



The Council of European Geodetic Surveyors
Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens

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CLGE – BUREAU MEETING
Bucharest / Romania, 25 (09.00AM-02.00PM) – 26 April (09.30AM-01.30PM) 2009

MINUTES

Venue Hotel Suter Inn
Offices NACLR and Theotop
Palace of the Parliament
Bucharest Airport Otopeni

Participants:

Members of the Bureau:

Henning Elmstroem (DK), President
Jean-Yves Pirlot (BE), Secretary-General
René Sonney (CH), Treasurer

Invited (Part-time):

Valeriu Manolache (CLGE delegate for the Romanian Association of Private Surveyors, Local Organizer– Bucharest Conference 2010)

1. Visit of NACLR + Meeting with RAPS

See attachment 1.

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/1] CLGE and RAPS will propose an overall program to NACLR. NACLR will invite the European cadastral agencies.

The idea is to prepare a common declaration on the national and international level. Valeriu Manolache will prepare an English version of the contested Romanian surveying law.

2. Reimbursement of dinners

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/2] Following the bad experience at the last Ex-Board meeting in Krakow, the treasurer will install a kind of voucher system for Ex-Board dinners or will handle the payment of the officials separately. This will allow other delegates to join the group without "obliging" CLGE to pay for them.

3. Sponsoring

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/3] The treasurer will launch kind reminders for the few companies that did not pay until yet (For OSGB via Rob; for Star-Apic and Geomedia Jyp will provide the email addresses).

4. Liaison Groups

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/4] The bureau insists that liaison groups are still the principle. But it may not be a hurdle to become member. The President will make a reminder about this at the next occasion.

5. Finances for the Bucharest Conference

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/5] Jyp will send a letter / message to Valeriu, thanking for the hospitality during the bureau and confirm the financial arrangements. To promote the conference amongst the delegates we could apply the approach of €110 Conference fee + 110 (General Assembly fee) = €190.

6. Bergen statement

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/6] Jyp sends the draft Bergen statement to the CLGE Ex-Board asking for comments to be addressed to HE (comments not later than Wednesday 28 April 09). Leiv Bjarte Mjøs will be asked by HE to provide a printed version taking into account possible changes by Ex-Board members, for signing purposes (on the basis of a CLGE certificate).

7. Executive Board meeting in Copenhagen

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/7]

The GE GA will be held on the 25 June 09 starting at 1.00 PM (10 participants). The morning venue is kept in reserve and dropped at the latest possible moment.

The lunch before asks for reservation (pre-reservation for 10).

At the CLGE Ex-Board there will be 11 attendants.

8. Analyse the registration of Luxembourg for Copenhagen (GE)

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/8] Jyp will contact Felix Peckels for the reservations in Copenhagen, as this is urgent for the bookings / un-booking (due to his possible absence).

9. Austrian bill about the Strasbourg Conference

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/9] the Bureau agrees, if need be, to pre-finance the payment of the bill. But, the matter must be discussed in Bergen with France because the speakers salary was not agreed upon beforehand (€1500,-). CLGE has paid a unique participation of €20.000,- as well as Geometer Europas has. This €40.000,- were meant to cover ALL the expenses. Reimbursements are the responsibility of OGE or its respresentant. The minimum that must be paid by the French organizer is the total amount – €1500,-.

10. Malta

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/10] In Bergen, HE will call again for a full report promised by Paddy Prendergast about the Malta Summer Course. On the basis of this report he will try to sort out the situation.

11. Incoming members GA expenses

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/11] As a reminder, for incoming members, CLGE pays the GA fee and hotel for maximum two nights, for one delegate. The delegation however may count 2 members.

12. Simplification of membership forms

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/13] The application form is simplified by the Bureau and will be presented to the Copenhagen Ex-Board.

13. OGE study about the professional profile in the member countries

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/14] The study conducted by OGE can be used and updated by CLGE, in close cooperation with OGE. It could be used as a kind of update of the Allan Report. The way ahead will be discussed in Bergen, Eilat or later.

14. Sofia meeting

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/15] The Sofia Conference (05-06 Nov 09) will give the possibility to organize a Bureau meeting + Bucharest Conference update meeting (07 Nov 09). President and Secretary General can take part at the conference and a presentation by CLGE will be considered. The treasurer will fly in later. Valeriu Manolache should also attend, at least the bureau meeting on 07 Nov 09.

15. Enlargement policy

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/16] The Bureau recommends inviting Turkey, FYR Macedonia, Croatia and Iceland to Rome or Bucharest GA. HE will propose to cancel the Croatia and FYRM mission (report of the mission before Ex-Board meeting, if any).

16. Invitation of Frances Plimmer to Rome

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/17] Jyp will invite Frances Plimmer via Rob (hotel maximum two nights and conference fee will be paid by CLGE).

17. InterGeo

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/18] HE will write a short reminder about the InterGeo Students meeting (to be forwarded by Jyp) just before or after Bergen.

18. Fee structure

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/19] The bureau recommends to scrutinize the fee structure. The aim is to be independent of the self declared surveyor members.

The proposition is to take into account three factors: GDP, Area and inhabitants.

These factors should be given an appropriate weight (e.g.: GDP 60 %, Number of inhabitants 30 %, Area 10 %).

The treasurer will present the new structure of fees in Copenhagen.

19. Ex-Board attendance

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/19] As informally agreed upon after the Krakow Ex-Board, the Bureau confirms that the attendance of the Executive Boards is limited to its members (assisted by maximum one person*), the executive director*, and when organized together with a GA, a small delegation of the hosting country*, maybe part-time and of course *= without voting power.

20. Early warnings (invitations to be confirmed)

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/20] To prepare the Rome GA and the Bucharest Conference, the following people should quickly be warned that they are earmarked for a presentation and or invitation to one (or both) of these events.

However, the necessary reservations will be made, as we have to await firm decisions before confirming.

Conference:

FIG president – HE,

Fridolin Wicki – RS (after short email by Jyp),

Belgian Princess – Jyp,

EGOS president – Jyp,

Eurogeographics – HE and Jyp,

Kadaster – Dorine Burmanje - Jyp

GA (Rome or Bucharest)

HE will try to contact the four nations during the FIG Eilat meeting in Israel

If not successful:

Turkey - HE

Iceland - HE

FYR Macedonia - Jyp

Croatia - Jyp

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Jean-Yves Pirlot
Secretary General

Enclosures: Reports of the Bucharest Conference preparation meetings with the National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registration (NACLAR) and the Romanian Association of Private Surveyors (RAPS);
Revised CLGE membership application form.

NACLRL Visit – 24th April 05.30PM – 06.30 PM

Participants:

NACLRL (National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registratino)

Mihai Busuioc, General Manager – Lawyer stemming from the land registry part;

Adriana Padureanu, Director – Director European Integration (hydro technical engineer)

Valeriu Manolache – President Romanian Association of Private Surveyors

+ the CLGE Bureau

Discussions

NACLRL is an agency with a staff of about 3500

Romania has a cadastral system of mixed origin and is considering a harmonization (1/3 German cadastral system, 2/3 French cadastral system)

The Romanian cadastre is modernized within the frame of a World Bank programme (multi billion project)

As it has a cadastral branch and a land registration branch, the Agency combines technical and juridical topics.

The working title of the Conference was “moving from data gathering to data management (insisting on adding value)”. However, the title may be changed but the idea behind it should be kept amongst the covered topics.

The intention of this meeting as well as the Bureau meeting during these two days is:

- creating the frame of the conference;
- preparing the elements for an early warning.

An important message for CLGE is that Romania (private surveyors together with the public authorities) takes the lead of a conference at the European level.

The collaboration PPP is also an interesting topic.

A word of explanation about the collaboration private and public sector in Romania:

The history of the relation was not always so warm.

The Agency has its role in issuing, supporting and applying the rules.

The surveyors have created a partnership with the administration to have rules in favor and not against the private surveyor.

At the national level, the role of the congress is to clarify the role of surveyors, the registry and the collaboration.

They have started discussions put in a protocol. Not only the agency but also the private surveyor association will join forces and in 2010 the collaboration should be at its best.

The message of the conference should also be very strong about cadastre and land registry, not only towards the professionals but also towards the politicians.

Marek Siewec, Vice President of the European Parliament has invited CLGE to raise profile!

In addition to the conference we should make a lot of press releases and so on.

Romania will invite delegates of the EU NMCA, Members of the government and of the main parties.

NACLR will also handle the Press contacts, ...

The social program is very important too and will be well planned too.

Romania has a lot of experience in organizing such events (EuroGeographics, World Bank and FAO).

It is important to mix the two cultures, cadastre and land registry.

Those who work for this should be specialized generalists.

The combination of the two aspects is a more continental European tradition not so well known inside of FIG (favoring the Anglo-Saxon model).

Conference preparation meeting – 25th April 10.00AM – 02.00PM

Participants:

Valeriu Manulache – President Romanian Association of Private Surveyors (APCGC)
+ the CLGE Bureau

Discussions

The Romanian organizing committee of the conference consists of APCGC (RAPS) – NACLR – URG (Union of Romanian Geodesists).

The European part of the organizing committee is mainly CLGE (- GE)

We could consider some VVIP attending « Sous le haut patronage » - Honorable guests.

High ranking European official (wait after elections and new commissioners – but we will have to invite the function not the person).

As for Strasbourg we could try again the Belgian Princess.

The following VIP will also be invited by Romania (list to finish NLT end of June)
FIG president, EuroGeographics president, EGoS President.

The venue will be the Palace of the Romanian Parliament.

The estimated attendance 250 = 50 + 30 CLGE, 80 from EU cadastral agencies, Romanians.

However, the venue gives enough space to adapt the number of participants if need be.

For the moment, a conference room near the presidential entrance is favored.

Valeriu has prepared the overall program very thoroughly and will provide a new version dealing with the proposed changes during the discussion (by email).

Wednesday 5th May – Ex-board (4PM – 6.30 PM)

The Romanian organizers have to book a meeting room and a restaurant facility for at least 15/20 people.

Other delegates normally flock in. There should be a certain flexibility about the number of participants.

The Romanian delegates and presidents of the local associations are welcome on the CLGE Ex-board and the dinner of course.

Thursday 6th May

The congress should be spread over 1.5 days from Thursday to Friday AM (covering the GAIII part i.e. the national part).

On Saturday morning there will be a post congress tour: visiting of the Dracula Castle in Transylvania (about 250km from Bucharest).

Reception and standing dinner (speech by mayor and president – exchanges of gifts)

Friday 7th May AM Congress with ceremonial part (signing of a common declaration)

Friday 7th May PM – CLGE I and II

Some deadlines and figures

Conference fee should be around €110,- as well as the official part of the CLGE GA.
There will be no financial support of these events by CLGE.
30 Nov Registration forms must be sent out.

The contents / Outcomes

Overall title suggestions:

Setting the Future

Outlining the future

Paving the way for the future

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Idea behind it, gathering European Cadastral Agencies and CLGE

A performant Economy needs a reliable Cadastre – A reliable cadastre needs a good surveying profession

The conference will have a flat structure, without break out sessions.

Aim RO: Political manifest to reintroduce their law that was declared unconstitutional and raising the profile and position in the Romanian Geo infrastructure

Aim CLGE: Visibility, paving the way ahead with a vision for our profession

Possible papers

1. Romania

The presence of two systems in the same country (1/3 French, 2/3 German) and the harmonizing process ahead

2. To identify

Pro's of a common cadastre in Europe – Heading for a common cadastre in EU (Central on the Surveyor)

3. Germany (Volkmar Teetzmann)

The central role of the state or the publicly appointed surveyor

4. Switzerland (Fridolin Wicki)

A practical implementation = the Swiss Law (the system of the register of patented surveyors able to act for the state)

5. The Netherlands (Sweden)

3D cadastre and harmonization

6. To identify (France)

Quantity surveying, the European buildings (Commission and Parliament) (first steps for harmonization)

7. Spain

From data capture to data management – Google earth seen as an opportunity

8. France or Frances

Code of conduct as foundation of a sound European Economy (Economic part must be insisted upon)

9. External celebrity

Visibility of our profession (Philosophic paper aimed raising our profile)

The outcome should be the signature of a final declaration or the adoption of a resolution.

On the national level, the preparation of this declaration / resolution will be handled by the Romanian organizing committee and forwarded to CLGE for information.

On the European level, one possible outcome could be a reinforcement of the Strasbourg recommendations. The NACRL is proposing to invite its European counterparts with the aim to take part in the signing process. Therefore, we have to possess the declaration as soon as possible, hence the idea of using the Strasbourg declaration.

If the European Cadastral authorities are willing to enforce the Strasbourg declaration, this opens the way to a better recognition of our recommendations by the member states.

Other outcomes can of course be considered but must be prepared without delay to meet a very tight time frame.

These aspects should be discussed in Bergen, in the margin of the boundary seminar.

Revised membership

Application Form for Membership

State being represented:

Name of the associations:

National Liaison Group (NLG):

Main goal of the associations and or NLG(ask for the statutes):

Status of membership intended: Principal Member Observer

Total number of geodetic surveyors in the country:
(including the public and private sector, university teachers, lecturers, etc., retired surveyors)

Numbers of geodetic surveyors per association and or NLG

Please send this application form to
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