice President (GI-SDI, Editorial Group)
Volkmar Teetzmann (DE), Vice President (CTF-EU, Statutes)

Officials:

Rafic Khouri (FR), Responsable des relations internationales OGE, Secretary-General GE
Ann Pirlot – Vandaele (BE), Executive Director CLGE – GE a.i.

Invited:

Jan Fafejta, President of the Czech hosting organisation
François Mazuyer, Rapporteur général Strasbourg Conference

1. Opening

Henning Elmstroem opens the Executive Board meeting. He welcomes the participants and thanks the hosting organisation for all the preparations.

Due to the very short time interval between the present EB + GA and the last Brussels EB meeting in January, the workload was very important for our staff. The tradition of mid April and mid October GA is therefore more suited.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes of the last EB meeting

DECISION [D EB08-II/1] The Executive Board accepts the Agenda as written.

DECISION [D EB08-II/2] The Executive Board unanimously adopts the minutes of the last Executive Board

meeting in Brussels (January 2008) as circulated. It accepts the method of extensive reports with a synthetic Decision and Action Items Sheet.

3. Overview of the AI

Jean-Yves Pirlot gives a quick overview of the different action items

See Enclosure 1.

4. Financials issues

a. Situation

René gives an overview of the financial situation with a ppt presentation (See Enclosure 2).

b. Membership fees 2009 and onwards

René Sonney proposes to inform the GA in Prague and to make a decision during the Strasbourg GA. He is in favour of a 10% increase (instead of the 20% increase that would be required due to the increase of prices since the last update of the fees).

Rudolf Kolbe proposes an automatic increase related to a suited index. Rob Mahoney agrees with this proposal to avoid brusque fee increases as we have at hand but suggests introducing a 5% cap (upper limit). If in one year the index would imply an increase of more than 5%, this increase has to be confirmed by the GA.

Alain Gaudet thinks that we have ambitious goals and that we cannot achieve them without the proper means. Therefore he advocates an increase of 20%.

As a compromise, the President proposes an increase of the fixed fee to €250 + €1.3 per member as well as yearly regulation according to a proper indexing mechanism [AI EB 08-I/5, René Sonney, partly still open].

This compromise combined to a sound sponsoring policy will allow us to keep our finances in balance without lowering our ambitions. The President thanks Jean-Yves Pirlot and Rob Mahoney for the excellent work they've done in this field and he encourages the other board members to take advantage of the conditions they've created

The President also warns that we will have to deliver, to show the sponsors that their investment is worthwhile.

DECISION [D EB08-II/3]: The Executive-Board unanimously accepts the new fees + a proper annual updating mechanism with a proper index.

c. Investment possibilities

The actual investment is without risk and produces a 3.28 interest. This is not so bad taken the fact into account that it allows us to access the money without delay or cost.

The Treasurer proposes to leave the investment as such for the end of his mandate.

DECISION [D EB08-II/4]: The Executive-Board unanimously accepts the secure investment policy proposed by the Treasurer, for the rest of his mandate.

d. EU account

René Sonney tried to open an electronic bank account in Belgium but it was not possible for an association.

He proposes to wait for the exchange of treasurer to implement the move.

DECISION [D EB08-II/5]: The Executive-Board unanimously accepts to maintain the bank account in Switzerland, for the rest of this election period, unless other possibilities arise.

5. Working plan

a. General presentation of the Working Plan 2007 – 2009 (Enclosure 3)

The working plan was circulated. The President, Henning Elmstroem, gives a synthetic overview.

René Sonney asks for a minor correction. He prefers to speak about GI instead of GIS.

Henning Elmstroem also comments the enclosures. The conferences should be organized every second year and not every one year and a half. Volkmar Teetzmann totally agrees with this approach as well as rest of the Executive Board does.

A heavy effort must be produced to improve the website as a real tool for surveyors and even more as a window on our profession for external policy makers.

Rudolf Kolbe compliments the Bureau for the work done to prepare the Work Plan. He underlines the central role of the President. The concept of Knowledge Base building that he suggested at the last Executive Board meeting is not clearly mentioned.

For the Bureau, this idea was hidden in the improvement of the website but Henning Elmstroem admits that it is wise to mention the initiative more clearly.

AI EB08-II/1 Rudolf Kolbe will prepare a few lines about the constitution of a Professional Knowledge Base to be integrated in the Working Plan. **[AI EB08-I/1 – Rudolf Kolbe, write a paragraph about the knowledge base building to integrate in the WP CLGE].**

Rob Mahoney suggests the Report of EG on PPP is a good basis to start with.

Coming back to the programme of conferences, Volkmar Teetzmann, also thinks that there is a collision between the Krakow / Poland GA and the Bergen / Norway Seminar.

Jean-Yves Pirlot reminds that the Norway meeting is rather a Nordic seminar asking for the CLGE label. It is not part of the statutory meetings requiring the presence of the GA Delegates.

The Vilnius seminar will definitively be delayed to avoid overstressing our means.

For a better understanding, Rob suggests separating the statutory meetings and the other conferences.

In the name of the French delegation, Rafic Khouri also congratulates the Bureau for the excellent Work Plan 2007 – 2009.

He recalls the initial mandate of the CTF-EU that is still valid and asks to adapt “CTF-EU is in charge of monitoring the European relations” instead of “in charge of the European relations”. He also asks to stress that CTF-EU was set up together with Geometer Europas. Henning Elmstroem agrees with this proposal but emphasizes that the wording he choose underlines the responsibility of the members of this Task Force. Given the situation passive monitoring is not enough.

There will be a slight rephrasing of the paragraph concerned.

Two additional enclosures will complete the Work-Plan 2007 – 2009, i.e. the programme of work for CTF-EU and the mandate for the CLGE/GE editorial board.

b. Programme of work for CTF-EU (Enclosure 4)

Volkmar Teetzmann gives a presentation of CTF-EU (see power point).

CTF-EU is the core of our political action.

The task force has an annual budget of €6000, paid for 50% by CLGE and 50% by GE. In fact the budget is €6000 for year X, minus the rest of of the budget of year X-1.

Alain Gaudet asks to give the situation of the expenses at the next GA of Geometer Europas.

About the content of CTF-EU’s work programme Rudolf Kolbe thinks that it is very clear that the “platform” is only a tool for cross border services. For the moment, we would lose our time to work on this topic if we hope that it could give us the opportunity to raise the level of our studies.

Alain Gaudet asks Volkmar Teetzmann to give the same presentation on the next Geometer Europas meeting, 28th of March 2008.

c. Rob Mahoney: Mandate of the Editorial group (Enclosure 5)

Rob Mahoney was asked to address three major topics: website, editorial group and GI. The two first items are very closely related and handled as a priority.

He tables the draft version of a written report which will be used to formalise the mandate of the editorial group. He gives a short overview.

Website: it’s the public face of CLGE. The current website looks appalling. The structure is OK, but the look

and feel is totally outdated.

The sponsors should be very well placed and a simple visit of our website should give them a clear view of our ambitions and goals.

CLGE should write a standard about the look and feel and the content management.

Jean-Yves Pirlot stresses Milan Talich performs very well as a technical webmaster. As stated earlier, we need an overhaul of the artistic side and a real editorial board in charge of the content management.

As a quick win, the editorial board has to launch an e-brief. It must be sent out at a frequency to be agreed on.

Jos Anneveld and Rob Mahoney are appointed for the editorial group (+ Jyp to support the job in his capacity of Secretary-General) and somebody of Geometer Europas.

The report on our GI-policy is still under construction and will be discussed later on.

AI EB08-II/2 **[Editorial group, write a standard about the look and feel an content management of the CLGE website].**

DECISION [D EB08-II/6: The Executive-Board unanimously accepts the working plan, as completed during the present meeting].
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6. Reports by Executive Board Members

a. President

Since the last Executive Board meeting in January, most of the efforts were put in the Work Plan 2007 – 2009 which was just adopted.

The President also reports about recent evolutions in the preparation of a Master level in Malta, i.e. the first Summer Course that will start this year. Michelle Camilleri will give a short presentation during the national reports part of GA III.

b. Secretary General

– CLGE - GA in Prague

Still a lot of administrative work was fulfilled for the preparation of the GA in Prague.

– Back office: Welcome letter to Hervé Grélard and a draft letter for the Commission (publicity of the questionnaire).

– Coordination of the CLGE advice on EngCard (see Rudolf Kolbe's report).

– Meeting with Dave Lovell on 30 January in Brussels

Dave Lovell shows interest for a EG antennae in the HESGI. The next meeting with him is proposed on 1 May 2008 in Paris. There could also be an informal meeting with EG President Magnus Gudmunson (CEO of Icelandic Survey and Cadastre) on that occasion.

The Executive Board confirms this mission and accepts the related cost (Travel expenses should be covered by NGI (BE). Only one night at the Hotel will be required).

– Meeting with Jean Bergevin and Sophie Maletras

Jean Bergevin will present a paper about "Certification" in Strasbourg. The Secretary-General will have further meetings to coordinate his message with ours.

It is confirmed that the EP seems not really in favour of codes of conduct produced by self-regulation. It asked the Commission to prepare a generic code of conduct that could be imposed to all the professions. It seems that the commission (DG SANCO) will take a lot of time to prepare such a document. The European Professional Associations have to act quickly if they want to table a finalised version of a code of conduct for the profession before 2010.

Due to EU regulations, Sophie Malétras cannot give us the list of countries that responded to the EC questionnaire. She asks us to do the survey over again.

172 countries answered the questionnaire but less than 10 in the field of surveying (CLGE, GE, ~~EGoS~~, RICS?, France, Germany, Belgium, ...?).

- Contact with Bozena Lipej

Bozena Lipej confirms her presence at the Strasbourg conference with a paper about the requirements of the public sector towards the surveyors (public sector as a client).

She also is involved in the preparation of a workshop in Montenegro with Eurogeographics, the Worldbank and GTZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit). She would be pleased if CLGE could take an active part in the organizing committee.

- Contact with Malcolm Lelliott (MoU, Code of Conduct)

The contacts are still very positive. In a near future a meeting will be organized to finalise the MoU and consider a closer cooperation on hot topics.

- CLGE/GE/OGE conference in Strasbourg

The coordination goes on. A lot of contacts are established with François Mazuyer, Reinhard Lux, Otmar Stöcker, Professor Bähr, ...

- Sponsoring

René Sonney has sent out the invoices as prepared by Ann Pirlot-Vandaele.

Rob Mahoney has obtained that Ordnance Survey UK and Ordnance Survey Northern Ireland will both take a sponsorship of 1000 euro.

AI EB08-II/3 **[Jean-Yves Pirlot, keep up contacts with Bozena Lipej about the Strasbourg and Montenegro Conference].**

AI EB08-II/4 **[Jean-Yves Pirlot, represent CLGE in Paris in May, during a meeting with EG and a Icelandic delegation].**

- c. Rudolf Kolbe

Rudolf Kolbe worked on a CLGE position on EngCards as circulated (Enclosure 6).

He reports that he took part in a working group of the European Engineers.

AI contact Slovenian and Hungarian (Board meeting of ECEC in Belgrade in March on 28 of March).

- d. Jan Hardos

Two seminars DG internal market 21 and 22 February.

He tables a written report (Enclosure 7).

7. General Assembly in Prague

Henning Elmstroem gives an overview of the agenda of the GA. It is confirmed without modification.

8. Strasbourg Conference and General

The OGE announces that there will be a reshuffled website for the Strasbourg Conference.

Rob Mahoney's translation in English of the recommendations written by François Mazuyer is discussed.

We will use "European Surveyors" instead of "Surveyors of the European Union".

Were the initial education appears, we add the master level.

Delete "most urgent".

René Sonney is disappointed with the first recommendation. He asks to consider a modern approach. For him approaches based on sheer technical subjects and methods of operations are outdated.

DECISION [D EB08-II/7:]. The 3 recommendations and the engagement as adapted during the Executive Board are unanimously adopted and will be presented on 28 February during the Prague GA I. Minor changes remain possible enabling us to take further evolutions and interesting suggestions into account.

9. Bergen Seminar

After the explanation about the overall concept of the Bergen Seminar on boundaries, the Executive-Board unanimously accepts to support its organization, included the proposed financial support of €500. The Seminar will

be held under the auspices of the CLGE, but the presence of the national delegates is not required. However, even if the conference isn't a statutory meeting, the presence of a strong delegation of European Surveyors would be more than appreciated.

Arve Leiknes will give a presentation about the seminar during GA I or III.

DECISION [D EB08-II/8:]. The Executive Board unanimously accepts the organization of the Bergen Seminar on Boundaries under the auspices of CLGE. A financial support of 500 euros is granted. The seminar will appear in the list of non statutory meetings of CLGE.

10.Future events

a. Statutory meetings

GA Prague, 29 Feb – 01 Mar 2008

EB Berlin 15 – 17 May 2008

EB Strasbourg, 16 or 17 ?? September 2008 (to be confirmed)

GA Strasbourg, 19 – 20 September 2008

GA 2009, Krakow / Poland, 27 – 28 March

GA 2009, Florence / Italy, 2nd or 3rd week Sep (i.e. 11 – 12 or 18 – 19 September 2009)

GA 2010, Bucharest / Romania 07 – 08 May 2010 (to be confirmed)

b. Non statutory meetings

Norway, Bergen seminar: 23, 24 April 2009

Students movement, Intergeo 2009

Conference 2010 Germany? [during the Prague GA, Romania accepted to host the 2010 Conference]

Conference 2012 Italy, Scandinavia, UK ?

11.Any other business

- CLGE received a questionnaire about trade barriers with Canada. The question does not really apply to our profession but it is suited to send an answer. FGF will be asked to forward some elements to answer the letter;
- On the 1st of April there will be an important meeting about EngCard. With regard to the importance of EngCard in the discussions about the codes of conduct, Rudolf Kolbe and Jean-Yves Pirlot will represent CLGE.

AI EB08-II/5 **[Rudolf Kolbe and Jean-Yves Pirlot, represent CLGE at the EngCard meeting in Brussels, 1st April 2008].**

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Jean-Yves Pirlot
Secretary General

Henning Elmstroem
President