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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CLGE
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MINUTES

Venue Strasbourg Conference Centre, Place de Bordeaux
Room Oberlin

1. Opening

Henning Elmstroem, President of CLGE, opens the General Assembly. He warmly welcomes all the participants, especially the new delegates: Elita Baklane from Latvia (incoming member); Matjaz Grilc from Slovenia (informal observer); Fausto Savoldi and Enrico Rispoli from Italy; Ivan Andreev from Bulgaria; Javier Gonzalez-Matesanz. They all receive CLGE pins.

In the name of CLGE, the President thanks the hosting French Association, OGE, especially its President, Pierre Bibollet and, its First Vice-president and *Rapporteur-general* of the Congress, François Mazuyer, for the excellent preparation of the Congress and the General Assembly. He underlines the high number of participants to the Conference and the General Assembly.

Henning Elmstroem then thanks the Secretary General for his effective participation in the preparation of the two Strasbourg events.

The Conference has shown the perfect collaboration between CLGE and GE and the high standards of their work. The Code of Conduct will be the next important work to realize.

Henning Elmstroem mentions that some copies of the official documents are available for the GA (Prague minutes and Strasbourg agenda). However, he announces that for coming events, CLGE will turn fully digital and that no spare copies will be printed anymore.

2. Roll call

All but two members (Finland, Estonia) take part in the Strasbourg GA. See enclosed participation list on the website.

Finland has sent apologies.

(The apologies of Estonia were received shortly after the meeting).

3. Approval of the agenda

Hagen Graeff, head of the German delegation, asks to add a point to the "Membership affairs". He takes the floor to confirm an earlier letter sent to the Ex-Board of CLGE, asking to nominate Klaus Rürup as an Honorary Member of CLGE. He presents his apologies for the fact that the common letter of BDVI and DVW was late.

Henning Elmstroem has questioned the different board members, immediately after receipt of the abovementioned letter. They agree and thus, according to Art. 4.4. of the CLGE statutes, the Ex-Board suggests the appointment of the Klaus Rürup, as an honorary member of CLGE and asks to do this without delay.

DECISION [D GA 08-II/1]:

The CLGE GA unanimously approves the agenda as circulated earlier after adding the point about the honorary membership of Klaus Rürup, as requested by Hagen Graeff on behalf of BDVI and DVW.

DECISION [D GA 08-II/2]:

The CLGE GA unanimously approves the appointment of Klaus Rürup as an honorary member of CLGE.

4. Approval of the minutes from Prague

Minutes are adopted as written by Jean-Yves Pirlot, Secretary General, and circulated on 7 June 2008.

DECISION [D GA 08-II/3]:

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

5. New applicants for membership

Latvia (Latvian Surveyors Association – LSA) has sent its application for principal membership.

Slovenia (Slovenian Chamber of Engineers IZS – Central section of Land Surveyors) did not send an official application but is considering the introduction of an application for principal membership. As the statute of observer would also have required an application, the statute of informal observer is granted to the Slovenian delegate.

Subsequently, Matjaz Grilc, who has to leave the GA early for his flight homewards, gives a presentation of his Engineers Chamber IZS and the surveyor profession in Slovenia (see enclosed presentation on the website). He warmly thanks CLGE for the invitation and announces that his association will surely introduce its application soon.

Elita Baklane also gives a presentation of her association and the land surveyor profession in Latvia.

She expresses her gratitude for the invitation and underlines the happiness of LSA in joining CLGE (see presentation on the website).

DECISION [D GA 08-II/4]:

The General Assembly of CLGE unanimously accepts Latvia as incoming principal member.

The two excellent presentations are well received by the GA and herald a further reinforcement of CLGE.

Of course, the experience CLGE and its individual members gathered over time, are also put in common. As an example, Jan Hardos, Vice-President, already announces his willingness to help Latvia with specific problems his country has also faced after the land reform.

6. Report by the Executive Board

Henning Elmstroem thanks the Secretary General and the Executive Director for their constant efforts.

He gives an overview of the working plan and the other relevant activities of the Ex-Board.

- On 28th April, CLGE has signed an MoU with EGOS. Due to the intensive preparation of the EU Conference, the follow up was not yet started. However EGOS is represented by its Vice-President, Randolph Camilleri.

- Berlin Ex-Board and BDVI-GA, 15-16 May. The stay of the Ex-Board in Berlin has allowed CLGE to take part in the farewell ceremony of Volkmar Teetzmann as outgoing President of BDVI. Henning Elmstroem underlines the brilliant actions of Volkmar Teetzmann on the national and international level as well as his strategic view. Thanks to his influence, BDVI and DVW were able to achieve a better cooperation what resulted in a strong and common German representation as a unified delegation.
- Build-up of new website (see specific report)
- Congress preparation.
- CLGE participated in the 100 Year celebration of the Swedish Surveying Association (Svante Astermo thanks CLGE for its presence at this event).
- A strong delegation of CLGE took part in the Stockholm FIG Conference in June.
- Malta summer course (the summer course was attended by the minimal number of students. The lessons learned will be analyzed soon).
- Membership affairs, incoming members. Henning Elmstroem thanks Mark Wijngaarde for his excellent work in the field of the CLGE enlargement policy.
- A first informal Brussels Bureau meeting was organized in July, to prepare the present GA and discuss many other items.
- The pending Representation of CLGE in Romania, and Montenegro (two EuroGeographics events) was prepared by Henning Elmstroem, Jean-Yves Pirlot and Volkmar Teetzmann (CTF-EU).

Henning Elmstroem proposes the creation of a Bureau, composed by the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer.

Volkmar Teetzmann asks for the quick and automatic circulation of the Bureau Minutes amongst the Ex-Board.

DECISION [D GA 08-II/5]:

The General Assembly of CLGE unanimously accepts the hereafter mentioned modification of the internal rules:

"In order to preserve the efficiency of the work of the GA and the Ex-Board, a bureau, composed by the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer will handle the daily routine. The Bureau reports to the Executive Board"

7. Financial issues

René Sonney gives an overview of the financial situation (see enclosed ppt on the website). He thanks the members because all the member fees were paid in due time.

He reports a sound situation and has only one shortfall to mention (the cost for the website is estimated at € 6500,- instead of the planned € 5000,-).

a. Budget 2009

René Sonney explains the proposed budget 2009.

On the income side, the increased number of members and the upgrade of the membership fees will slightly improve this type of revenues (+ € 6000,-).

A little improvement of the sponsorship income is anticipated (+ € 2000,-).

On the expenses side two modifications have to be explained:

The Ex-Board proposes to invest in youngsters (creation of a new post + € 3000,-).

The website expenditures must also be increased to invest in a continuous upgrade of the new website.

The President announces that the Bergen Seminar will probably remain a neutral

operation. The discussions about a financial support of the seminar are still ongoing.

DECISION [D GA 08-II/6]:

The General Assembly of CLGE unanimously adopts the proposed budget for 2009.

b. Membership fees indexation from 2010 onwards

Based on a decision taken by the GA in Prague, René Sonney explains the indexation scheme (see enclosed ppt on the website).

The index will be computed with the Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP) - European Union.

Basis: 2005 = 100, Reference February 2008 = 106.70

8. Editorial group

Rob Mahoney introduces the presentation of the new website. He reports about the way Clicked Creative was selected for the job of refurbishing the old version of the CLGE website.

The website was built in close cooperation between Milan Talich, Ondrej Boehm, Jean-Yves Pirlot, Rob Mahoney as well as the contracting company (represented by Rowen Bradley). The website is accessible under a hidden address and is technically operational.

A meeting was organized in London, with Clicked, Rob Mahoney and Jean-Yves Pirlot.

However, the texts of the former website were simply transferred to the new website. There is still an editorial work to fulfil. Rob Mahoney and Jean-Yves Pirlot will table a proposal.

Jean-Yves Pirlot and Milan Talich give a ppt presentation about the new website as well as his new technical features.

The General Assembly is very satisfied with the progress made during the last months and encourages the involved team to finalise the work ASAP.

9. CTF-EU

Volkmar Teetzmann, starts by thanking CLGE for its visit to the BDVI GA.

He then gives an overview of the situation at hands.

The discussions about Professional Platforms were halted. The situation at hands will be evaluated by the commission in the coming years (2011-2012). Before this revision, it is not very effective to try the way of Professional Platforms to push through our request for Master Studies.

He reports about the CTF-EU Vienna meeting (See copy on the website). On the basis of a mandate given by CLGE and GE in Berlin, CTF-EU has to appoint a legal adviser for a study about the interrelation of the directives with the profession under different statutes of exercise (independent, public officer, civil servants,... i.e. Art 45, 43 and 39).

After the Vienna meeting, Volkmar Teetzmann has organized an encounter with Prof. Dr. Henssler, who emerged out of a group of three candidate advisors. This meeting was very fruitful and resulted in the definitive appointment of Prof. Dr. Henssler. A first draft could be available before the next Ex-Board Meeting of CLGE or not later than the GE meeting in December 2008.

Vaidotas Sankalas would like to know what the members should do while their governments are implementing the services directive in their countries.

Volkmar Teetzmann remarks that it is difficult to give a definitive answer to this question as long as the abovementioned study is not available. However, Rudolf Kolbe provides the advice to contact the responsible ministry and to try to become the Single Point of Contact (SPC) or to be involved in the constitution of this SPC.

The CTF-EU has to prepare a draft code of conduct based upon the existing examples (RICS, CEPLIS, BDVI, ...). This draft will be proposed in one of the next GA to be adopted not later than in Spring 2010.

Another activity of CTF-EU is discussed in point 12. below.

10. Future CLGE conferences and Seminars

Leiv Bjarte Mjos and Arve Leiknes give a presentation about the Bergen Seminar.

The call for paper was launched and the proposals are coming in.

The Bucharest CLGE Conference was announced during the Strasbourg Conference. The dates are (6) 7-8 May 2010 and will be confirmed if there is no collision with the FIG calendar.

The President asks the different delegation to consider their bid for hosting the Seminar 2011 and a EU Conference in 2012-2013, as well the usual GA.

11. CEPLIS

Rudolf Kolbe reports about CEPLIS.

He points out the Day of Liberal Professionals, organized on 9th June 2008, by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). CEPLIS was well represented. He had the opportunity to be appointed as the Keynote Speaker.

He also insists on a new EU initiative in the field of small businesses (Small Business Act). As most if not all the Surveying companies are small businesses, he stresses that this new legislative procedure has to be scrutinized by CLGE and GE.

At the General Assembly of CEPLIS, 16-17 June 2008, in Paris, a MEP, M. Karas, who followed an invitation by Rudolf Kolbe, reported about the SBA.

Rudolf Kolbe was also invited to Spain to present a paper about European Engineers Associations and the Codes of Conduct.

All this shows that CEPLIS is very active and that the SBA is of major importance for the liberal exercise of the Surveying Profession.

12. Co-operation with European Umbrella Organisations

Most of the efforts were made in the field of our cooperation with EuroGeographics (EG). Henning Elmstroem underlines the very interesting opening of a Brussels Office by EG, in the House of the European Surveyor and GeoInformation (HESGI).

- Publication of a common report with Eurogeographics

Henning Elmstroem confirms the publication of common report with EG and GE about the requirements of NMCA towards cadastral surveyors. It's available on the respective websites of EG and CLGE.

- EuroGeographics - GA in Romania

The CLGE President, Henning Elmstroem, will take part in the next EG GA, scheduled for early October 2008, in Sibiu, Romania.

- EuroGeographics Workshop in Montenegro

A workshop co-organized with the Worldbank, GTZ and the Montenegrin Ministry of Finances will handle best practices of cadastral surveying and the influence of the European legislation in this field. CLGE – GE (CTF-EU) will be represented by its Secretary General, Jean-Yves Pirlot.

13. Dates and Venues of the Following GA and Meetings

Please notice a correction in the Strasbourg Agenda. The I EB 2009 will take place on the January 16 and not on January 15, as stated earlier.

- Statutory meetings

IV EB 2008, Brussels, 10 October 2008, 09.00 – 16.00

I EB 2009, Brussels, 16 January 2009, 09.00 – 16.00

I GA 2009, Krakow / Poland, 27 – 28 March

III EB 2009, Copenhagen, 12 – 13 June 2009,

Confirmed after the Strasbourg GA:

II GA 2009, Firenze / Italy, 2nd or 3rd week Sep (11 – 12 ~~or 18~~—19 September 2009)

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

Call for candidates:

II GA 2010, Incoming member (Latvia, Slovenia, Turkey, Iceland?).

- Non statutory meetings

Norway, Bergen seminar: 29, 30 April 2009;

Students movement, Intergeo 2009;

Conference 2010 Romania [GA + Conference];

Call for candidates:

Conference 2012.

14. Honorary Membership

Unfortunately, Klaus Rürup is absent. However, a little ceremony will be organized during the closing of the Strasbourg GA.

15. AOB

OGE, France, rises the difficult question about minimal funding of surveying companies by Surveyors. It would be interesting to know how this question is handled in the different member states of CLGE and GE.

They used the same approach for the level of liability insurances and were successful in front of their rather unenthusiastic government.

The French delegation will table the question to the next Ex-board meeting of CLGE. It will present a short paper giving the precise outline of the problem. This paper can be circulated amongst the GE and or CLGE members.

16. Closing

At 18 o'clock, Henning Elmstroem closes the General Assembly by thanking the different delegations for their presence and active participation.

The official closing and little reception gives him the opportunity to welcome a delegation of the Bulgarian Chamber of Graduated Surveyors, headed by its President Angel Yanakiev.

Alain Gaudet, as President of Geometer Europas and member of the CLGE board, also welcomes the above mentioned Bulgarian delegation. He warmly thanks the participants to the GA and the Congress. As President of the Congress he was more than pleased by the spirit of good collaboration he experienced with CLGE.

The reception is enhanced by a ceremony for the official signature of the Honorary Membership Certificate of Klaus Rürup, the Accord Multilateral by the Bulgarian Chamber of Graduated Surveyors followed by a heartily welcome to the new Latvian principal CLGE member, hoping the Slovenian delegation will follow soon.

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Enclosures:

Participants list

Adopted Budget 2009, Membership fee Calculation 2009

Adopted Internal Rules, Version 2008

Nomination of Klaus Rürup as Honorary Member of CLGE, Certificate

Presentation of the Latvian Surveyors Association

Presentation of the Slovenian IZS – Central Chamber of Surveyors

CTF-EU Vienna report (26 June 2008)

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