



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

15 November 2011

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CLGE

Tallinn/Estonia, 16-17 September 2011

Minutes

Venue: Meriton Hotel Tallinn, <http://www.meritonhotels.com/conference-spa-hotel-tallinn/>

General Assembly I, Friday 16 September 2011, 9.00 – 12.00

1. Opening

CLGE President Jean-Yves Pirlot opens the General Assembly. He warmly welcomes the delegates and thanks the Estonian organisers for all the work that they have done. He also welcomes and introduces the Minister of Environment, The Honorable Mrs Keit Pentus to her opening speech. She ascertains that CLGE is finally on the radar of the EU.

In her speech Mrs. Keitus also says that some challenges remain for Estonia because for instance there is insufficient data for the utilities networks. She announces that more detail will be given in the GA by the means of a presentation. Recognition from Estonia by ESRI was awarded and she therefore thanks the Estonian geodetic community for their work and the rest of the guests present at the GA. She concludes by welcoming all and wishes us a successful GA.

The President then asks for one minute of silence in remembrance of our active delegate, Félix Peckels who passed away on 29 June 2011.

2. Roll Call and Apologies of Absence

CLGE Secretary General Michelle Camilleri takes the roll call.

Bulgaria, FYROM, Greece, Iceland and Ireland have sent in their apologies

Welcome of new delegates and participants.

Due to the increasing number in new delegates and representatives attending the GA, the pins will be given out in the coffee breaks to make the process easier but their names are still called out.

Two tellers are appointed in case they were needed and these are Hugo Toll and Pedro Ortiz.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The General Assembly adopts the Agenda as finalized on 15 August 2011.



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4. Approval of the Minutes of the GA in Opatija, 6-7 May 2011

General Assembly adopts the minutes as circulated on 21 June 2011, without remarks.

5. Report by the Treasurer

CLGE Treasurer Dieter Seitz presents the financial situation at hand, the Budget (consolidated with IG-PARLS figures) and Fees for 2012.

Jean-Yves Pirlot informs the GA that the Executive Board has discussed the fees for 2012 (applying the Varna decision about the structure) and it has been decided to table it that way to the GA; Jean-Yves Pirlot also says that the financial situation is a healthy one right now but we need more means to cover the list of achievements in the working plan. The IG-PARLS budget has to be confirmed during its next meeting in Nürnberg.

The fee 2012 is voted upon. Luxembourg votes against, Portugal abstains and the rest is in favour.

The budget (Including IG-PARL init.) and fees 2012 are thus adopted.

6. Report by the CLGE Executive Board

The President gives an overview of what has been happening within the board in the past few months.

Michelle Camilleri makes a presentation bringing all up to date with the status of the Code of Conduct and who has adopted it to date. Also, she gives an overview of the items that were sent as a task list straight after meeting in Opatija, Croatia and stresses upon any items that are still pending. She also gives a summary of what the outcomes of the workshops held in Opatija.

Danko Markovinović gives a presentation on the results of the Seminar of Umeå (the Umeå Declaration).

He then explains a questionnaire that will be circulated immediately after Tallinn and this needs to be answered ideally by all countries and before the deadline of the 27th of September 2011.

Leiv Bjarte Mjos gives a presentation of Intergeo 2012 and introduces the student contest and how it will work out. Basically there will be three prizes to be given out and these will be for Topography & Geodesy, GIS & Geomatics and National & European Professional Engagement. The jury will consist of CLGE VP Leiv Bjart Mjos who will be the Chairman of this jury panel together with prominent members of CLGE and a delegate from both ESRI & Trimble.



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The delegates are requested to announce the number of participants from their country as soon as possible and not later than 30 November 2011. A draft letter they could send to their Academics will be provided soon. The national delegates should contact their local Trimble and Esri dealers to make some arrangements with regard to possible sponsoring actions.

7. CLGE Spring 12 General Assembly, 30-31 March 2012

Duncan Moss on behalf of the UK Delegation gives a report about the Edinburgh General Assembly.

Jean Yves Pirlot gives an overview of the workshops that we are to expect in Edinburgh or in a coming GA; Here, Pedro Ortiz gives a brief summary of the Bergen Seminar stating that when he was in Umeå there was talk of the need in some of our member-countries of what was presented in Bergen and the fact that we should follow up in order to improve in some countries. Recently, Spain visited Germany and Switzerland to see their cadastral system on site and their officials think that it is an opportunity for other countries to be motivated and to join.

Jean-Yves Pirlot states that it's a good basis for a workshop to be discussed in Edinburgh as a starting point and then obviously expand on this further.

8. The 3rd CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor, Hanover, October 2012

Clemens Kiepke reports about the 3rd CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor and parallel events on, behalf of the German Delegation.

He gives a detailed presentation of what to expect from the meeting in Hanover & INTERGEO.

See also the briefing given by Leiv Bjart Mjoes.

General Assembly II, Friday 16 September 2011, 14.00 – 18.00

9. Membership Affairs

a. New application(s)

Presentation of the Chamber of the Albanian Association of Geodesy by Bledi Stefa, President.

Bledi Stefa gives a detailed presentation about the situation in Albania.



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They have made several agreements for cooperation with various professions like Architects etc.

Bledi Stefa explains that a lot of work has to be done in Albania and that his association is willing to get all the help that it can from CLGE.

They are prepared to listen and learn to create the way forward. The presentation is very extensive with interesting information of the construction projects that they will have within the coming months/years.

The General Assembly unanimously accepts the Albanian Association of Geodesy as a new Principal Member.

b. National presentations

Italy gives a presentation to promote FIG in Rome 2012.

Enrico Rispoli and Maria Scorza also give an update on the 3rd International Training Course that will be held in Athens in October 2011; so far, they have a large number of attendees. They look forward to yet another successful course.

10. Editorial policy - Engagement

a. Website

The website is still improving. Further developments will be part of our discussions during a next Workshop.

b. Modern member and partner engagement (social media)

This topic will be part of one of the next workshops too, probably combined with the latter.

c. Special Events

The President speaks about the 'Surveyors Day' which is an idea that was developed after some suggestions by Brendan Arrigan and Vasile Chiriac.

Unfortunately, Brendan Arrigan was not able to join the GA. His basic idea was to honour a famous surveyor each year, with the aim of bringing our profession on the radar.

Vasile Chiriac gives a presentation of the day that they celebrate in Moldova very last Sunday of July. This is called the Professional Day of Surveyors which is also recognised by Parliament. It is not a single day but a whole week in preparation of meetings and a reception.

At the end of the week there is a meeting at the Cadastral Agency with various speeches. Ministers and prominent people from both the private and public sector attend this celebration.

Jean Yves Pirlot proposes to combine both approaches.

The General Assembly unanimously decides that Mercator will be the first famous surveyor that will be celebrated on the 5th of March, 500 years after his birth. This



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event will be organised in Brussels as the "first Day of the European Surveyor and GI".

The delegates are invited to attend but also to organize similar celebrations in their own country on that very day.

Every year we can try to find another famous surveyor and celebrate him or her in a different city.

Vaidotas Sankalas asks whether it is wise to have a fixed date or if it should be flexible. This question will be analysed by the board.

Jens Rieken comments that he would like to be involved in the organisation of the first one in Brussels since Mercator has also spent a period of his life in Duisburg (Germany).

Ewa Swensson would like to receive the information before the event allowing her to publish the information in ASPECT's newsletter/publications.

d. Cooperation with international magazines (GIM, GeoInformatics, ...)

Jean-Yves Pirlot presents the opportunity to cooperate with the European magazine GeoInformatics. They propose up to three pages editorial news for CLGE, in the beginning of each of the 8 yearly issues. During two years, the magazine would be sent to all the members of our member organization for free.

The addresses that we will have to forward to the editor will be subject of a Non-Disclosure Agreement. The only use can be the sending of the magazine.

Rudolf Kolbe asks Jean Yves Pirlot if GeoInformatics knows how many addresses are to be expected from us and this was indeed part of the talks (maximum 50.000 but this figure will probably never be reached).

Some delegates announce that they cannot just give out the addresses of their members.

For such cases, Jean-Yves Pirlot will ask the editor to make up a specific CLGE registration webpage.

The GA unanimously agrees to the idea of having this magazine distributed to the members.

11. Update Internal Rules

The president presents the draft text (Integration of IG-PARLS rules, the creation of Corporate members, the integration of the new fee calculation system and also revised reimbursement rules).

The GA unanimously adopts the new Internal Rules.



12. IG-PARLS

a. An update

A short update is given by the Chair of IG PARLS Maurice Barbieri. He explains that his group has given an advice to Moldova and that a visit was organised between IG PARLS and Spain.

The Accord Multilateral is still a cornerstone of IG-PARLS' policy. Within the frame of the revised directive on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications it could lead to a platform for Cadastral Surveying.

He also announces that the website (actually a tab within the CLGE website) will be improved. Amongst other things the members list will be updated.

b. Adoption of the IG-PARLS Internal Rules

The GA unanimously adopts the Internal Rules of IG-PARLS.

13. European Affairs

a. Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base

Rudolf Kolbe reminds the GA that a tender was published in June of this year for proposals to be sent before 15 September.

We have received two emails: one from a Romanian University stating that they are interested but that they are looking for a partner. They also ask to postpone the deadline for submittal.

The second offer comes from a company from The Netherlands but seeing that Rudolf Kolbe only just received it he did not have time to go through it before the Executive Board Meeting and today's GA. Hence, details of the contents from this offer will be given once it is reviewed and released.

Rudolf Kolbe is slightly disappointed because following the Workshop at the last GA in Opatija where he asked the members to send a list of points that would be good to integrate in the Knowledge Base only a few members/countries emailed him to tell him some suggestions. He is not expecting to receive a lot of emails but he wants to be able to sit in Edinburgh and say that he has received some emails even if it is just a positive email stating that all that is in the DKPB tender is sufficient for them.

Jean-Yves Pirlot also comments that the whole procedure is postponed allowing us to broaden the scope of the study since EuroGeographics could be interested in joining the project.

b. Engagement within CEPLIS

Rudolf Kolbe gives a quick overview of the work done within Cephis since the last GA and he states that it was mainly impacted by the commission publishing the green book on modernising the directive on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications.

So there were various meetings and discussions held on this. There is a presentation later on during this GA on the green book so he does not go into detail here.



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Ceplis Members have been invited to a conference that was held on the 7th of September where there was a presentation from a French member of parliament after an introduction from Jurgen Tiedje. This meeting was attended both by Rudolf Kolbe and by Dieter Seitz. The latter confirms that that CEPLIS is well represented in Brussels and CLGE is well represented in CEPLIS.

c. Engagement with the EU

- (1) Follow up (Single Market Act Consultation, Professional Cards, Consultation on Electronic ID) Not mentioned.
- (2) Green Paper about the modernization of the Directive on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications (presentation by Pierre Bibollet)
- (3) Registration of CLGE as a registered organisation with interest representatives (see the letter head of our documents)
- (4) Multilingual Platform not mentioned.

Pierre Bilbollet gives a detailed presentation of the green book.

Muriel Hiernaux asks if Pierre Bilbollet knows whether the lawyers and the notaries had the same problem with the language; Pierre Bibollet explains that notaries are not included in this Green Book and he does not know whether the Lawyers have the same problems with the language.

Remi Dhur informs the GA that in spring of this year the Luxembourg government proposed a new law ruling that foreign notaries cannot work in Luxembourg or make deeds in Luxembourg but this did not include a problem with the language. Several members think that such regulations cannot prevail on the long run.

Jan Hardos comments that this is one of the most important items on our list to deal with so he requests that we will send out the paper to all the members; Jean Yves Pirlot replies that this will be very difficult to do seeing that the answers have to be in by next week and we received the questions very late from the commission itself. JYP says that we already took part in some form of consultation in the past. The answer was posted on our website. If we need more time to discuss we will do so but we have based our answer on what we have been discussing amongst us over the past years (Strasbourg declaration).

Vanessa Gosselink comments on whether there was something known about notaries and she says that there have been successful transfer of Spanish property with a Dutch notary. The procedure is being finalised as we speak so notaries can do their work across the border. JYP states that we do not say that notaries cannot work overseas but they cannot do whatever they please

Rudolf Kolbe explains that nobody was left out of the studies or of the distribution of the green book as it could have been downloaded from the link of the site of the commission.



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Anyway, Jean-Yves Pirlot confirms that next time we will send it out immediately but he also says that the role of the Executive Board is to give its attention that needs immediate reaction and he hopes that the members have trust in the Board to answer if the GA is not available to comment on the answers.

d. Monitoring EU Developments (under preparation)

The email address is there so that if there is something new, an email can always be sent to monitoring@clge.eu and whoever is on duty will read and react to the message.

e. The new EU code for the Area Measurement of Buildings (second reading)

Jean Yves Pirlot explains the situation at hands.

A presentation is then given by Alvydas Janulevičius, Lithuanian delegate, to show us what is being done in his country with the current state of the CAM.

The president states that it is important that there is a close relationship with Inspire and one of the speakers will elaborate on that during the specific section. He also comments on the presentation and on how interesting and informative it is.

Mairolt Kakko strongly supports the creation of such a code. He insists on the fact that the ideas of the Lithuanian colleagues are in line with the general purpose of the current draft. He believes that we should adopt the code, put it into practice and develop it while working with it.

The General Assembly was to adopt the code in second reading and / or to table a road plan to solemn presentation in Hanover 2012 at this point. However, it decides to postpone the voting and to come back on it at the closing of this GA.

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

a. Statutory meetings

IV EB 2011, Place to be determined (probably Siek in Northern Germany) / 02 – 03 December;

I EB 2012, Edinburgh (United Kingdom) / 29 March;

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

II EB 2012, Brussels (TBC) / Date to be fixed (proposal end of June)

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

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

II GA 2013, Chisinau (Moldova) / Dates and theme to be fixed in Hanover;

I GA 2014, Spain (City to be fixed) / Dates and theme to be fixed not later than Budapest;

II GA 2014, Iceland (City to be fixed) / Dates and theme to be fixed not later than Chisinau;



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b. Non statutory meetings

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;

Students meeting, INTERGEO 2012, 10 October 2012 (fair visit – party – one night);

Moldova asks for the 2013 seminar.

2014 Conference to be fixed (City, Dates, Theme). Spain could be a good candidate.

15. The "Estonian part" - Inspire and Cadastre of the Underground

The presentations of this thematic part will be posted on the CLGE website.

They remain available in a permanent way as a kind of dynamic archive.

a. Background for Tallinn theme

(1) Utility networks in Estonian Restrictions Information System - Priit Kuus, Estonian Land Board

(2) Data Management of Utility Networks in Estonia - Villem Alango, Estonian Association of Information Technology and Telecommunications / DATEL AS

b. Thematic presentations

(1) The INSPIRE Directive, Accent on Buildings (Frederic Mortier, General Administration of Patrimonial Documentation – Belgian Cadastre, Inspire expert on Buildings)

(2) KLIC – Information Exchange of Underground Networks in The Netherlands (Drs. V.N. (Vanessa) Gosselink-van Dijk, Kadaster – The Netherlands)

(3) The Evolution of Survey Marking and Pegging (Arnaud Duchâteau, FAYNOT S.A. – Bornes FENO)

c. Discussion

Muriel Hiernaux insists on the importance of our SDIC status (Spatial Data Interest Community) in the field of INSPIRE.

The president acknowledges that fact and reminds the GA that it's partially for that reason that a Vice President for GI had to be appointed. However, a comprehensive follow up of INSPIRE represents a huge effort and is not within the reach of our organization. CLGE will be able to intervene in places where we can bring significant added value, for instance about the Code for the Measurement of Floor Areas in Buildings.

General Assembly III, Saturday 17 September 2011, 10.00 – 13.00



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16. Workshops

Four workshops are organized in breakout sessions:

- Umeå Seminar – Discussion of the Statement (chair: Danko Markovinović);
- The positioning of CLGE within FIG (chair: Henning Elmstroem);
- Cadastre of the Underground (chair: Vanessa Gosselink);
- European Code for Area Measurements in Buildings (chair: Jean-Yves Pirlot)

During this session, the final version of the code is discussed.

As asked by Valeriu Manolache, the final English version will be reviewed to correspond to the French original. An effort will be put on the glossary.

Ewa Swenson advocates a dialogue with the European bodies to promote a better acceptance and integration of our code. This idea will be part of the Motion to be voted on by the GA.

17. AOB

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18. Closing of the General Assembly

The General Assembly votes about the new European Measurement Code for the Floor Area of Buildings.

This code should be used as a European cross border real estate area label by CLGE members and all interested parties

- It is a platform:
 - to improve with further work by a taskforce;
 - for discussion with other bodies and especially European Commission.



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The General Assembly Unanimously adopts the above mentioned motion.

After this historic event the GA is closed by the President, after thanking the organizing committee for its tremendous realizations and commitment.

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Michelle Camilleri
Secretary General

A blue ink signature of Jean-Yves Pirlot, featuring a large, sweeping loop at the top and a long, thin vertical stroke extending downwards.

Jean-Yves Pirlot
President

Enclosures: CLGE Budget 2012 incl. IG-PARLS
Table of the Fees for 2012
Adopted EU-Code for the Area Measurement in Buildings (version 2.0)
CLGE Internal Rules
IG-PARLS Internal Rules