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Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CLGE

Opatija/Croatia, 6-7 May 2011

MINUTES

Venue: Milenij Grand hotel 4 opatijska cvijeta
„Mimosa Hall“ in the Congress Center of „Milenij Grand hotel 4 opatijska cvijeta“

General Assembly I, Friday 6 May 2010, 9.00 – 12.00

1. Opening

CLGE President Jean-Yves Pirlot to open the General Assembly.

He warmly welcomes the delegates and already thanks the Croatian organizers for all the work they've done. 7.5 months have passed since the last GA and that's a very long time. The president therefore advocates a careful scrutiny of the future agendas avoiding conflicts with FIG events but spreading the meetings evenly over the year (March/April, September/October). He already thanks the board members for the work they've done during the first part of their mandate.

The Floor is given to Mr. Zeljko Bacić, Director of the State Geodetic Administration (SGA) where a welcome speech is delivered to the delegates by him; he mentions that a lot has been achieved in the past 10 years and the achievement has also been mentioned by politicians. He hopes and wishes for a successful GA here in Croatia;

Danko gives a welcome speech as well. He insists on the recent progresses of his Chamber and thanks CLGE for its beneficial influence. The Chamber works a lot for the harmonization of the Croatian legislation and its entrance in the EU. The President and Minister in charge were not able to attend but are in very close relation with HOIKG.

CLGE pins are given by the president to the new delegates and participants (see ppt presentation).

2. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence

a. Roll Call

Unfortunately Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Portugal, Romania and the Russian Federation were not able to attend the GA.

Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Portugal, Romania and the Russian Federation have sent their apologies.

The Maltese delegate, Randolph Camilleri is not present due to a Conference being held in Malta at the same time and he asked Michelle Camilleri to carry his voting right.



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b. Announcement of the member's present and carrying voting rights

The Secretary General writes down the delegates carrying the voting power.

c. Appointment of two tellers

The General Assembly appoints Ewa Swensson and Jan Hardos as tellers for the voting procedures ahead.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The General Assembly adopts the Agenda as written on 15 April 2011 considering the addition of two points:

- Proposal by Remy Dhur, Auditor: the adoption of the consolidated CLGE budget for 2011, integrating the IG-PARLS budget in the overall CLGE budget (point 6);
- Proposal by Muriel Hiernaux: INSPIRE (AOB).

The agenda also has to be corrected since point 11 was missing. It's a point about the Internal Rules of CLGE and IG-PARLS.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the GA in Varna, 24-25 September 2010

The General Assembly adopts the minutes as circulated on 9 October 2010.

5. Report by the Treasurer

CLGE Treasurer Dieter Seitz reports about the financial situation and the accounts for CLGE of 2010. The capital of CLGE is € 99.113,91. On 31 December 2010, the situation was very sound as it is for the moment too.

He also presents the Budget 2011 showing clearly the important financial support given by IG-PARLS. However, this money transfer is only short-lived and CLGE will have to enhance its financial means or lower its ambitions.

6. Auditors Report and Approval of the Accounts 2010

Remy Dhur makes a short report about the financial documents that he and Ivan Andreev have checked.

In the light of the presentation by the Treasurer, as well as the report of the Auditors, the GA accepts and approves the accounts 2010 and gives discharge to its Treasurer and Executive Board members. It also adopts the consolidated budget of 2011.



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7. Report about the CLGE Strategy – Working Plan 2011–2012 – Cooperation with IG-PARLS

Michelle Camilleri presents the summary of data collected at the GA in Varna in September 2010 on the SWOT analysis after the brainstorming sessions held (see the presentation on the SWOT analysis).

Jean-Yves Pirlot, then presents the new strategy and working plan (see enclosed documents).

Maurice Barbieri, chair of IG-PARLS, presents the internal rules of IG-PARLS, as well as its strategy. The CLGE Executive Board is in favour of the IG-PARLS approach, since it is totally in line with the CLGE strategy. The internal rules will be proposed to the Tallinn GA for adoption.

The President then explains that the CLGE strategy clearly requires an additional Vice President for special affairs in the field of GeoInformation.

A secret ballot is organized vote about Danko Markovinoić as this VP.

Ewa Swensson and Jan Hardos, the two appointed tellers carry out the voting procedure.

26 countries are being represented at this GA; 25 voted due to the fact that 1 was absent for the voting due to late arrival (Slovenia), 25 voted in favour of appointing Danko Markovinoić as VP with special affairs;

The new VP Danko Markovinoić gives a quick speech to say thank you and he also says that it's a great honour for him being part of CLGE as VP.

Regarding the enlargement policy, the President reminds the delegates that after the period of growth, the enlargement activities cannot remain a top priority as they were during the preceding mandate. However, Mark Wijngaarde has accepted to remain CLGE's special envoy enlargement policy.

8. CLGE Seminar, Umeå, Sweden, 22-23 June 2011

Ewa Swensson gives a presentation on behalf of the Swedish Delegation making a final announcement for the Umeå seminar to be held this coming June.

The President heavily insists in asking delegations to send at least one participant, if anyhow possible and to take part in the CLGE / GSA survey about the use of ENGOS.

9. CLGE Autumn General Assembly, 16-17 September 2011

Mairolt Kakko on behalf of the Estonian Delegation gives a presentation about the next GA for this coming September in Tallinn.

As for Opatija, there will be a thematic background for this GA. Together with the Estonian delegation, the president proposes to speak about the implementation of the Inspire Directive and the Third Party Interference or Cadastre of the Underground.

The General Assembly accepts this thematic background.



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10. The Third Conference of the European Surveyor, Hanover, October 2012

In the name of the German Delegation, Clemens Kiepke reports about the next CLGE Conference (The Third CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor) and parallel events. He presents a proposal for the programme of this conference. This proposal is well accepted by the General Assembly. However it is not definitive.

Since this Conference coincides with the involvement of the students attending Intergeo and the second EU Students meeting, Leiv Bjarte Mjos explains that there will be a contest for students which is being organised by CLGE together with the participation of two main CLGE sponsors: i.e. ESRI & Trimble.

The contest is split into three categories: surveying, mapping & GIS and a 3rd category about projects helping to improve the students' engagement with their profession and associations. A prize will be given to the winner by CLGE. ESRI & Trimble will also propose a prize for the winning student which will involve some travelling experience to a self-organised event.

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11. The internal rules

This point was not mentioned in the agenda for the GA. It is not proposed for decisions, and thus has just an informative value.

The internal rules of IG-PARLS must be in line with the CLGE statutes and internal rules. Therefore they will be presented to the next GA for approval.

The president also announces that some CLGE sponsors will change into corporate members. This membership is more suited for organizations from public administrations or non profit organizations.

12. Membership Affairs

a. New application(s)

Presentation of the Chamber of Authorized Surveyors of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Boris Tundzev, the president of the Chamber gives a presentation about its application.

The Executive-Board has checked the request and recommends to grant the membership. The General Assembly unanimously accepts the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as a new principal CLGE member.

b. National presentations

The Italian delegation informs the GA that they are organising their third international course. This time it will be organized in Athens this coming October, 3rd to 15th, 2011. This course is being organised by CNG together with the Hellenic Association of Rural and Surveying Engineers (HARSE) and supported by Geoweb one of our main sponsors.



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Following the Marrakech bombings, ONIGT has sent a notice to all participating members for the FIG working week that the working week will go on as scheduled; the King Mohammed VI visited the site and he too condemned the tragedy and he has given the ONIGT full support for the working week.

Brendan Arrigan from Ireland presents a report on the results of the survey that was carried out regarding the stolen instruments. The question posed to the national associations was to find out whether they too were experiencing such events and whether surveying instruments were being stolen within their country or if this was a problem in Ireland only. 29 replies: 18 show some activity and 11 countries show no problem. Out of the 18, 15 countries show low activity. Is there the need for a European system that controls this sort of problem? We propose that a work shop is done for this topic to try to find a 'prevention' so as to 'stop' or at least 'slow down' the problem. The presidents underlines that a problem that's only endemic in Ireland could become a problem for the rest of Europe later on. He thinks that one could indeed involve the manufacturers but also insurance companies, since they are eager to conduct preventive actions.

Mark Wijngaarde gives a presentation on what the EGEA does. This organization is willing to work with us especially through FirstSTEP and also with CLGE itself. Visit www.egea.eu for further information.

Jens Riecken acknowledges the interesting presentation. However he advocates to concentrate our actions on the core-business of CLGE, i.e. surveyors. The president agrees with this point. This doesn't take away the possibility of occasional cooperation. We will await more specific proposals from EGEA.

13. European Affairs

a. Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base

Rudolf Kolbe gives a presentation about the concept note that was sent out to all the members; he gives more background information about the document and the project at hands.

Questions and remarks are put forward by: Jens Riecken & Clemens Kiepke, Duncan Moss & Marti Pietikainen. The questions vary from how much will the research cost, to, is it possible to have an offline version first to see if it works properly. For some, the information already exists so it's a matter of copying that information or creating a link directly to that info; The UK delegate states that the RICS would not like to see duplication of information but they do accept that there is need for common platform and they support the idea; Finland says that links to 'other' information is not sufficient not the least due to language questions. Clemens Kiepke says that we need to be careful with the costs of this project.

Jan Fafejta proposes that Milan Talich joins the working team as the IT person who will be in charge of the website uploading and update.

The project will be discussed in more detail during the workshop organized on Saturday. This will allow finalizing the tender and prepare the way ahead. If offers can be gathered before the Tallinn they will give a better insight in the procedure to follow. Thus there will be no expenses without a new consultation of the GA.



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b. Engagement within CEPLIS

Rudolf Kolbe gives an update of what is happening in CEPLIS

He reports about the CEPLIS GA and Exboard meetings. Ceplis is Member of the steering group on professional cards created by the EC and is officially representing there CLGE. CEPLIS has also answered the questionnaire on the directive on mutual recognition.

c. Engagement with the EU

Jean-Yves Pirlot gives an update of what the Board has been involved in during the past 7.5 months (see the GA ppt).

Pierre Bibollet then presents the EU actions he was involved in with the help of Bénédicte Fournier and the president.

- (1) Single Market Act Consultation
- (2) Evaluation Process of the Directive on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Consultation + Public Hearing)
- (3) Registration of CLGE as a registered organisation with interest representatives
- (4) Multilingual Platform
- (5) Consultation on Electronic ID

Jean-Yves Pirlot gives a few more words about the Multilingual Platform.

The board has followed this question since it could become important with regard to some limitations about the testing of the language skills for cadastral surveyors.

Two extreme positions are presented, one in favour of language requirements, one against (of course this is a black and white presentation that does not reflect the actual position of the board members).

Jan Hardos (Slovakia) insists on the fact that language is very important in our profession. If they are to recognise a qualification then the language is important; without knowing the language you cannot work in another country.

Clemens Kiepke (Germany) thinks that we need to separate the job between the technical surveys and the cadastral surveys; the language is very important for the latter as we have to know the law in the country where one is practicing.

Henning Elmstroem (Denmark) says that if you buy a house once or twice in your life then you are depending on the surveyor for this hence language is important.

Martti Pietikainen (Finland) thinks that the example of a physician is a good one. When he talks to the patient he needs to make himself very clear and clear enough for the patient to understand. In the same way it is important for us to know the language when we speak to our clients.

Ioannis Presvelos (Greece) says that we need the language and it is important for when we speak to the owners to be able to communicate with them without misunderstandings. Small misinterpretations can lead to lasting problems.



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Duncan Moss (United Kingdom) says that language is important; when a foreigner goes to the UK, he needs to undergo an exam which is in English and this also serves as an idea on how well the candidate for mobility knows the local language; without the language he will not be able to survive and earn a living. Jean-Yves Pirlot warns that this is only true as long as there is a test. But this is exactly what the commission wants to avoid within the provisions of the directive on mutual recognition of professional qualifications.

Jean-Yves proposes to discuss this topic further during a coming GA. In any case we have to be careful about such questions, since we have to avoid to be seen as opposing every idea of mobility in the EU. We have a point in insisting on the fact that our reservations only concern the activity of cadastral surveying.

d. Monitoring EU Developments

The idea of a monitoring of the EU developments is presented to the GA.

This service will start in October 2011.

It is completed by the possibility for delegates to put forward some breaking news they are aware of via monitoring@clge.eu.

e. A new EU code for the Area Measurement of Buildings

The paper was sent out before the GA. Marc Vanderschueren from UBG and the Belgian Cadastre gives a presentation. The topic is part of the workshops too.

The idea is to adopt the code not later than in Edinburgh enabling us to give it a large publicity in Hanover, during the Third CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor.

14. Dates and Venues of the coming Assemblies, Conferences and Meetings

a. Statutory meetings

II GA 2011, Tallinn (Estonia) / 16 – 17 September 2011;

IV EB 2011, Place to be determined after II GA / 02 – 03 December;

I GA 2012, Edinburgh (United Kingdom) / 30 – 31 March 2012;

II GA 2012, Hanover (Germany) / 12 – 13 October 2012;

I GA 2013, Budapest (Hungary) / Dates and theme to be fixed;

II GA 2013, Chisinau (Moldova) / Dates and theme to be fixed (our local member wants to make a conference in the same occasion);

The president presents some bids from Spain and Iceland for the 2014 meetings. The GA accepts the following proposal: Spring 2014 – Spain; Autumn 2014 – Iceland.



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b. Non statutory meetings

Seminar 22 – 23 June 2011 about the Geodetic Infrastructure in Umeå University / Sweden;

INTERGEO event 2012: Attendance of the fair on 10 October 2012;

Third Conference of the European Surveyor 2012, Germany, in Hanover [together with the Intergeo and the Autumn GA as well as the 2nd Students meeting, InterGEO 2012 (CLGE-DVW)], 11 October 2012. The conference is organised by Clemens Kiepke.

Students meeting, InterGEO 2012, 10 October 2012 (fair visit – party – one or two nights). Since the aim is to gather more than 250 students, the initial plans of BDVI will be reviewed.

General Assembly III, Saturday 7 May 2010, 09.00 – 12.00

15. Presentations by or for the Croatian Surveyors

a. Background for the Accord Multilateral

Danko Markovinović gives a presentation about the Croatia situation and the will of HKOIG to join the Accord Multilateral (see www.clge.eu).

b. Pros and Cons for Fee regulations

Dieter Seitz gives a short presentation about fee regulations.

This presentations leads to the following discussion:

Muriel Hiernaux (Belgium) asks if there are special subsidies for people that cannot afford having a surveyor when needed. The German system does not have such subsidies.

Jan Hardos (Slovakia) underlines that his country had the fixed price system in the past but that it was then removed; he asks the floor how many countries do still have. Germany, Finland, Norway, FYOR Macedonia and Switzerland say that their country has fixed price regulations.

Rudolf Kolbe (Austria) says that they had obligatory fixed prices in the past. The Department of Competition abolished the fixed prices. As far as he is aware, the only country that kept this system in Europe is Germany and this is because they have special circumstances (Art. 45).

Henning Elmstroem (Denmark) – a list of prices is a basis for quality and development; no fixed prices in Denmark and there should be a price board and a penalty board who will be vetted and if members do not comply then they will be penalised by the association. It is a competition amongst colleagues but it is up to the association to decide. The quality conditions stand for all surveying and you can be punished by the state if you do not deliver the quality; the price list in Germany is one way but you can live without it and have the association that ensures delivery of quality



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Clemens Kiepke (Germany) said that most countries in Europe do not have prices; but Germany try to develop their profession upwards; doctors, notaries have fixed prices so why shouldn't surveyors have them seeing that they are doing it to improve their profession

16. Workshops

Four workshops are held in break out sessions within the main conference room:

- Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base (Rudolf Kolbe);
- EGNOS (Mark Scott from Helios on behalf of the GNSS Agency "GSA");
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Surveyors (by Maarten Vandenbroucke and André Jadot for Gatewing);
- European Code for Area Measurements in Buildings (by Marc Vanderschueren, on behalf of the French-Belgian working group tabling the new proposal).

We will send out an email to try to gain a better knowledge of what the National Liaison Groups would like to follow up with the DPKB. This questionnaire must not hamper the launch of the tender that was presented and accepted but the outcome of the questionnaire will give additional information to the final contractor.

The three other workshop moderators will send a short report of what they've experienced within their workgroup.

17. AOB

The point added to the agenda on demand of Muriel Hiernaux, i.e. INSPIRE has already been discussed during the GA and will be tabled again in Tallinn.

18. Solemn Signature of the Accord Multilateral

The GA is solemnly closed with the signature of the Accord Multilateral by the Croatian Chamber of Geodetic Engineers, witnessed by the CLGE President and the IG-PARLS Chair.

Michelle Camilleri
Secretary General

Jean-Yves Pirlot
President

Enclosures: Approved consolidated budget for 2011
SWOT analysis and Recommendations from the Varna CLGE GA
The CLGE strategy for 2011 – 2012