



Let's fight the Baker Syndrome

# CLGE and INTERGEO, an excellent Mix

From 8 to 14 October 2012, CLGE had a very busy and successful week. INTERGEO, the 3rd Conference of the European Surveyor, the 2nd European Students meeting and the 1st European Students contest, followed by the Autumn CLGE General Assembly.



*Jean-Yves Pirlot opens the Award Ceremony of the 1st CLGE Students Contest*

CLGE was indeed a major player at the annual INTERGEO fair and following this, has organized its second General Assembly of 2012, including elections for the appointment of a new Executive Board.

INTERGEO secured a lot of visibility for CLGE. President Pirlot was invited to give an address at the opening of this event. He insisted on the absolute need for associations to cooperate and, whenever possible, to join. He stressed the important role of the Surveyor at a local, regional and global level.

The 'baker syndrome' was introduced at the 3rd Conference of the European Surveyor. While all surveyors know exactly what a baker does, most bakers do not really know what surveyors do, although they are as important for society as bakers are. CLGE's aim must be to raise the profile of the profession and to ensure they appear on the radar of the policy makers and the general public. The conference offered the ideal opportunity to compare different systems of ownership protection in Europe and to define the pros and cons related to these approaches. Needless to say, the German and Swiss systems were the most

appealing and many of the specialists who took part in the discussions were assured in their belief that a generalization of the legal cadaster in Europe would have very beneficial effects.

The Conference was an ideal occasion for the solemn adoption of the European Code for the Measurement of Buildings. The code will be promoted via the European Real Estate Area Label ([www.euREAL.eu](http://www.euREAL.eu)). This topic will be covered in one of our next editions.

Another highlight of CLGE's participation in INTERGEO was the second European Students contest. Since 2009, CLGE has organized these meetings, with the aim to motivate young surveyors to take part in the shaping of their professional future. This time, 280 students from 10 countries were able to take part in the event. They gathered at the first CLGE Students Contest awards ceremony, where prizes were given to the authors of two papers. The first was in the field of Geodesy and Topography and the second in the field of GIS and Mapping. For this first edition 11 papers were sent in, which was a very promising start. All the papers are available on [www.dge.eu](http://www.dge.eu). There was no ranking established

for the non-awarded papers, but all the participants were, of course, warmly thanked by the organizers. The support given by the DVV President Thöne will allow a broadening of the contest in the coming years. The students' gathering was the occasion for CLGE President Pirlot to stress the extent of the benefits of INTERGEO. He sees it as an ideal platform for the continuous professional development of his members, as a platform for business and networking and as a platform from where initiatives can be launched with the aim to increase CLGE's and the European surveyors' visibility.

The CLGE General Assembly was also very successful. Once again, the organization of workshops shaping the future of the association, were very well received. Additionally, a new board was appointed for the election period 2012 – 2014. The Bureau was unanimously confirmed by acclamation and thanked for the work done in the previous period. Vice-President Leiv-Bjarte Mjøs of Norway, was also reelected. Danko Markovinović from Croatia and Pedro Ortiz Toro from Spain are the two incoming CLGE Vice-Presidents, who complete the board.



# 4th International Training Course in Topography for Young Surveyors

The course organized by CNGeGL in cooperation with S.P.A. Geoweb and with local support from the Spanish Land surveyor's Association took place in Madrid, from 17 to 28 September 2012.



*Photograph of the group in the entrance of the Royal Observatory Museum in Madrid.*

**H**ello, Hola (Spanish), Ciao (Italian), Përshendetje (Albanian), 你好 (Chinese), Zdravo (Montenegrin), Zdravo (Macedonian), Bonjour (Belgium), Γεια σου (Greek), Tere (Estonian), Merhaba (Turkish), Guten Tag (German), Goddag (Danish), موالسلا (Moroccan), Pozdravljeni (Slovenian), Привет (Russian), Buna Ziua (Moldavian). We don't think that any of you has ever experienced such a wonderful greeting and it comes from young surveyors in Madrid.

First of all we would like to thank all the people, associations and authorities who made this two weeks long course possible. It has been a great opportunity and a wonderful life experience for fifty young surveyors from sixteen European countries.

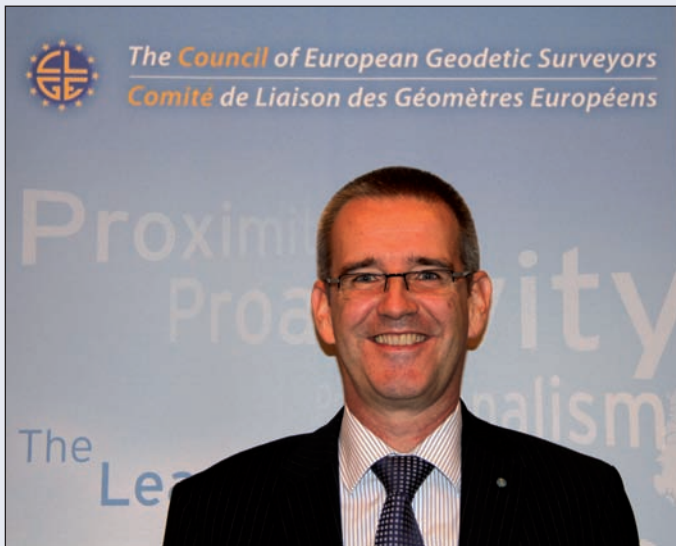
Many of us did not know what to expect from this course, as it was our first international community meeting involving different cultures and professional habits and we weren't sure if we could manage to collaborate together.

After the opening ceremony and the official speeches, our study programme began. During the first week we were mentored by seven teachers from Italy, Greece, Spain, Turkey and the UK, who taught us about different kind of instruments, techniques and appli-

cations, within a variety of areas of the surveying profession. Subjects covered included topographical and geomatic surveys, orthophoto production, GNSS surveys and deformation, photogrammetric and LIDAR survey, scanner and 3D photogrammetric or survey of artistic and heritage assets.

For the first three days of the course classroom lessons were scheduled and covered GNSS surveys and photogrammetry. We had the chance to learn about some new technologies and applications. Our first field surveying journey came on Thursday, and took place at Debod Temple. It gave us an idea as to what an integrated survey is and also brought the group closer, whilst increasing our knowledge of surveying tasks. Debod is an Egyptian temple which was a present from Egypt to Spain. It was moved in 1968 stone by stone and it is located in downtown Madrid. Once the survey was done, we still had time in the afternoon for a practical modelling lesson with the data obtained. This linked with Friday's topic, which was LIDAR and aerial surveys.

On Saturday morning, we discovered how our colleagues in the past worked, as we visited the Royal Observatory Museum in Madrid. We saw the new Herschel's telescope, the library, the



*CLGE President, Jean-Yves Pirlot, addressing the students said "Please, when you go home, spread the word that we need the commitment of all surveyors for the future of our beautiful and proud profession. Be aware that during this course you are building a network of collegiality and friendship that you will never forget... and keep in mind, we have to build on this for the best future of the Surveying Profession."*

meridian circle and clocks' room, and watched some videos inside the Science of the Earth and Universe room. As a conclusion to our week-end activities, Sunday was spent sight-seeing and looking at some of this country's wonderful treasures in the imperial city of Toledo.

After almost a week of work we could certainly say that this course was achieving its target; once we had broken the ice everyone managed to co-operate well and establish good social relationships.

We started the second Monday a little tired, due to the intense weekend and a little too much curiosity about Madrid's night-life! Despite this, we started the week as a more connected group, and with great enthusiasm; ready to learn more things together.

We had a long day in front of our laptops preparing for the next day's class. On Tuesday we were scheduled to practice measuring with GPS in the Juan Carlos I park. Although it was a cold and



*In his opening address, CNGeGL President, Fausto Savoldi, pointed out "The presence of our international organisation is important, because we have completely understood that this is an exceptional occasion for the professional training of the young surveyors. Their competence must be homogeneous in each part of the world."*

windy morning, it didn't stop us from surveying the park and then, in the afternoon, we did the post-processing calculations.

Midweek we began to notice a feeling of sadness, as the course was coming to an end. After a complete class dedicated to GIS, some of us took advantage of our remaining time together and attended a football match in Santiago Bernabeu stadium. Unfortunately, Cristiano Ronaldo was not playing and some of the girls were pretty disappointed. The match was great though and a fabulous experience, which we will remember for the rest of our lives. The rest of the group went to a local music pub guided by a Spanish member of the class from Madrid and watched football and enjoyed the traditional fulfilling tapas.

Thursday morning in the classroom was very interesting, as we were looking at a lot of structural monitoring graphics examples. Having finished lunch, the lesson on land registry and cadastre started. This was an introduction to Friday's class.

After we finished studying, we prepared a good-bye party, as some of the participants were leaving a day earlier than the rest. We had a party with guitar playing, singing, dancing and talked well into the night. To make the evening even more special, everyone tried to bring something traditional from their culture. Our Moroccan colleagues brought some tea and small cakes from Meknes city. The Spanish citizens introduced us to Rioja wine and their famous pipas. We also had Belgian and international beers!

Finally the second Friday arrived and, after a visit to the Spanish Land Agency, we returned to our hotel for a quick lunch and to rest a little before attending the closing ceremony. After the officials had given their speeches, we were surprised with a video of us in the opening ceremony. This was closely followed by the presentation of the diplomas. We stayed to talk to the officials in the hall of the hotel, enjoying a beautiful cake, which had been prepared for the occasion. We then had time to go up to our rooms to change into our 'Sunday best' before leaving together to attend the closing dinner. This was held in a very nice restaurant in the centre of Madrid. Jamón, queso, paella and good wine were enjoyed by all.

Back at the hotel, sadness surfaced once again, as the time had come to say good bye to our friends. This was our last opportunity to see each other, as some of us had to catch planes early in the morning. We were happy at the thought of seeing our families again after fifteen days, but this was tinged with sorrow as these wonderful two weeks together came to an end. Saturday arrived, of course, and we left in the rain ...

And now, a few days after this very pleasant and enriching experience, we can say one thing for certain: Good bye dear friends. You will see us again soon! These two weeks will never be forgotten!