



Brussels, 16 August 2008

Agenda 25 June 2009  
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY GEOMETER EUROPAS asbl

*VENUE: IDA, KALVEBOD BRYGGE 31-33, 1780 COPENHAGEN V – TIMING: 13.00 – 18.00*  
*HOTEL: COPENHAGEN ISLAND, KALVEBOD BRYGGE 53, 1560 COPENHAGEN V*

1. Validity of the General Assembly

The President of Geometer Europas, Alain Gaudet, welcomes the participants and opens the first ordinary GA of Geometer Europas.

a. Attendees

Alain Gaudet (FR)

Hans-Urs Ackermann (CH)

Henning Elmstroem (DK)

Dieter Seitz (DE)

Jean-Yves Pirlot (BE)

b. Apologized

Dietrich Kollenprat (AT); Proxy Hans-Urs Ackerman

Felix Peckels (LU); Proxy Jean-Yves Pirlot

c. Officials

Volkmar Teetzmann (Chair CTF-EU)

Ann Pirlot – Vandaele (CLGE-GE)

d. Invited

Angel Yanakiev (BU) – Part time, leaves after presentation and discussion about the membership application of the Bulgarian Chamber of Graduated Surveyors

Bénédicte Fournier (OGE - Manager international affaires)

All the Geometer Europas members are validly represented either by their usual delegate or by an appointed proxy; in consequence the General Assembly is valid.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda, as circulated on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009, is unanimously adopted.



### 3. Presentation of the Bulgarian Chamber of Surveyors – Membership application

#### - Presentation

Angel Yanakiev thanks GE for the invitation. He gives a short presentation of the situation in his country.

#### Abridged version of his presentation:

Since 2006, there is a new law on land surveying, cadastre and cartography.

In September 2006 he was elected to be the first chair of the Chamber of Graduated Surveyors, created by this law.

The Chamber has about 450 members, 370 have been licensed to perform cadastral surveying.

Every physical person holding a master degree in surveying is member of the Chamber.

This is the main difference with the Union of Land Surveyors. The Union is also open for people holding a bachelor or high school degree.

Several members of the management board of the Chamber are also member of the board of the Union of Land Surveyors.

There is also an association of the land surveying companies uniting legal entities.

Finally there is a design and planning association with a branch for land surveyors.

Currently the cadastral administration issues licences and his Chamber of Graduated Surveyors takes part in this procedure.

The Chamber is member of FIG since 2008. The Union of Land Surveyors is also member of FIG.

The chamber is keeping an account of the exact number of members and the fees that are paid. In the Union this procedure doesn't exist.

The reason is that the Union was created before the democratic system with a lot of state subsidies.

The Chamber will be able to cover the membership fees in the future organisations.

On the international level, they are creating the Balkan Association of Land Surveyors (Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece, Macedonia and Serbia). This union will be open to persons and organisations.

President Yanakiev has the mandate to take part in the necessary meetings to obtain acceptance of his Chamber in Geometer Europas.

He therefore introduces the application for membership of the Chamber of Graduated Surveyors in Geometer Europas.

#### - Discussion

The difference between CLGE and FIG is that there are no associations as members but NLG.

CLGE-membership implies the representation by nations, not by associations. The second question arises about what will happen after the merging of CLGE and GE.

In 2008, the Chamber did not know about the merging between CLGE and GE.

The example of Angel Yanakiev gives a good illustration of the situation at hands. He is:

→ Chair of Chamber of Graduated Surveyors;

→ Member of the Management Board of the Union of Land Surveyors;

→ Member of the Management Board of the Association of Land Surveying Companies (49 members).

About 10 persons are in the same situation.

The public sector is also represented, as all the holders of a master have to be member of the Chamber.



It is important to notice that CLGE and Geometer Europas are in a merging process to strengthen the position of the surveying profession in Europe.

The Chamber is aware of this evolution and they are eager to join this organisation together with the Bulgarian Union of Land Surveyors, forming one national Bulgarian delegation. Thus, the creation of an NLG is not a problem for Bulgaria.

If the GA of Geometer Europas decides to accept the membership application, the Chamber has to be integrated in the merging process, but will have no right of objection.

- Deliberation (Angel Yanakiev leaves the meeting after thanking for the hospitality):

On the basis of the presentation and declarations made by Angel Yanakiev, the GE GA unanimously accepts the membership application of the Bulgarian Chambers of Graduated Surveyors.

A letter will be written in that sense. For the second semester 2009, a membership fee of €1575,- will be asked (the normal yearly fee is of €6300,- but it is reduced by 50% in 2008 and 2009).

It is also important to draw the attention on the fact that the Bulgarian Chamber has to adhere without reserve to all the pending projects and processes. This means in particular that the Bulgarian Chamber of Graduated Surveyors has to confirm that:

- it represents the Publicly Appointed Surveying Profession;
- it will join forces with the Union of Land Surveyors within CLGE;
- it accepts the merging process at hands;
- it accepts the EU Code of Conduct when adopted;
- it is willing to pay an additional fee on top of the CLGE membership fee to remain part of the successor of Geometer Europas inside of CLGE.

#### 4. Approval of the minutes of the Brussels Ex. GA, of the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008

The Brussels Minutes, as circulated on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009, are unanimously adopted without correction.

#### 5. Approval of the Accounts GE, asbl, (2007) 2008 (+ Dissolution of GE, NGO)

The General Assembly unanimously approves the accounts of 2008.

The dissolution of GE, NGO was already decided but requires that the existing Swiss account is liquidated and the remaining amount is transferred to the Brussels account of Geometer Europas, asbl. This process is ongoing.

#### 6. Ongoing actions:

##### a. Merging of CLGE-Geometer Europas (ad hoc working group)

Henning Elmstroem and Volkmar Teetzmann met in Flensburg on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June to prepare a merging proposal.

Henning Elmstroem presents the outcome of this meeting. It is based on the preliminary documents that has to be read in parallel (Bergen meeting, OGE statement, Flensburg meeting).

He also comments additional email exchanges between him and François Mazuyer.

The principles to merge GE in CLGE are:

- Keep the identity of the Publicly Appointed Surveying Professionals (as represented in GE);
- Protect minorities, i.e. protect the Publicly Appointed Surveying Profession;



- Maintain the financial independence with the possibility to draw special fees for the special working group;
- Secure clear statutes concerning the merging before dissolution of GE asbl;
- Guarantee that the future CLGE-Board will conduct a thorough investigation about the structure and content of CLGE's 'message'.

Alain Gaudet wants to clarify his position. He does not feel that he represents France as such because he was appointed as a president of Geometer Europas as a whole. However, for him, the direction taken by the merging group evolves clearly in the good direction.

The papers put forward by Volkmar Teetzmann and Henning Elmstroem, during the meeting, are accepted as a basis for the coming work. Everybody has to address his official comments not later than the 15 August 2009.

b. EU - Code of Conduct (CTF-EU)

Geometer Europas recognizes the ongoing work conducted by CLGE and Professor Frances Plimmer. Geometer Europas countries are well represented in the working group chaired by Volkmar Teetzmann.

Out of the members of GE, France and Belgium have asked for some editions.

The Code of Conduct will be discussed the day after this GA, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, in an ad-hoc CTF-EU-meeting to prepare the final draft for adoption by GE and CLGE in Rome in respect of the ratification process. The questions raised by the GE members should be solved at that occasion<sup>1</sup>.

The question of the FIG definition of a surveyor will be handled subsequently.

The GE member countries are asked to appoint a delegate, who will be able to vote the Code of Conduct in Rome.

c. Henssler Study II (CTF-EU)

Professor Henssler has delivered his study in March in German language.

A professional translation is needed.

It's up to every member to make its own translation after it is available in English. Of course it is advisable to take the German version as the source.

Volkmar Teetzmann gives a quick overview about the work. Henssler gave a short version of the study in 30 points. A first unofficial translation of this abridged version exists.

Geometer Europas accepts the study and asks Professor Henssler to send his bill.

A budget of €2000,- maximum will be allocated as fee for a guest speaker about the Henssler study in Rome, plus travel costs.

## 7. Calendar of the coming meetings.

Maurice Barbieri will take over the Presidency of the Swiss Association IGS. He will become the next delegate of Switzerland in Geometer Europas asbl and then the WP-Geometer Europas, part of CLGE.

The next GA of Geometer Europas is planned for the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in Brussels<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Remark of the Secretary: The meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June was successful; the amendments were discussed and integrated into the final version as attached.

<sup>2</sup> Remark of the Secretary: During the CLGE meeting of 26 June, the venue was shifted to Switzerland. Once again, a common venue will reduce the costs.



8. Budget 2009.

The budget as circulated is unanimously adopted by the GA.

Jean-Yves Pirlot  
Secretary

Alain Gaudet  
President

Enclosures: Code of Conduct (version of 26 June 2009)  
Accounts 2008  
Budget 2009  
Hensler II, abridged version (unofficial translation)