



12 July 2009

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE
Copenhagen/Denmark, 26 (13.00 – 18.00) - 27 (9.00 – 12.00) June 2009

MINUTES

Venue IDA
Kalvebod Brygge 31-33, 1780 Copenhagen V

Hotel Copenhagen Island, Kalvebod Brygge 53, 1560 Copenhagen V

1. Opening and Adoption of Agenda

Henning Elmstroem opens the meeting and thanks the participants for their attendance. As the meeting is organised in Denmark, Jean-Yves Pirlot takes over the task to thank the local organisers, especially, Henning Elmstroem and Vibeke Bo Clemens. The agenda is adopted as circulated.

2. Approval of the minutes (circulated on 22nd May 2009 – Status of the Action Items)

Jean-Yves Pirlot gives a very short overview of the pending A.I. Everybody agrees with the A.I. at hands.

DECISION [D EB09-III/1]:

The Ex-Board unanimously adopts the minutes of the Ex-Board meeting in Krakow, on the 26th March 2009 and the related AI list. The minutes can be released on the website.

3. Report Bucharest bureau and discussion

- Reimbursement of dinners, no comment.
- Sponsoring, no comment.
- National Liaison Groups (NLG)

DECISION [D Bureau 09-I/4] The bureau insists that national 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.

Henning Elmstroem explains the situation with the Bulgarian associations. They do not understand what we mean with the creation of a NLG. We can accept new members and let them create their NLG afterwards.

Jan Hardos totally agrees with this. The Slovakian situation is comparable. Sometimes associations cannot afford the expenses to really join the CLGE.

Rudolf Kolbe is also in favour of this kind of pragmatism. The only problem can arise when a new member is coming in while the nation is already represented.

- Bergen statement, no comment.

- 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.

Henning Elmstroem thinks that this is a past event. He suggests to drop this item. We have to look into the future.

The Ex-Board agrees with this statement and the A.I. is definitively halted.

- 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.

Henning Elmstroem points out the investment that this decision represents. The reimbursement should be extended to the partner of the first delegate and all their expenses, including the social programme.

DECISION [D EB09-III/2]:

The Ex-Board unanimously confirms D Bureau 09-I/11, and extends it to the partner of the first delegate as well as the full social programme.

- Simplification of membership forms

DECISION [D EB09-III/3]:

The Ex-Board unanimously adopts the simplified membership form. There will be a special mention, confirming the acceptance and the adherence of the incoming member to the pending actions and projects. This obligatory endorsement especially covers the merger with Geometer Europas and the EU Code of Conduct.

- 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.

The study will be sent out to the members of the Ex-Board. If there are additional questions they can put them forward in a short time frame.

In a first phase, the existing profiles will be sent out towards the concerned members. In a second phase the results will be presented and questionnaire of the same kind will be presented in Rome.

DECISION [D EB09-III/4]:

The Ex-Board unanimously confirms D Bureau 09-I/14. Jean-Yves Pirlot will send it to the different Ex-Board members, enabling them to add relevant questions.

- 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.

- 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.

DECISION [D EB09-III/5]:

Henning Elmstroem and Jean-Yves Pirlot will represent CLGE and GE during the Students meeting.

- 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.

This rule does not concern the GA. At GA we can accept an open and flexible approach. Overlapping delegations can even be interesting when it comes to training of newcomers.

However, each delegation has only one vote and should behave in this way.

This ends the report of the bureau about its Bucharest meeting, except for the points that are mentioned on the regular agenda of the Ex-Board meeting in Copenhagen and which will be covered later on.

Rudolf Kolbe welcomes the new approach applied by the Bureau. He would advice to upgrade the Strasbourg decision, creating the Bureau in the Internal Rules. He thinks that the Bureau will be stronger if it's described within the Statutes.

DECISION [D EB09-III/6]:

The Ex-Board unanimously accepts the minutes of the Bucharest Bureau and supports its decisions.

The CLGE Statutes task force will consider mentioning the Bureau.

AI EB09-III/01 [Volkmar Teetzmann; consider the inclusion of the Bureau in the new CLGE statutes].

4. Financial issues

- Report by the Treasurer (financial situation, fees, sponsoring, ...)

The Treasurer gives the situation about payment of the annual membership fees.

Everything evolves properly.

The payment of two sponsors is still missing. It seems that the delayed payment is not really a matter of principle.

Rob Mahoney insists on the importance of our personal involvement for the sponsoring effort.

The financial comments of the Treasurer, René Sonney, about the CEPLIS budget are addressed by Rudolf Kolbe. He announces that in the next period the situation about the failing credits will be dealt with.

The Treasurer thanks him for this reassurance and asks indeed to be particularly careful with the failing creditors of CEPLIS.

- Budget 2010

The Treasurer presents the proposal at hands.

He stresses that we need a contract for the website before the next GA.

AI EB09-III/02 [Rob Mahoney, Jean-Yves Pirlot; Review the contract with VUGTK].

There is no need for a special budget for the Bucharest conference since we can use the posts "Ex-Board", "working parties", "public relations".

The merchandizing will be added to the public relations.

DECISION [D EB09-III/7]:

The Ex-Board unanimously backs the Budget proposal. The Treasurer will present it to the GA in Rome after a last check during the EB 09 IV.

- New mode of fee calculation

The Treasurer explains the proposal of the Bureau.

The aim is to have a fee structure that is independent of the number of surveyors in the member countries. It should become an amount independent of self-declarations.

Volkmar Teetzmann proposes a model taking into consideration classes of members in function of their population. The model should be very easy and profoundly sound.

There must be a transition period enabling members to adapt their budgets in accordance to the new fee structure. This period could be of about three years.

DECISION [D EB09-III/8]:

The Ex-Board thanks the Treasurer and the Bureau for the proposal. The Treasurer will prepare an adapted model with a simplified class-model in function of the total population. He will propose a transition period covering three years (i.e. 2010-2012, 2013 could be the first year of the new model).

AI EB09-III/03 [René Sonney; Propose a new fee structure, based on the total population in categories].

- Bank account in Brussels

The last forms are completed to enable René Sonney to pilot a Belgian account from Switzerland. However, if this attempt fails, CLGE will be able to take advantage of the Geometer Europas account at ING-Bank.

5. Preparation of the Roma General Assembly

- Invitation of Frances Plimmer to Rome

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

D Bureau 09-I/17 is adopted by the Ex-Board.

- 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 (Bucharest):

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

Croatia, Turkey, Macedonia, Iceland will be invited ASAP by Jean-Yves Pirlot.

Without awaiting their answer, he will ask the Italian organiser to make a reservation of 8 rooms (+ 2 rooms for Mrs. Plimmer and Keddo / Prof. Henssler).

DECISION [D EB09-III/9]:

The Ex-Board unanimously decides that there will be a final discussion about the EU Code of Conduct on Friday. The Saturday morning session will include a presentation by Frances Plimmer and the official signature by the CLGE and Geometer Europas Presidents, as well as Fausto Savoldi, president of the CNG, the hosting organization.

6. Preparation of the Bucharest Conference

- 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.

The decision above was carried out.

Henning Elmstroem comments the proposed programme (read the Bucharest meeting, in enclosure).

DECISION [D EB09-III/10]:

The Ex-Board unanimously adopts the proposed draft programme and asks the bureau to go on with the preparations.

7. Working Plan – Election period (2007 – 2009 extended)

a. Merging CLGE and GE

Henning Elmstroem reports about the process. He comments the paper tabled by him and Volkmar Teetzmann that was sent out before the Ex-Board.

A special emphasis is put on the good collaboration of the WP with OGE, after some initial difficulties.

Geometer Europas has adopted the paperwork at hands as the background for the further work.

A lot of work still has to be completed before the eventual merger, including some legal stuff.

René Sonney points out that the financial aspects need a special attention.

Henning Elmstroem explains that the normal fees will be asked by CLGE.

It will be important to have an autonomous budget for the “WP Geometer Europas”. It will be able to charge an additional fee for its members, charged by the CLGE treasurer on top of the normal fee.

René Sonney proposes a very simple scheme that will be developed by the specially appointed working party. The merging WP will use the presentation that René Sonney has prepared for this purpose.

DECISION [D EB09-III/11]:

The Ex-Board unanimously approves the proposed merging paper and asks the WP to go on with its work. A special attention will be given to the financial aspects.

b. Other issues:

- CLGE Code of Conduct

Volkmar Teetzmann gives a description of the work at hands.

The final version is circulated during the meeting and will be sent out for last comments before the 15th August 09 (CLGE + Geometer Europas).

It will be presented for adoption by CLGE and GE in Rome.

DECISION [D EB09-III/12]:

The Ex-Board asks for a final circulation of the EU Code of Conduct and will table it for a common adoption in Rome (CLGE + Geometer Europas).

- Henssler study II

Volkmar Teetzmann presents the Henssler paper in a few words.

There is no real professional translation available yet.

CLGE and GE will produce an English version. The members will receive both versions allowing them to translate it in the national languages.

The paper gives a lot of answers in different problematic situations.

A last attempt will be made to obtain some help from the European Commission for the translation effort.

Dr. Lisa Keddo is able to present the paper in Rome, if Professor Henssler declines.

AI EB09-III/04

[Volkmar Teetzmann, Jean-Yves Pirlot; Organize a professional translation for the Henssler II paper].

AI EB09-III/05 [Volkmar Teetzmann, Jean-Yves Pirlot; Invite Professor Henssler or Lisa Keddo for a presentation at the Rome GA].

- Cooperation with other organisations (CEPLIS, EuroGeographics, EGOS, ...)

CEPLIS

Rudolf Kolbe reports about the last board meeting of CEPLIS (05 May 09) and the CEPLIS GA (29 May 09 in Malta).

There is a position paper of CEPLIS on the Small Business Act (SBA). The general opinion is that there is a need for a special Act on liberal professions.

However, the SBA remains important for a lot of members. The EU has to be aware of special aspects of the liberal professions.

The position paper is available on the website of CEPLIS and was also posted with the telegram.

CEPLIS has a new website now. It's a serious improvement of the former version.

Rudolf Kolbe also reports about the project of 5 universities, lead by the University of Leeds, preparing an aisbl (international non profit organisation under Belgian law) called Academy of the Liberal Professions. This could become a very helpful institution for independent studies.

There are also initiatives in the field of social negotiations at the European level.

The collaboration with EuroCadres could be interesting in this field.

The Director General of CEPLIS is conducting the negotiations.

Alain Gaudet underlines that Rudolf Kolbe was appointed as one of the two new Vice-Presidents of CEPLIS. He is warmly applauded by the CLGE Ex-Board.

EuroGeographics

Volkmar Teetzmann, Rob Mahoney and Jean-Yves Pirlot report about the Working Group "Impact of Eu Legislation on cadastral surveying".

Rob Mahoney comments the two meetings of this combined working group.

The document has to be produced before the end of 2009.

He then presents the frame of the paper (see the attached PowerPoint presentation).

A draft version can be presented in Rome at our GA.

The topic is very interesting for East European countries because they are implementing new schemes and thus are eager to know what they can do.

If asked, Henning Elmstroem will represent CLGE at the EG General Assembly in Vilnius.

AI EB09-III/06 [Jean-Yves Pirlot; Contact Dave Lovell for an update of the MoU and the mutual invitation of the respective presidents].

EGOS

Jean-Yves Pirlot reports some contacts with Malcolm Lelliot. As intended with the MoU, they should meet during the summer months to prepare a closer cooperation.

The EGOS President will be invited to Rome. Normally he will attend as a member of CNG but a formal invitation remains interesting.

AI EB09-III/07 [Jean-Yves Pirlot; Invite the EGOS President, Antonio Benvenuti, to take part in the Rome GA].

- Enlargement policy (status and coming initiatives)

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).

Jean-Yves Pirlot points out that inviting new delegations equals an invitation to join CLGE, at least on the long run.

The association should declare that it is representing the profession and not only a region or at least that it is tending to do so.

Alain Gaudet would propose to accept the Russian Federation as an observing member. The Ex-Board understands his concern but does not agree with this prudence. Informal talks with several concerned members show that there is no opposition against a principal membership of the Russian Federation.

Furthermore, CLGE has to set the standard of the surveying profession in Europe. Finally, the Area of Interest was clearly defined some time ago and includes all the members of the Council of Europe.

- Trainee and Students placement programme

Michelle Camelleri gives a presentation about the programme (see Attachment 3).

She proposes to keep the working name suggested by Jean-Yves Pirlot:

1STEP@clge.eu ("First Step" = 1 Step in your professional career with the CLGE programme named 1Students and Trainees Exchange Programme

The proposal is to create a set of standard forms for registration of candidates by a central administrator (Michelle Camilleri assisted by Jean-Yves Pirlot and Ondrej Böhm).

Following tasks must be fulfilled ASAP (target date 15 August 2009):

- Add a disclaimer;
- Create the email address pointing towards Michelle Camilleri (cc: to Jean-Yves Pirlot and Ondrej Böhm);
- Make a attractive design (Esben Clemens);
- Feed the system on the employers side (all);
- Officially present the system in Rome (Michelle Camilleri) and Karlsruhe (Jean-Yves Pirlot).

AI EB09-III/08 [Michelle Camilleri, Jean-Yves Pirlot, Ondrej Böhm and Esben Clemens (Henning Elmstroem; final implementation of '1STEP@clge.eu'].

- Editorial policy (Website, Newsletter)

Rob Mahoney reports that the next newsletter will be sent out just after the Rome General Assembly. He asks 50 words texts that should be forwarded to Vaidotas Sankalas, Jean-Yves Pirlot and himself (Deadline 15th of August).

Rob Mahoney asks to be very careful with the posting of the official papers on the Web Site. It has to be very up to date and accurate.

When we start a search with Google and other engines CLGE should appear on top of the list. It should be better referenced.

AI EB09-III/09 [Ex-Board; sent 50 word texts for the next 'CLGE-letter'].

The Ex-Board members have to send their final remarks about the CLGE brochure

to Jean-Yves Pirlot, enabling him to finalize an electronic version.

AI EB09-III/10 [Ex-Board; sent remarks about the CLGE brochure to Jean-Yves Pirlot].

8. Planning of coming Conferences and Events

- Statutory meetings

II GA 2009, Roma / Italy, 11 – 12 September 2009 (+ Ex-Board 09 IV, as usual)

Ex-Board 7, 8 and 9 January in Switzerland (TBC)

I GA 2010, Bucharest / Romania 07PM – 08 May 2010 (06 + 07AM EU Conference)

II GA 2010, Proposal at hands, to be adopted in Rome: Varna / Bulgaria

(This GA will be organised together with Geometer Europas for merging purposes)

I + II GA 2011 Call for candidates:

Spring: Cyprus ???

I GA 2012, *Proposal at hands, call for other candidates, should be confirmed in Rome: London / UK*

II GA 2012, with EU-Conference, *Proposal at hands, call for other candidates, should be decided : Hanover / Germany*

- Non statutory meetings

Seminar 2011 in Sweden about the coordinate systems

EU Conference 2010 Romania [GA + Conference, 6 and 7AM May 2010];

Conference 2012: Hanover / Germany

9. Any other business

Jan Hardos reports about the implementation of the Services Directive in Slovakia. He knows the situation of IMI.

Rob Mahoney will check the URL of the official website and forward it.

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Jean-Yves Pirlot
Secretary General

Henning Elmstroem
President

Enclosures: Minutes of the Bucharest Bureau Meeting

Report about 1STEP@clge.eu

Report about the WG EG-CLGE-Geometer Europas on the 'Impact of Eu Legislation on cadastral surveying'