



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

The President

To the CLGE members

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

A busy Year is coming to an end for our professional and personal activities.

The international Economic Crisis has hit us as well as other professions dealing with property and land management. A lot of our members are badly affected and the prospect for the year to come – although there is a hint of progress – is not good.

The decrease in the level of activity is not restricted to the private sector and therefore it is an urgent matter for all of us. Being a small profession we are hardly able to influence or to change the situation, but we can underline the fact that trust and confidence in all matters concerning property is vital for every society.

Looking back we had the successful Seminar “The Boundary” in April in Norway proving that a concept with a rather narrow theme for the event is well received. And it will be the same pattern in 2011 in Northern Sweden.

Next is our **Conference and General Assembly in Bucharest** from 6 to 8 May 2010. The preparations are at full speed led by our Colleague Valeriu Manolache and I highly recommend that you bring your companion along to enjoy Romania.

The General Assembly is combined with the Conference making the program for the GA a little tight. However, I will do my best to ensure that we get the necessary time to handle the important issues on the agenda.

Since we divided the General Assembly into three parts reducing the administrative part, I have received many positive remarks on this change. However there is also a hint that I should not be too hasty and let you have more time to follow and comment on the agenda. I am happy with both kinds of remarks since it assists me in making the General Assembly beneficial for all of us.

The merging process CLGE-GE is following the timetable and the Merging Group finished in late November with a unanimous proposal that will be prepared for adoption at the General Assembly. As described earlier the final change will be made in our Autumn General Assembly where the new statutes and the elections for the first term in our combined organisation will take place.

Many members have been active in the merging process and much input has been dealt with. In the whole process considerations are ongoing to find a better fee system and our Treasurer, Rene Sonney, is working hard to produce a proposal for the General Assembly. Out of the basic principle – keep it simple – we have reached a good platform for developing CLGE further.

The proposal will be sent out in late January to be subject to your comments up to March 12, to ensure that everybody is familiar with the last part of the merging process.



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In autumn 2010 we will have new elections according to the decisions from Rome and according to the new statutes after the merging process. Please consider your positions in order to create a strong board for future development. The board will consist of: 1 President, 3 Vice-presidents, 1 Secretary General and 1 Treasurer = 6 permanent members and 2 additional elected optional members without portfolio.

The Code of Conduct has already developed into a success – not only amongst ourselves but widely internationally. It was presented at The FIG Regional Conference in Hanoi in October by Professor Frances Plimmer, witnessed by me and it created a good discussion. Our “CLGE colleagues” in Asia, ASEAN FLAG, are interested and we will decide how to keep contact with this and similar matters.

The Code is now subject to ratification and transposition according to the national legislation and I am looking forward to the messages about the result in autumn 2010.

During **InterGEO 2009** CLGE and DVW/BDVI arranged the first students meeting with more than 200 students gathered in an informal meeting. The result was very positive and as organisers we can already announce that the next meeting will take place during InterGEO 2012 in Hanover. The goal is 500 Students from at least 50% of the CLGE member states. I encourage the Organisations and Universities to put a mark in the calendar and to contribute in 2012.

The Initiative **First STEP (Students and Trainees Exchange Programme)** is another important step forward in attracting young students and candidates. VP Michelle Camilleri is the head of this initiative setting up a platform for working abroad and gaining international experience. Go to our website and help us to get job offers posted.

Our **Sponsors** are also affected by hard times but they are vital for our future development. We are developing new ways of exposing them on our web-site and during our meetings. Therefore please do not hesitate to keep on trying to get local sponsors.

Having passed the “thirty member limit” and looking for further members, CLGE is well placed to gain more influence that will be beneficial for all our members. On behalf of the whole CLGE board, I thank you all for your contributions during 2009 and wish you all a happy Christmas Holiday with your family. I am looking forward to working with you in 2010.

Yours Sincerely

Henning Elmstroem
President