The President

11. June 2010

To the CLGE members, Dear Friends and Colleagues

The Conference and General Assembly in Bucharest led CLGE another step in the future telling that we have an important role in the development of the European Surveyor. Due to the effort made by President Valeriu Manolache and his team the professional and social outcome of the days in Bucharest will be remembered for a long time.

The next events are on the table and the planning process for the meeting in Bulgaria, Varna is running well. CLGE has in the past five Years created a tradition for Conferences and meetings that calls for a continuous planning of coming events. The Conferences in Umeå 26 – 27 May 2011 and in Germany 12 – 13 October 2012 are in the planning process as well.

The Code of Conduct has been well received and reports of the ratification process are continuously coming to our General Secretary. Lately reports came from Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Germany.

The merging process is running well. Geometer Europas held its Ordinary General Assembly in Brussels on the 8th of June confirming the decision about the merging that was taken in Switzerland, Villars, in January 2010. On top of our decision in Bucharest everything is prepared for the execution of the merging in Varna 24 – 25 September. In the history of CLGE it is an important step forward moving the profession into the future.

The number of members in CLGE is now 31. We are in close contact with more potential members and hope to be able to present 2-4 newcomers in Varna. Such a number requires a lot of work in our secretariat and in the near future we must discuss how to handle and secure a high level of services to our members. The expression – passing a point of no return – could be used since the professional demands have increased during the last couple of years. The need of following the legislation in EU calls for a lot of work hardly to be handled on a voluntarily basis. Supporting our members in national matters is also an important part of the CLGE responsibility and the need for it has increased significantly.

The summer is ahead of us. The economical crisis is slowly on return although still affecting the private and public sector amongst our members. I hope that the initiatives from the governments and from EU will make a recovery visible and generate activity for the surveying profession.

In Varna, CLGE will as a result of the merging process, elect a new Board to carry CLGE into the future. I have had the honour of being president since autumn 2005 and am proud of being able to carry out the election process in Varna.

The present Board consists of (grey text for members who will not run for re-election):

Title	Name (grey = stepping down)	Positions in the new Board
President	Henning Elmstroem, Denmark	X
Secretary General	Jean-Yves Pirlot, Belgium	X
Treasurer	René Sonney, Switzerland	X
Vice president	Michelle Camilleri, Malta	X
Vice President	Jan Hardos, Slovakia	X
Vice President	Rudolf Kolbe, Austria	X
Vice president Special Items	Rob Mahoney, United Kingdom	Optional member
Vice president Special Items	Volkmar Teetzmann, Germany	Optional member
President Geometer Europas	Alain Gaudet, France	-

I have had the honour of serving you for five years, acting on a prolonged mandate from four to five years, and shall be replaced.

The Treasurer – René Sonney – has announced that he wants to be replaced too. He has been a great support in the Executive Board thanks to his precise and accurate work taking care of the finances in every detail. Apart from that he has been active in promoting GI as an indispensable part of the surveying profession.

Volkmar Teetzmann already announced in Bucharest that he would leave the active work in CLGE. He has contributed very significantly to the enhancement of the Role of the European Surveyor and also in the merging process between CLGE and GE.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES
In order to make the election process as transparent and open as possible I hereby make a call for candidates for the coming elections in Varna. Please announce your candidacy indicating for which position you are heading and do it not later than 22 July 2010.
Send your message of Candidacy by a nomination letter, recommendations and CV to our General Secretary.
Shortly after 22 July I will send you the list of Candidates in order to make it public approximately two months before the General Assembly in Varna

I am looking forward to receive the nomination letters and I am convinced that we will have a strong team to lead CLGE into the Future.

In the name of the full outgoing Executive Board, I wish you all a good summer and I am looking forward meeting you in Varna.

Yours Truly,

Henning Elmstroem

President CLGE

List of coming events

- General Assembly in Spring 2011 – Opatija (Croatia), 6 – 7 May 2011
- General Assembly in Autumn 2011 – Tallinn (Estonia), dates to be determined
- General Assembly in Spring 2012 – United Kingdom
- General Assembly in Autumn 2012 and the CLGE-DVW Students meeting – Germany in cooperation with InterGEO 2012 in Hanover 9 – 11 October 2012
- The CLGE Seminar on Reference Systems and Geodetic Infrastructures in Europe 26 – 27 May 2011 in Umeå Sweden